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Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, Inc. is privileged to feature Omega4Life, an outstanding national leadership program designed to assist collegiate members to become successful professionals in their chosen careers. Sponsored by General Electric Company, Omega4Life features challenging, exciting, and worthwhile activities for selected participants. Applications for 2015 Leadership Program are being accepted now through May 1, 2015.

Omega4Life is a yearlong, national leadership development program sponsored by Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, Inc and the General Electric Company. This model focuses on African-American collegiate Omega Men majoring in: Mathematics, Science, Engineering & Technology, Computer Science, and Business (Finance, Management, Marketing). Omega4Life is designed to develop a pool of outstanding African-American male collegiate leaders for the company and the country.

Omega4Life participants are chosen from applicants who have a 3.2 and higher grade point average (on a 4.0 scale), who are active members of Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, Inc., and who have Sophomore, Junior or Senior class standing.



MESSAGE FROM THE DR



Brothers,

I greet you humbly and with great enthusiasm in the name of the Supreme Basileus of the Universe and as a follower of his son Jesus Christ. We are rapidly approaching our 79th Ninth District meeting in New Orleans, Louisiana and I pray that every brother plans to attend with intentions of conducting the business of Omega while also fellowshiping with the brotherhood. Over this past year, I have had the honor to serve not only as your 9th District Representative, but also as a member of the Supreme Council. Representing the Mighty Ninth has allowed me to witness firsthand the commitment, tenacity and resilience of our brotherhood at every level. Brothers, our fraternity is alive and it is thriving, but my work is not complete and my vision for the Mighty Ninth is not yet realized. So

we must forge forward!

Furthermore, it is crucial that we all remain steadfast in our commitment to not only upholding our cardinal principals; but that we also commit ourselves to ongoing personal and professional development. This is why I believe it is vital that we continue to focus on changing not only our attitudes, but also remain mindful and protective of our collective and individual, image and behaviors. This is not meant as an affront to our traditions, but rather as a call for a refocusing on our core beliefs. Doing so will strengthen our bonds, increase our influence and ensure the continuation and longevity of our great fraternity.

Brothers, far too often we bicker amongst one another about the strict construction of our constitution, ideals, traditions, and the like. In our haste to be right, we forget that our living-breathing fraternity is suited, by design, to not only adapt to the challenges of a rapidly changing world; but to also lead our communities towards a better future. During this critical time brothers, we must not forget and must move forward and adapt Omega to the world we live in today; while continuing to be mindful of our core beliefs, mission, and tenants. After all, is not the measure of a man summed up, in part, by his ability to adapt to changes in his circumstances, his environment, and to new challenges, and to persevere in spite of it all?

It is my sincere belief that we as brothers are well suited for any challenge and I continue to believe that the Mighty Ninth District will be the beacon of light that all of Omega will look towards. Brothers, I pray for your families, our communities, this great nation, the Mighty Ninth District and our beloved Omega.

Bro. Kenneth Terrell, Ph. D
24th Ninth District Representative

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HONORING OUR CARDINAL PRINCIPLES

by Bro. Joseph Anderson

Epsilon Alpha Alpha takes great pride in supporting one of our most honorable cardinal principles, Scholarship. On June 27, 2015 the Epsilon Alpha Alpha chapter of Omega Psi Phi fraternity Inc. held its annual scholarship breakfast at Arkansas State University in Jonesboro AR. Epsilon Alpha Alpha was proud to present Miss Skylar Davis and Mr. Kellen Blanchett with a five hundred dollar scholarship each. Both recipients wrote very and inspiring essays. Miss Davis plans on majoring in Psychology at the University of Central Arkansas and Mr. Blanchett plans on majoring in Physical Science at Arkansas State University. We feel that both recipients display the leadership and academic skills needed to achieve their academic and personal goals. I would like to thank the parents and the recipients for their time and effort in supporting our breakfast scholarship program. I also would like to give a special thanks to Brother Dr. Gabriel Tait for delivering such an inspiring message and to all of the brothers who participated in the program.



MEN'S WORKSHOP

by Bro. Lonnie Williams, EdD

"No Human Power Could Help Us" was the theme of a men's workshop held on December 5, 2015 in W. Helena, Arkansas with approximately 35 men in attendance. The conference was created and hosted by Brother Vandell Bland, Sr., pastor of Manasseh Christian Fellowship. Arkansas State Representative – North, Brother Dr. Lonnie R. Williams (Upsilon Chi), participated and served on a panel discussing, "Maintaining a Spiritual Balance." Brother Melvin Campbell (Pi Omicron) served on a panel with the theme of "Healing". Other brothers participating included Pastor Basil Joiner (Epsilon Alpha Alpha) and Kormyn Sims (Epsilon Alpha Alpha). Brothers in photo, from left to right: Pastor Basil Joiner, Pastor Vandell Bland, Sr., Dr. Lonnie R. Williams, Melvin Campbell, and Kormyn Sims.

XI RHO GOLF TOURNAMENT

by Bro. Terrence Sesley

On September 19th, 2015, the Xi Rho Chapter of Omega Psi Phi Fraternity Incorporated held their annual golf tournament at Marion Athletic Club in Marion, AR. The field contained 14 total teams that competed in a 4 man scramble, longest drive, closest to the hole, and putting contest. The event was a very respectable and joyous endeavor with plenty of friendship. On top of the teams competing, the event had a host of sponsors that we give the upmost thanks and respect. The list of finalist are:

1st Place..... Tau Sig +1
2nd Place..... Team TC
3rd Place Team Scales
Putting Contest..... Charles Elliot
Longest Drive Craig Rogers

Closest to the hole:
..... E. Neely - hole #5
..... Avery Sarden - hole #7
..... Chris Robinson - hole #11
..... M. Lee – hole #13

Special Award:

Team Scales – Avery Sarden, Stan Scales, Steve Scales, Dillard Talley

Again, the Men of the Xi Rho Chapter would like to give thanks to all of our sponsors, competitors, and Brothers on hand. We look forward to all participation next year in September with anyone that wants to attend to compete.



LEADING “ON” AND “OFF” THE COURT

by Bro. Antoine Leaks Jr.

Fayetteville, AR. Brother Jabril Durham (6-Spr. '15-Gamma Eta) is yet another example of the “Shining Light” of the brothers Omega Psi Phi. As the starting point guard for the University of Arkansas Razorback's, Brother Durham's performance this season has been amongst the best for all players at his position, not only in the Southeastern Conference (SEC), but also in the NCAA. According to <http://espn.go.com/mens-college-basketball>, as of February 17, 2016, Bro. Durham:

- Is second in the SEC and Ranks #14 in the country with 6.4 assists per game;
- Had 5-plus assists in 19 straight games this year, the longest streak by a Razorback since joining the SEC;
- Is the ONLY player in the country to record two games of 10-

plus points and assists and five-plus steals;

- One seven players in the country with five double-digit assist performances this year;
- Has five of the fifteen double-digit assist games in the SEC this year;
- Is one of ten players in the country with four games of five-plus steals this year;

In addition to Brother Durham's statistical leadership on the basketball court, he has also excelled off the court as a Public Health major at the University of Arkansas. Brother Durham also serves as Basileus of the Gamma Eta Chapter at the University of Arkansas, Fayetteville. Upon graduation, Brother Durham seeks to pursue his dream of becoming a professional basketball player, whether in the NBA, via the D-League as a training ground for developing players, or overseas... either of which will serve as a subsequent testament to his “Perseverance”, no matter the outcome of this career path trajectory. However, and most importantly, due to Brother Durham's commitment to our 2nd Cardinal Principal of “Scholarship”, he will certainly continue to serve as a “Shining Light” of Omega, no matter where his career path takes him...whether it be basketball or otherwise.

BROTHER RECEIVES NATIONAL RECOGNITION BY THE ASSOCIATION OF FRATERNAL LEADERSHIP AND VALUES

by Bro. Lonnie R. Williams



On February 6, 2016, in Indianapolis, IN, the Association of Fraternal Leadership & Values (AFLV) Conference concluded its annual meeting with an Awards Recognition Banquet with over 3,000 conference attendees. During this ceremony, Brother Dr. Paul D. Adams (5-Spr. '89-Theta Kappa), was named the 2016 Wilford A. Butler Outstanding Alumnus.

This award was established by the AFLV Conference to recognize an outstanding fraternity or sorority alumnus/a volunteer and/or an indi-

vidual who supports the fraternal movement but is not a professional campus fraternity/sorority advisor. The recipient of this award exemplifies the fraternal values established by the AFLV founders through exceptional ethical leadership that reaches beyond the traditional models. He/she has:

- Provided sustained service beyond his/her own organization;
- Demonstrated belief and commitment to the true interfraternal philosophy in their actions, and;
- Fostered positive change to advance the fraternal movement;
- In addition, a qualified nominee for this award:
- Exhibits exceptional ethical leadership in daily activities;
- Consistently and routinely exemplifies the fraternal values established by the AFLV founders;
- Has the courage to reach beyond the traditional models and procedures to accomplish goals;
- Exhibits a strong belief and commitment in philosophy and action to interfraternalism;
- Fosters positive change that advances the fraternal movement;
- The winner of this award has given exceptional and sustained service to his/her own fraternity/sorority and/or campus community and/or the extended Interfraternal world;



Brother Adams, who is an associate professor of chemistry and biochemistry, as well as cellular and molecular biology at the University of Arkansas, Fayetteville, currently serves as chapter advisor to the Gamma Eta Chapter of Omega at the University of Arkansas, Fayetteville. He also serves as the 9th District Advisor for the state of Arkansas. Internationally, Brother Adams serves Omega as the Co-Chairman of the International UG Chapter Advisors' Committee, and as Chairman of the International Advanced Degree Committee. He is a member of Upsilon Chi graduate chapter of Northwest Arkansas.

Brother Adams was nominated for this honor by the Office of Greek Life, as well as, members of the Interfraternity Council (IFC), and National Pan-Hellenic Council (NPHC) at the University of Arkansas, Fayetteville. "Not only does Dr. Adams advise our Omega Psi Phi chapter, but he also mentors many other Greeks within our community which makes him a shining example of what inter-fraternalism is all about!" said Mrs. Parice Bowser, director of Greek Life at the University of Arkansas, Fayetteville. At the awards ceremony, the U. of A. Greek councils announced that they would be donating \$1000 in Brother Adams's honor to the AFLV Foundation as a way to give back as he has done for many others! Congratulations again to Brother Paul Adams for your service and commitment to the University of Arkansas and to the Brotherhood!

OPERATION UNITE BACK TO SCHOOL

by Bro. Terrence Sesley



The famous lyrics of "Alice Cooper", Schools out for summer, Schools out forever.... celebrated by students young and old have sadly come to an end, but Operation Unite and it's Partner's Courtney Chatt's "Clippers" Barbershop and the Men of Xi Rho, West Memphis area chapter of Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, Inc., Wonder City Boys and Girls Club, Delta Sigma Theta Sorority Inc, Kappa Alpha Psi Fraternity, Inc., Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Inc., Zeta Phi Beta Sorority Inc., Fidelity National Bank, Black Out Ryders, Anthony Funeral Home Inc., A-State Ryders, IAP Ministries, Women of Elegance, Old St. Paul MBC, Wrap and Roll, Choice Cleaning, New Bethel COGIC and Breakin Fallow

Ground Ministries and Crye- Leike Realty found a way to spread some back to school cheer through Operation Unite Back to School Extravaganza Supply Bash! The event was held Sunday, August 16, 2015 from 12:00-3:00 p.m. at Wonder City Boys and Girls Club located at 412 S 25th St, West Memphis, AR. Operation Unite serviced over 750 children and teens of the West Memphis Community and surrounding Crittenden County area. Haircuts were given for \$.99 cents to all school age boys and young men, free nail painting for the young ladies and free school back packs and supplies to all school age children. The celebration was topped off by Black Out Ryders and A-State Ryders grilling out for the children.



UPSILON CHI BROTHERS ADOPT HICKORY PARK

by Bro. Lonnie R. Williams, Ed.D.

On October 3, 2015, members of Upsilon Chi Chapter, Northwest Arkansas, met with the mayor of Centerton, AR at Centerton's City Hall to sign the proclamation for the Upsilon Chi Chapter's adoption of Hickory Park. The chapter will police the park a minimum of six times within a calendar year. The agreement is from October 2015 through October 2016. The attached photograph and story now appears on the city's FaceBook page. In addition to adopting a city park, the chapter also participates in the the Adopt a Highway program in Northwest Arkansas.



“New Orleans Has The Highest Number Of Historic Districts”



The City Was Initially Created As A Shelter From Hurricanes – Founded at the beginning of the 18th century, New Orleans was believed to be safe from hurricanes and it was initially built in a rectangle block (now known as the French Quarter).

ALPHA DELTA EPSILON & ALPHA CHI OMEGA BRING AWARENESS TO DOMESTIC VIOLENCE

by Bro. Davasia Jones

The Brothers of Alpha Delta Epsilon chapter partners with Alpha Chi Omega to host "These Hands Don't Hurt". The event was sponsored to bring awareness to domestic violence, mirrors and purple ribbons were distributed during the event. Purple is the color of domestic violence awareness. Brothers also put purple hands on a poster to spread more awareness on the cause.



MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR. DAY OF SERVICE

by Bro. Eric C. Dunbar



On January 18, 2016, the brothers of the Lambda Alpha Chapter of Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, Incorporated celebrated the annual MLK Day of Service by making a donation of clothes and jackets to the Bishop Ott Homeless Shelter on Convention Street in Baton Rouge, La. The clothes that were donated were collected the week before during a clothing drive the Lambda Alpha Chapter sponsored in the community. Winter coats, jeans, shirts, jackets, shoes and even brand new sleeping cots were among some of the items that the chapter collected! The clothes were donated to the Bishop Ott shelter and the sleeping cots were distributed to the homeless in the area.

OMEGA KAPPA TURKEY GIVEAWAY

by Bro. Davasia Jones

The brothers of Omega Kappa chapter sponsor a turkey and basket giveaway to families in the Nichols State University community.



UPLIFTING A COMMUNITY

by Bro. Derron Cook

The brothers of Phi Iota Iota doing outreach in LaPlace, LA after a devastating storm. Tornadoes ripped through the community leaving many without power, basic necessities and some residents homeless. Phi Iota Iota ask that we continue to keep this community in your prayers. Less than 5 years ago, this same community was flooded during Hurricane Issac and many of the same residents are effected again.



WHAT IS YOUR PURPOSE

by Bro. Davasia Jones

On the evening of Founders Day the Alpha Delta Epsilon chapter hosted a forum called "What is Your Purpose". Reaching out to the student body about it's not where you come from but what are you doing. Also, that you have to plan in advance to make successful decisions in life.



It Is Known As The Most Haunted City In America – New Orleans is often the preferred destination for paranormal investigators as well as tourists who are passionate about ghost haunting, and it is believed to be the place with the highest spiritual activity in the US, especially around the French Quarter where Marie Laveau used to live.

CHRISTMAS TOY AND FOOD GIVEAWAY

by Bro. Derron Cook



Phi Iota Iota brothers participated in its annual toy and food giveaway for the Christmas Holiday Season. This year the chapter distributed an estimated \$700 in toys and turkeys. Aside from the various households that were blessed by the giveaway, the chapter teamed up with the Office of Community Services and Child Protection Services to supply toys for children that were placed in foster homes during this holiday season. "This is a very reward-

ing time of the year for the Phi Iota Iota chapter of Omega Psi Phi Fraternity. We are blessed with the opportunity to help children in the river parishes in need to make their Christmas special, as it should be" said Eric Wright, chapter Basileus. "The toys and turkeys that they receive from us puts smile smiles on their faces and reminds us all of how fortunate we are to be able to be in a position to give back to our community."



PHI IOTA IOTA PROVIDE FREE PHOTOS

by Bro. Derron Cook

Also in the spirit of giving, Phi Iota Iota partners with Motion-graphics Studios to offer photos of children in attendance and Participants were able to download their free photos online. Photos could also be seen on



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France and the Founding of New Orleans – The first known residents of the New Orleans area were the Native Americans of the Woodland and Mississippian cultures. The expeditions of De Soto (1542) and La Salle (1682) passed through the area, but there were few permanent white settlers before 1718, when the governor of French Louisiana, Jean-Baptiste Le Moyne, Sieur de Bienville, founded the city of Nouvelle-Orléans on the first crescent of high ground above the Mississippi's mouth. In 1722 he transferred Louisiana's capital from Biloxi. The same year a hurricane destroyed most of the new city, which was rebuilt in the grid pattern of today's French Quarter.



THE DREAM OF AN OMEGA FATHER...

(An Omega son's reply)

How did you learn about Omega Psi Phi Fraternity?

I was born to be an Omega Man! My great grandfather, grandfather, father, and my uncle hold the esteemed membership of Omega Psi Phi Fraternity. My patriarchal family exposed me to the rich heritage of Omega. By being related to the members of the fraternity, I was privileged to attend a number of events, such as chapter, district and national meetings. In addition, I had the honor of witnessing "The Cardinal Principles of Manhood, Scholarship, Perseverance, and Uplift" firsthand from my family. The exposure granted me the opportunity to become a man of God with character, uplift my community through service projects and be a positive role model for the youth. I appreciate the ability to continue my college education with the award of a scholarship and the perseverance to fulfill my dreams of becoming a legacy of the first International Fraternal Organization, Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, Inc.

The Dream – The response from my son to the question on the Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, Inc. membership application.

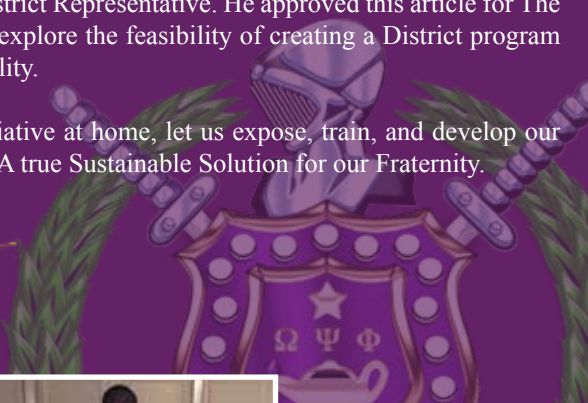
I shared my dream with our District Representative. He approved this article for The Source and empowered me to explore the feasibility of creating a District program that will make this dream a reality.

Let's start our Fatherhood Initiative at home, let us expose, train, and develop our sons to be proud Omega Men. A true Sustainable Solution for our Fraternity.

Bro. Sedric D. Myers

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20TH ANNUAL CLARENCE WILSON MEMORIAL GOLF TOURNAMENT: GOLFIN' IN MEMORIAL OF A GOOD BROTHER

by Bro. Darryl E. Hillard Jr.



Oklahoma City, OK, September 26, 2015— Clarence was a member of the Eta Iota Graduate Chapter of Omega Psi Phi, Incorporated. He graduated from the University of Oklahoma with a Bachelor of Science Degree in Pharmacy. He later attended Oklahoma City University and received a Juris Doctorate Degree. Brother Wilson was a Life Member of Omega Psi Phi, Incorporated and held the positions of 9th District Representative and past chairman of the Omega International Housing Authority. Brother Wilson was an avid golfer and always willing to tee it up if time permitted.

Unfortunately, Brother Clarence Wilson died in the Murrah Building Bombing on April 19, 1995. At the time of his death, he was Chief Legal Counsel for the local office of the US Housing and Urban Development. The Eta Iota Graduate Chapter of Omega Psi Phi chose to honor his memory by placing his name on their Annual Golf Tournament.

The ETA IOTA Chapter of Omega Psi Phi Fraternity hosted the 20th Clarence Wilson Memorial Annual Golf Tournament on Saturday, September 26, 2015, 8:30am at Hefner Park Golf Course, located at 4491 S Lake Hefner Dr. in Oklahoma City. We are asked our community for assistance in hosting this tournament. They came through in a major way for us with sponsors such as: Metro Technology Centers, NAACP, Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity, Inc, Tinker Federal Credit Union, and many more.

The Eta Iota Chapter (OKC QUES) believe it is of paramount important that they continue to build relationships and secure financial support for the purpose of giving back to the community. One of the main purposes of this tournament is to provide a college scholarship to a deserving student satisfying the international mandate for scholarship in the Oklahoma City area.

OMICRON LAMBDA CHAPTER CAN GOOD DRIVE

by Bro. Davasia Jones



The brothers of Omicron Lambda raised can goods by hosting a talent show and the admission was two bring 2 can goods. We raised over 250+ cans for the cause.



ACHIEVEMENT WEEK AWARDS BANQUET

by Bro. Darryl E. Hillard Jr.

Edmond, OK, November 15, 2015— Achievement week is one of our fraternity's most prestigious events that we all must do and participate. This year at the Eta Iota Chapter Banquet we had the honor of a great community leader, lawyer, and District Representative—Jason Lowe—as a guest speaker. Mr. Lowe stood up and gave us the REAL DEAL when it comes to systematic racism and prison pipeline negotiations prepared to take any and all young black men out of the community if they cannot read on a 3rd grade level by 3rd grade. Lowe told us that it is time for men like us to step up and be the forefront of this ridiculous agenda! He exclaimed that WE are the men that the community needs. Real Men thoroughly emerged in TRUE Omega Spirit!

Moreover, later in the evening, we began to give out awards to our community activist and all deserving brothers.

- Omega Man of the Year Award - Brother Carlos Hunter
- Founder's Award - Brother Garland Pruitt
- Superior Service Award – Brother Limmie Jones
- Outstanding Service Award – Brother Darryl Hillard, Jr.
- Unsung Hero Award – Brother Mark Murrell
- Undergraduate Omega Man of the Year Award – Brother Rezahn Clayton
- Undergraduate Advisor of the Year Award – Brother Byron Graham
- Citizen of the Year Award – Senator Connie Johnson

After recognition and applause, the Eta Iota Chapter awarded a \$500.00 check to Lynneah McCarrell for her outstanding scholarship as a high school student! She holds down a 4.21 out of a 5.0 GPA system. She has been accepted to many of the ELITE universities in our country such as: University of Illinois-Chicago, Oklahoma University, Oklahoma State University, MIT, Harvard, Emory, and much more.

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It was New Orleans where voodoo was first introduced into the United States – In fact, in the 1800s Voodoo queens became central figures in the culture. In New Orleans, Marie Laveau gained prominence amongst these figures. She was an oracle, performed exorcisms, and overthrew the other queens in the city. Because of this influence she is remembered to this day. Fun fact: her tomb in the New Orleans cemetery even warrants more visitors than Elvis Presley's in Tennessee. That's a legacy.

LET'S TALK ABOUT IT

by Bro. Davasia Jones

An event that we put on yearly that's more like a open discussion event to that targets a hot topic around the time period or just in life . This one was in regards to being black at the university of Oklahoma ; more so targeting the incident on Sae incident.



THANKSGIVING IS FOR GIVING

by Bro. Darryl E. Hillard Jr.

Every year the Eta Iota Chapter blesses families in the Oklahoma City area that are apart of the less fortunate members of our society. They put together a series of baskets in preparation for the Thanksgiving holiday to feed as many families as possible. Baskets include items such as: a turkey, boxed rice (rice-o-roni), boxes of corn muffin mix, cans cranberry sauce, Canned Yams, Turkey stuffing, and much more.

This event is only made possible because brethren of the chapter dig deep into their pockets to support another family outside of their own during the holiday season. Brethren are so committed to the support and food donations that items for consumption usually stretch beyond the

Thanksgiving holiday.

Bro. Kevin "Baby Boy" Smith, Eta Iota Fall 2012, has been the coordinator for this event for the last couple of years and has pushed it to the greatest amount of success. We were able to give out a total of 25 baskets, that had the ability to feed a family of approximately 6 people.

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PHI PSI CANNED FOOD DRIVE

by Bro. Davasia Jones

The Phi Psi chapter hosted a canned food drive and used the donations to add to thanksgiving baskets that we gave to needy families in the town of Langston. For Christmas we also donated toys to children of needy families in OKC. We hosted a "Stop the Violence" domestic violence walk in collaboration with NCNW, and also assisted their organization in handing out purple ribbons to bring attention to the cause.



GETTING RID OF THE FLU IN THE HOOD

by Bro. Darryl E. Hillard Jr.

Every year the Eta Iota Chapter collaborates with Delta Sigma Theta to put on a health initiative – FLU CLINIC - in the heart of the Oklahoma City African American Community. This year the chapter hosted the event along with the National Pan-Hellenic Council of Oklahoma City.

The Clinic is set up as a drive through flu vaccination for any and all who drive by the historic Otwell's grocery store. The Council called of the services of the Langston University School of Nursing to administer the flu shots. NPHC directed traffic, stood on street corners to

draw people into the clinic, and kept everything neat and organized as the future HBCU nurses did their thing. 213 people were services in 3 hours.

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New Orleans Under Spanish Rule and the Louisiana Purchase – In 1762 and 1763 France signed treaties ceding Louisiana to Spain. For 40 years New Orleans was a Spanish city, trading heavily with Cuba and Mexico and adopting the Spanish racial rules that allowed for a class of free people of color. The city was ravaged by fires in 1788 and 1794 and rebuilt in brick with buildings and a cathedral that still stand today.



positions to elected officials, by having an influence in local, State, Federal, and National elections. Most economists and political experts agree that the greatest benefit of voting is that it's the most effective way for the general population to communicate and provide feedback to the political powers-that-be. In addition to the political benefit, voting has other positive effects including that voters are more likely to be politically informed, to volunteer in their communities and to contact local community officials on important issues.

The 2015 Voter Registration Chairman is Brother Triton "Tank" Mayberry.

PSI UPSILON ESSAY CONTEST WINNER HONORED WITH SCHOLARSHIP

by Bro. Wallace McLoyd, Jr.

On May 19, 2015 the Psi Upsilon Chapter of Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, Inc. presented the Annual Essay Contest Award to Anna Kirchen, a senior at MacArthur High School, during their annual awards day program. Students were asked to write an essay answering the question, "Considering the political climate in the United States and the world, how much value do you place on your right to vote?" Anna was awarded a \$100 scholarship to be used toward her college tuition next year. The scholarship award is being awarded by Brother Mike Forrest.



QUARTERLY ADOPT A HIGHWAY INITIATIVE

by Bro. Wallace McLoyd, Jr.

On August 8, 2015, Psi Upsilon Chapter, Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, Inc., conducted its Quarterly Adopt a Highway Initiative. Each quarter, Psi Upsilon Chapter picks up trash, and conducts additional maintenance and cleanup of a two mile stretch of Oklahoma Highway 62 in both east and west directions. This two mile stretch of highway is known locally as Rodgers Lane. In our society, there is an increasing sense of environmental awareness and social responsibility. By adopting a highway, Psi Upsilon

Chapter is displaying positive model citizenship to the local community. It lets the community know that Psi Upsilon Chapter, Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, Inc. is committed and contributing to a cleaner environment while depicting positive name recognition. The Lawton/Fort Sill, Oklahoma area really appreciates the men of Psi Upsilon Chapter volunteering their time and efforts to assist the local agencies in helping to keep the local area clean and beautiful.



PSI UPSILON CHAPTER, OMEGA PSI PHI, INC. LAWTON/FORT SILL, OK HOLDS ANNUAL 2015 DR. CHARLES DREW BLOOD DRIVE

by Bro. Wallace McLoyd, Jr.



On November 15, 2014, Psi Upsilon Chapter of Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, Inc., Lawton/Fort Sill Oklahoma conducted its Annual Achievement Week Banquet and Awards Dinner. It was a spectacular event held at the Hilton Garden Inn Hotel and Convention Center in Lawton, OK. During this annual event, local community leaders, to include local business owners are recognized for their noteworthy and extraordinary contributions to improving and uplifting the communities. Select members of Psi Upsilon Chapter are also recognized for their outstanding contributions not only to the Fraternity, but to the local community as well.

The Guest Speaker for the evening was Colonel (COL) Retired (R) Roosevelt J. Lewis United States Air Force (USAF). Colonel (R) Lewis is 2nd Generation Tuskegee Airmen. He earned a B.S. Degree in Chemistry from Tuskegee University (formerly the Tuskegee Institute) in Tuskegee, Alabama. He earned his M.A. Degree in Trans-

portation & Business. While attending Tuskegee University, Lewis enrolled in the United States Air Force Reserve Officer Training Corps (ROTC). Lewis Served in the U.S. Department of Defense in five Pentagon positions. Lewis was a presidential scholar at the University of Alabama and served as a congressional intern with the Public Works & Transportation Committee for the U.S. House of Representatives. Lewis also serves as Chairman & CEO of Air

Tuskegee Ltd., and Global One Jets.

During his speech to the audience, COL (R) Lewis put great emphasis on Omega Psi Phi Fraternity Inc.'s four Cardinal Principles Manhood, Scholarship, Perseverance, and Uplift! He used great examples during his life where he relied on those principles to propel him to the highest of levels in his exemplary career!

PSI UPSILON CHAPTER CONDUCTS VOTER REGISTRATION DRIVE

by Bro. Wallace McLoyd, Jr.

The Brothers of Psi Upsilon Chapter Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, Inc. conducted its Annual Voter Registration Drive July 18, 2015 at a local prominent and popular barbershop named Ice Tre's Barbershop, in Lawton, Oklahoma. Each year, the Psi Upsilon Chapter Voter Registration Drive strives to provide people in the local area an opportunity to have a voice in the community, express their views and



SANTA QUES

by Bro. Larry Johnson

On December 23, 2015 the Alpha Iota Iota chapter delivered gifts to a family in need for this Christmas holiday. The "Santa Ques" initiative was created to assist a family during the holiday season that upon certain circumstances may not have been able to provide a Christmas for themselves or their loved ones. During this season of giving, The North Dallas Ques were fortunate enough to have an opportunity to be a blessing and Uplift this family. The single Mother caring for her son and elderly mother, showed an abundance of gratitude to the brothers for such a generous thought during this time of year. Thank you to the brothers of AII that contributed and made this initiative a success!



City Manager's Office, and the Mayor worked with the chapter on this project. This was a great event, and all parties look forward to working together in the near future.

ETA LAMBDA LAMBDA – TURKEY GIVEAWAY

by Bro. Antwuan Boozer

The Eta Lambda Lambda Chapter of Omega Psi Phi Inc., partners with the City of Glenn Heights, in a Thanksgiving Basket Giveaway. The chapter purchased, and help distribute food baskets to several families in Ellis and Dallas Counties. Several member of the Glenn Heights City Council,

OMICRON GAMMA GAMMA CHAPTER FELLOWSHIP BREAKFAST

by Bro. Kenneth Deamon

The Omicron Gamma Gamma fellowship breakfast is a monthly retention event that is held at Furr's restaurant in Grand Prairie, TX. The brothers of Omicron Gamma Gamma meet on every first Saturday of the month at 9am to enjoy breakfast. This is a family friendly environment where brothers can enjoy a meal with each other and discuss organizational and worldly matters. Brothers who are not currently active are often invited and participate in these outings. It is here where we hope to reclaim these brothers with a good meal and many good tales about our dear fraternity.



CHARLES R. DREW BLOOD DRIVE: HOSTED BY OMICRON PI CHAPTER

by Bro. Joe Holston

On August 1, 2015 the brothers of Omicron Pi Chapter coordinated with the Carter Blood Care Center and the Killeen Mall to execute a blood drive. This was the third year that the Chapter has executed the drive at the Killeen Mall which provides our donors with a comfortable setting for this activity.

To increase the number of units of blood that we provide annually, the Chapter has launched a “recurring blood drive” through which members and other donors may donate blood every fifty-six days at designated spots in the surrounding area.

Pictured in preparation to give the “gift of life” is Bro. Malcolm Dickinson.



OMICRON GAMMA GAMMA NFL DRAFT RETENTION EVENT

by Bro. Kenneth Deamon

On April 30th the brothers of Omicron Gamma Gamma chapter of Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, Inc. held a NFL Draft party at Boomerjacks restaurant in Arlington, Tx. This was Retention and Reclamation event that brought brush together to enjoy the fraternity, food, and the NFL. The event was well attended and received by all. It was determined that this would become an annual event due to all the great fellowship that was distributed amongst the brotherhood.



1ST ANNUAL SOUTHEAST TEXAS REGIONAL TALENT HUNT

by Bro. Brandon Ball & Calvin Greene

This mandated program provides exposure to potential collegiate recruiters, encouragement and financial assistance to talented young people participating in the Performing Arts. On February 20, 2016, the Southeast Texas Region held its 1st Annual Talent Hunt Contest on the campus of Texas Southern University in honor of Rho Xi's own, Bro.



James Doss. The Talent Hunt was renamed the James Doss Regional Talent Hunt in recognition of his numerous positive contributions to the establishment and growth of this program. It was such an honor for Rho Xi to rejoice with our brother James Doss on this very special occasion. The program featured an array of talented students from the local high schools and the competition was fierce with the winner being Ms. Erayle Amacker. The contest featured a

violinist, trumpeter, and four vocalist. The audience was mesmerized by the tremendous amount of talent these young performers processed. A special recognition is well deserved for the following brothers for putting on such a first class event: Clarence Ross, Billy Nelson, Kevin Jackson, Ed Spraggs, Harold Netter, Ken Martin, Jr., Freddy Blanks, Jordal Gipson, and Jason Johnson.



RINGING THE BELL

by Bro. John W. Williams

The Brothers of the Theta Upsilon Chapter of the Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, Inc. were out ringing the bell for The Salvation Army on December 12, 2015 at the Super 1 Grocery Store.



TORNADO RELIEF INITIATIVE

by Bro. Larry Johnson



In late December of 2015 and during the Christmas holidays, Kashif Awan, an employee of Ericsson came home from a two-week trip in India visiting family to find his home, vehicles and all personal belongings destroyed from the tornado storms that ripped through North Dallas. The results of the tornado left Kashif's and many other families in a similar and unfortunate situation. Kashif found himself at a loss both emotionally and financially. When Brothers Eric Thomas (Vice President at Ericsson) and Larry Johnson (Project Manager at Ericsson), both current members of Alpha Iota Iota Chapter, learned of Kashif's situation, the chapter in conjunction with the Pinnacle Star Foundation came to Kashif's aid. Together, the AII Chapter and the Pinnacle Star Foundation were able to raise funds in the amount of \$500 to support Kashif as he works to recover his family's circumstances. Kashif was unable to accept the check personally, so Nick Trotter (Director at Ericsson and Kashif's supervisor) accepted the check on his behalf.

OMICRON GAMMA GAMMA FAMILY NIGHT AT THE CIRCUS

by Bro. Kenneth Deamon

On August 7, 2015, the brothers of Omicron Gamma Gamma chapter of Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, Inc. and their families participated in a family night out event. The Universoul Circus was in town and this was the perfect event for OGG to continue to strengthen the relationships between brothers and the families that make up the chap-

ter. After the events the families took in a meal and hung out together to forms new bonds.

The event was held at the Southwest Center Mall in Dallas, TX.



RHO XI ADOPT A HIGHWAY COMMUNITY SERVICE EVENT

by Bro. Brandon Ball & Calvin Greene

Brothers cleaned up a stretch of highway on Almeda Road from 610 to Reed road in Houston on January 30, 2016 Adopt-A-Highway. The members of Rho Xi Chapter of Omega Psi Phi Fraternity Incorporated volunteered their time to improve the community of Houston by picking up trash along the highway. Rho Xi is making a difference through works of service in the community of Houston.



OMICRON GAMMA GAMMA, AND THE DEVINE 9 PARTNER WITH BIG BROTHERS AND BIG SISTERS

by Bro. Kenneth Deamon

The brothers of Omicron Gamma Gamma, and The Devine 9 partner with Big Brothers and Big Sisters to raise awareness of the need for volunteers to become big brothers and

big sisters. In addition, to help raise funds and promote fellowship within the Devine 9 members.



RHO XI QUARTERLY CHARLES R. DREW BLOOD DRIVE

by Bro. Brandon Ball & Calvin Greene



On January 23, 2016, Rho Xi Chapter of Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, Inc. partners with the Gulf Coast Regional Blood Center to conduct a blood drive at the Wal-Mart Super center in Lake Jackson, Texas. The brothers solicited donations from customers going in and out of Wal-Mart. The Gulf Coast Regional Blood Center reported a total of 47 units collected on this date. There is no substitute for blood, and more than 1,000 donations are needed every day to help save lives in the Texas Gulf Coast region. That is why we encourage individuals to “Commit for Life” and donate blood to help ensure a healthy blood supply is always available.

OMICRON GAMMA GAMMA QUES’ IN THE KITCHEN

by Bro. Kenneth Deamon

“Ques’ In The Kitchen” is a fellowship retention and reclamation concept that has been adopted by the brothers of Omicron Gamma Gamma. This concept emphasizes creating an environment where brothers can retreat and break out amongst ourselves to share discussion and teachings related to the fraternity. Gatherings are held each month at a chapter member’s home. The gatherings typical feature lots of food, dominoes,





and tales of Omega. In addition to feeding the soul with food and fun, a breakout session to discuss and educate all in attendance on fraternity history and traditions is held. Brother's from all districts are usual present and this presents an excellent opportunity for the brothers to share and confirm facts and details.

In addition, to the discussions and teachings this event also provides are avenue for brothers who have been separated from the fraternity to re-engage. Through these informal sessions we hope to reconnect with brothers who are out of the fold and build a bridge back to our beloved Omega Psi Phi Fraternity Inc.

BREAKFAST WITH SANTA

by Bro. Brandon Ball & Calvin Greene

What a joyous occasion for Rho Xi Chapter of Omega Psi Phi Fraternity Incorporated to be able serve the community of 3rd Ward in Houston, Texas for the Breakfast with Santa event held on December 5, 2015. Christmas is one of the most magical times of the year, with a spirit of giving that captivates and invigorates hearts. Rho Xi Chapter volunteered at this event, taking the lead in preparing food for the morning festivities. This event was a great success with Rho Xi Chapter preparing food for over 200 families and volunteers.

Not only did Rho Xi lead the efforts for preparing the food, but they also raised funds and purchased bikes to donate at the event also. Great food, fellowship, and the gift of giving; what a sight to see! As appreciative as the children were, the parents were just as enthused for their children. To have the privilege to be of service to these families was such an honor.



Rho Xi Chapter feels blessed to be a blessing unto others through service in our communities.



New Orleans' Carnival traditions have centuries-old roots in French and Spanish Catholicism, as well as African and Native American traditions. The oldest krewes (social clubs) that host New Orleans' many Mardi Gras parades and balls were formed before 1860.

RHO XI DONATING BLANKETS & SOCKS TO THE ELDERLY

by Bro. Brandon Ball & Calvin Greene

On December 19, 2015 Rho Xi Chapter of Omega Psi Phi Fraternity Incorporated visited Anna Dupree Terrace, a housing complex is a section 8 elderly handicapped housing facility located in Houston, Texas. "Life Lessons" which have molded the core of who we are often times are taught to us by older generations. Sacrificing their time and energy by building a foundation for our future, we must not forget about the individuals who paved the way for us. It is a horrible feeling to feel unwanted or discarded, but the brothers of Rho Xi Chapter of Omega Psi Phi Fraternity Incorporated wanted to show the elderly that someone cares.



Rho Xi Chapter purchased and distributed throw blankets and comfortable socks for the residents of Anna Dupree Terrace. Going door to door was a pleasure to see several residents beaming with joy as they received their gifts.

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RHO XI MARCHING FOR JUSTICE ON MLK DAY

by Bro. Brandon Ball & Calvin Greene

This year, 2016, marks the 30th year of the MLK Celebration in Southern Brazoria County. The theme for this year's celebration was "The Courage to Love". Omega men have had a strong influence in this community by being pioneers in the founding of the MLK & Juneteenth Celebration (Bro. Terry Gordon and Bro. James Doss). Omega's light shining for justice in this community, with our presence as a body of brothers. On January 18, 2016 the brothers of Rho Xi marched for justice and equality in Freeport, TX.



The Creole Cuisine – If there is one thing the New Orleans is famous for in terms of gastronomy, that is certainly the Creole Cuisine! Jambalaya and King cake to die for!



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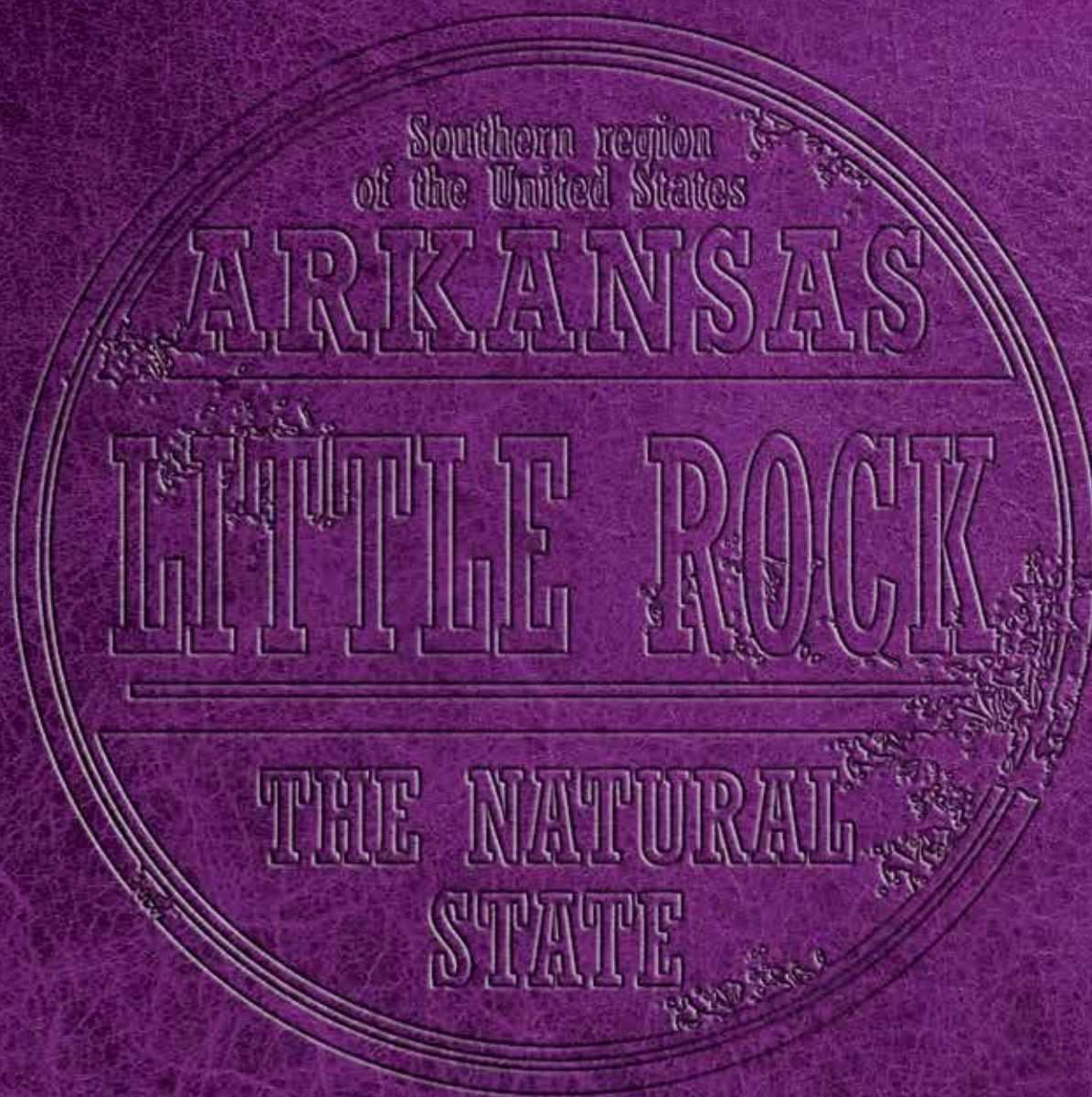
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