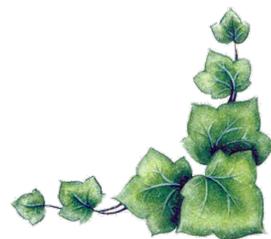
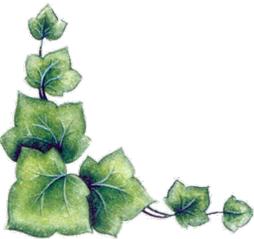




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BETTY WELLS, BASILEUS

**BASILEI HISTORY BOOKLET
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This booklet was created to recognize our chapter leaders and share a little information about each of them with our current membership.

Our "Soror Code of Ethics" requires that we honor our Founders by maintaining a standard that allows us to serve as role models and goes on to require our chapter leaders to conduct themselves in a manner that reaches the "highest standard."

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BRIEF HISTORY OF PHI IOTA OMEGA

Phi Iota Omega Chapter was the South Eastern Region's 99th chapter. The chapter was chartered on December 11, 1999 in Birmingham, AL and was composed of sorors associated with the Classic Pearls Interest Group.

Phi Iota Omega chapter's roots can be traced back to December 30, 1998, when a group of sorors met to discuss the formation of an interest group. The motto chosen by this group was, "To Emphasize the Alpha Kappa Alpha tradition of a strong sisterhood as we provide service to all mankind." The chartering ceremony was held on Saturday, December 11, 1999, at the Birmingham Civil Rights Institute. The Chapter was chartered under the sorority leadership of Supreme Basileus Norma Solomon White and South Eastern Regional Director Jo Celeste Pettway.

Since being chartered, Phi Iota Omega has implemented a number of local initiatives that we continue to do annually in our community. These local programs along with our International Program Targets and Impact Days provide us with a basis for what we do and how we give back to our community. We keep our calendars full and endeavor to make a difference in the lives of others.

We have also, throughout the years, participated in various walks to raise funds and awareness of health matters that impact us (Black women).

Our Connection Committee has always been very active in registering voters and pushing for absentee voter drives for students away in college. We have advocated for important matters through postcard and letter writing efforts and participating in our AKA Day at the Alabama State Capitol. We have grown to now sponsor candidate and legislative forums within the Birmingham community.

Membership has always been important to our chapter. Our charter members were so close and considered each other family. That relationship has been fostered as we have continued to grow.

PHI IOTA OMEGA BASILEI 1999 — 2022

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**Classic Pearls Interest Group President
and 1st Basileus of Phi Iota Omega Chapter
1999-2000**



“The sisterliness I felt as Basileus reminded me of the story of our founders – we all knew, loved, and respected each other. It warmed my heart.”

When Phi Iota Omega Chapter of Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Inc. was chartered on December 11, 1999, Soror Barbara Franklin, who had been President of the Classic Pearls Interest Group, became the chapter’s first Basileus. Soror Franklin was a 1973 initiate of Beta Pi Chapter at Alabama State University and later became an active member of Omicron Omega Chapter in Birmingham. She brought years of leadership and stressed a commitment to service and sisterhood as leader of the new chapter.

Phi Iota Omega Chapter had numerous accomplishments during Soror Franklin’s tenure as Basileus. The chapter established a partnership with the North Birmingham community, working primarily through the elementary school and the public library. In 2000, the chapter conducted its first coat drive, collecting more than 375 coats for needy individuals throughout Birmingham. Because of the chapter’s work in the community, Phi Iota Omega received a \$250 award from the region.

Over the years, Soror Franklin has shared her knowledge and energy at the local, regional and international levels. In addition to her service as Basileus for Phi Iota Omega, she has served on the chapter level as Grammateus, Tamiouchos, Epistoleus, Historian and chairman of numerous committees. Regionally and internationally, she has served on committees as well as Regional Pecunious Grammateus.

The soror with the greatest influence in her decision to pursue membership in the sisterhood is Soror Betty Walters Reese, who sat with her and her best friend to tell them what AKA was and its history. Now, almost 50 years later, Alpha Kappa Alpha is a family affair for the Franklins. Soror Franklin’s daughter, Monica Franklin Carter, and her daughter-in-law, Darah Smith Franklin, are members of Alpha Kappa Alpha.

ANGELA B. JENKINS

**2nd Phi Iota Omega Basileus
2001-2002**



“As I passed the torch to the next administration, I advised them my energy and desire to do all I do is possible because God gives each of us a fresh portion of His grace daily; and we can do all things through Christ who strengthens us.”

Soror Angela Jenkins was honored during the 2019 South Eastern Regional Conference as the Silver Star of the Year. This recognition was fitting for Soror Jenkins who was the second Basileus of Phi Iota Omega Chapter and faithfully rendered service since entering the sisterhood.

Soror Jenkins, a 1977 initiate of Gamma Eta Chapter at Knoxville College, was drawn to the sorority because of the values exemplified by the chapter members on campus. She also wanted to have the lifelong relationships found in the bond of Alpha Kappa Alpha, Sorority.

As Basileus, Soror Jenkins led Phi Iota Omega in several initiatives. The Founders Dollars program was implemented to encourage members’ participation in chapter activities and she, personally, implemented the “Above and Beyond Service” recognition to highlight exemplary service by chapter members. Also, under her leadership, the chapter prepared a time capsule to be opened 25 years later (2026), made its first Phi Iota Omega photo composite, and received 13 regional awards.

Soror Jenkins held leadership roles in both Phi Iota Omega and Classic Pearls, Inc. (PIO’s non-profit affiliate). On the International level, Soror Jenkins served as South Eastern Representative on the International Constitution Committee and served on the Heritage Team for the region. She was South Eastern’s Parliamentarian for two terms and implemented the first parliamentary session in Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority to qualify individuals for membership in the National Association of Parliamentarians. More than 60 sorors qualified for membership after completing her training. The course is now offered at international and regional meeting of the sorority. She served as Co-Chair of the South Eastern Graduate Advisors Institute.

Soror Jenkins became an Ivy Beyond the Wall in April 2019. She was proud of her legacies - Soror Angel Jenkins and Soror Alisha Jenkins. Her sister, Soror Valaida Gentry, is an active member of Phi Iota Omega.

CLOVIA W. WHEELER

3rd Phi Iota Omega Basileus
2003-2004



“Our chapter is blessed to have a diverse group of members with a wide range of occupations and talents. We have so much to give to the community – together we can make a difference while strengthening our bonds of sisterhood!”

Soror Clovia Wheeler held several positions of leadership before taking the helm of Phi Iota Omega Chapter, Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Inc., as its third Basileus. Much of her work was guided by her desire to mentor youth in Birmingham.

Under Soror Wheeler’s leadership, Phi Iota Omega increased the number of workshops offered with North Birmingham Elementary, our longtime education partner. She implemented the “Sisterly Pat on the Back” as well as the Phi Iota Omega monthly chapter newsletter. While she served as Basileus, Phi Iota Omega was recognized as a charter member of the eSpirit Honor Roll and was recognized by the Birmingham Mayor’s Office during the chapter’s 5th Anniversary.

Soror Wheeler was a 1994 initiate of Omicron Omega Chapter. Growing up in Birmingham, she was surrounded by teachers and mentors who were sorority member. They encouraged her to achieve, and she wanted to have a similar impact on youths.

While serving others, Soror Wheeler has had an impact on Phi Iota Omega. In addition to her work as Basileus, she has served as Anti-Basileus, Tamichos, Pecunious Grammateus, Ivy Leaf Reporter, and chair of the Program, Connection, Finance, Communications, Technology, and Nominating committees. She served as Graduate Advisor for Mu Mu Chapter while a member of Omicron Omega, which allowed her to mentor many young sorors. On the regional level, she was the Technology Chairman for eight years and chaired the Graduate Advisors Committee that developed a training course for Graduate Advisors in South Eastern Region before one was made available internationally. She was resourcefully in all of her endeavors.

Soror Wheeler’s daughter, Soror Alisha Wheeler is her legacy and her sister, Soror Sherrel Wheeler Stewart, who is also a member of Phi Iota Omega is one of her greatest supporter.

PHYLLIS HARMON

4th Phi Iota Omega Basileus
2005-2006



“Lead by example and others will follow. Attend as many committee meetings, service programs, sisterly relations activities and community events to represent AKA as possible. As other chapter members see your attendance and support they will be inspired to participate as well.”

Soror Phyllis Harmon was initiated into Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Inc, as a member of Omicron Omega Chapter in 1994. She later joined sorors that were organizing an interest group, Classic Pearls, and became a charter member of Phi Iota Omega Chapter in 1999 serving as its first Philacter. Soror Harmon served in several leadership positions within Phi Iota Omega that included committee chairman and officer positions. She served as Phi Iota Omega’s fourth Basileus.

Soror Harmon’s administration worked diligently to live up to the sorority’s goals of providing service to the community and promoting sisterly relations within the organization. Soror Harmon’s generosity and kindness to others allowed her to provide an example to members of how we work together. She was an approachable leader that worked alongside the membership to accomplish its goals. Under her leadership, Phi Iota Omega held its first Membership Intake in August 2005. The members annually enjoyed a Hawaiian Luau Pool Party for the entire family and the chapter was recognized at the 2006 Boule for its high level of reactivations by the presentation of a \$500 monetary award. During her administration, Phi Iota Omega provided a reading program at both North Birmingham School and Council Elementary and won regional awards for its advocacy and community services programs.

Soror Harmon shared that she became a part of the sisterhood because she was impressed by the women who were members and wanted to give back to the community. She was primarily influenced by Soror Patricia Redmond.

Soror Harmon welcomed her daughter, Soror Scarlett M. Walker, to the sisterhood when she was initiated into Phi Iota Omega Chapter in 2016.

BARBARA LUCKETT

5th Phi Iota Omega Basileus
2007-2008



“Leadership provides a mentoring environment that inspires sorors to join hands, use their collective creativity and intellectual strengths to plan, implement and provide services and projects that impact on critical needs, problems and issues plaguing our community thereby honoring the legacy of our founders.”

Soror Barbara Lockett was initiated into Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Inc. in 1994 as a member of Omicron Omega Chapter in Birmingham, AL. She later became a part of the Classic Pearls Interest Group and then a charter member of Phi Iota Omega Chapter on December 11, 1999, serving as Phi Iota Omega’s first Parliamentarian.

Phi Iota Omega is known for its outstanding leaders and Soror Lockett is counted in that number - elected as the chapter’s fifth Basileus. Under her leadership, Phi Iota Omega launched its Pearls Academy for high school girls and also launched its official website, www.pioaka.org, which won the International Technology Award the following year. On the regional level, the chapter received awards recognizing its work for working to improve the reading skills of children in the community, awards for the collaborative community service provided by the chapter, and the Ida K Martin Reactivation Award for the greatest percentage of reactivations. Other highlights of Soror Lockett’s administration included numerous special activities associated with Alpha Kappa Alpha’s centennial celebration in 2008.

In chapter meetings and in the community, Soror Lockett regularly demonstrates that she is organized, resourceful, and diligent which are all characteristics needed to be successful. Because of Soror Lockett’s commitment and dedication to community service and the influence of her dear friend and mentor, Soror Angela Jenkins, she was inspired to join the sorority. This inspiration helped to spark her many community service efforts that later allowed her to be recognized as South Eastern’s ‘Humanitarian of the Year.’

Her sorority legacy is her daughter, Soror Akina Lockett Canty.

SAMUETTA NESBITT

6th Phi Iota Omega Basileus
2009-2010



“I am honored to have served as Basileus during a significant point in our history when we celebrated our 10th Anniversary.”

When we think of Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority’s history, we might think of Soror Samuetta Nesbitt since she is a charter member of both an undergraduate and graduate chapter. She became a charter member of Theta Sigma Chapter at the University of Alabama on April 14, 1974 and later became a charter member of Phi Iota Omega chapter on December 11, 1999. Between her time as members of these chapters, she was a member of Omicron Omega Chapter. She has many family members that are members of Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority which gives them the opportunity to show their Alpha Kappa Alpha pride at family reunions. Soror Nesbitt was proud to have her daughter, Soror Kari Nesbitt, initiated into Phi Iota Omega in 2016.

Soror Nesbitt was elected the sixth Basileus of Phi Iota Omega Chapter after having served in other leadership positions. Some accomplishments during her tenure as Basileus include an increased number of scholarships and community grants and more collaborative activities with other Alpha Kappa Alpha chapters in our area. The chapter was able to award more funds to the community than ever before and partnered with other chapters for six activities. She continued the chapter’s history of winning regional awards for program and connection activities. Under Soror Nesbitt’s leadership, Phi Iota Omega celebrated its 10th Chartering Anniversary, in grand style.

Sorors are often asked why we chose to join Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Soror Nesbitt shared that she was already aware of Alpha Kappa Alpha’s excellent reputation and wanted to be a part of history by becoming a charter member of the first NPHC (National Panhellenic Council) Greek organization on her campus.

CYNTHIA RENÁ RAMSEY

7th Phi Iota Omega Basileus
2011-2012



"It's difficult to please everyone and if you make that your goal, you will be miserable."

Soror Cynthia Rená Ramsey served as the seventh Basileus of Phi Iota Omega Chapter of Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Inc. She was initiated into the Nu Delta Chapter at Birmingham-Southern College in 1982. Soror Janie Johnson, her god sister, was a major influence in her journey to becoming a woman of Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority. Soror Ramsey's leadership in the sorority began during her undergraduate years when she served as Basileus. Her energetic spirit was a part of her successful leadership at both the undergraduate and graduate level while serving in numerous offices and chairman positions.

Soror Ramsey accomplished much during her term as Phi Iota Omega's Basileus. At the beginning of each meeting, Soror Ramsey led a litany on Developing Sisterly Relationships." She felt that the litany encouraged sorors to remain sisterly and call each other by name. She has stated that her favorite line from our hymn is "We help each other for we know there's no other like our sisterhood, Alpha Kappa Alpha." She lived these words as a compassionate leader who made sure that the chapter's business was handled while also guiding efforts within the community to be of service to others. Soror Ramsey was an integral participant in completing efforts to establish the nonprofit arm of Phi Iota Omega Chapter. She served as the first President of Classic Pearls, Inc.

While working at the graduate level within Omicron Omega Chapter, Soror Ramsey served as the chartering Graduate Advisor of Omicron Mu. She has also served the sorority at the regional level on several committees as well as serving as the 2011 South Eastern Regional Conference (SERC) Vice-Chairman of Operations, 2017 SERC Chairman, and South Eastern Regional Technology Chairman under Soror Mitzi Paige, 26th South Eastern Regional Director.

Soror Ramsey's legacy within the sorority will be her reliability, open-mindedness, kindness, and compassion for her sorors and her community.

GLORIA MITCHELL HOWARD

8th Phi Iota Omega Basileus
2013-2014



" I serve because it fulfills my God- inspired desire to do what I can, while I can for my brothers and sisters. I can be their voice."

Soror Gloria Mitchell Howard was the eighth Basileus of Phi Iota Omega Chapter of Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Inc. Her leadership did not begin with her administration in Phi Iota Omega, however, it began during her undergraduate years. Soror Howard was initiated into the Beta Pi Chapter in 1976, at Alabama State University in Montgomery, Alabama. She was inspired by many women of Alpha Kappa Alpha from her hometown Selma, Alabama. One of her inspirations was Soror Nancy Sewell, 18th South Eastern Regional Director.

During Soror Howard's tenure as Basileus of Phi Iota Omega Chapter, she also served as president of Phi Iota Omega's 501c3 non-profit, Classic Pearls, Incorporated. With great determination, Soror Howard ensured the success of Phi Iota Omega within the community. An Inaugural Masquerade Ball was held to secure financial assistance for scholarships. She then persisted in securing grants to better the community. Soror Howard was monumental in securing and implementing the Verizon Foundation Grant and Point of Light Grant which awarded over \$15,000 to the organization for Domestic Violence and MLK Service Programs.

Through the years of Soror Howard's Alpha Kappa Alpha journey, she has served in many leadership roles. She was the Basileus of her undergraduate chapter, Beta Pi. As a member of Phi Iota Omega, she chaired numerous committees which include: Connection, Founders' Day, Standards, and Basilei Council. Soror Howard has also served in leadership roles within the South Eastern Region. She was the South Eastern Region's Chairman for the Legacy Parade, Cluster Service Project, and Regional Badges and Souvenir Kits. A legacy of sisterhood runs greatly within her family. This sisterhood extends from her sisters to her beloved legacy daughter, Soror Geralyn Buford.

SOPHIA MILLER

**9th Phi Iota Omega Basileus
2015-2016**



**"We can find joy in our lives when we have someone to love,
something to do, and something to hope for".**

Soror Sophia Miller was the ninth Basileus of the Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Incorporated, Phi Iota Omega Chapter. Her term began in January 2015, under the administration of Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority's 29th International President, Soror Dorothy Buchanan Wilson. Soror Miller was initiated into Beta Zeta Omega Chapter (1977), in Orangeburg, South Carolina. She joined Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority out of a desire to establish and expand sisterly bonds beyond her biological sisters and her admiration for the work sorority members were doing in the community.

As Basileus, she led her administration under the theme "We Are One." She set the tone for a strong sisterhood and led members in a united way. This undertaking was easy for Soror Miller because of her humble and gracious demeanor. In August 2016, the chapter conducted its second Membership Intake Process and initiated eight new sorors. The chapter's membership grew to 80 members by the end of her administration and won several regional awards.

Soror Miller has held many leadership positions in Phi Iota Omega, to include Anti-Basileus; Grammateus; Epistoleus; Hodegos; Historian; Chairman, Nominating Committee; Chairman, Basilei Council; Chairman, Executive Committee; Chairman, Program Committee; President, Classic Pearls; and Vice-President, Compliance and Development Board. She was appointed to serve on the sorority's international Elections Committee at the 67th Boule in Atlanta, Georgia, July 2016 and was Chairman of the "Honey Do" Hospitality Committee at the South Eastern Regional Conference in Birmingham, Alabama, March 2017. Soror Miller's deep family bond became more evident when her twin daughters Sorors Jamilah Miller and Takiyah Miller Bussey joined Phi Iota Omega in 2005. Soror Miller continues to be a role model who inspires others.

BOBBIE DATCHER

**10th Phi Iota Omega Basileus
2017-2018**



**"Everyone wants to see great things happen so let's be that beacon of
light in the community. Let's not just show up, Sorors. Let's always
make a difference so that they will remember who we are."**

Soror Bobbie A. Datcher was initiated into Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Incorporated, Zeta Eta Omega Chapter on November 20, 2005, in Selma, Alabama. Her desire to join Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Incorporated was encouraged through her friendship with sorority members while attending Troy University. Soror Datcher joined the Phi Iota Omega chapter in January 2007. She brought with her a heart to serve and a business acumen that made her an asset to the sorority.

Soror Datcher served as the tenth Basileus of Phi Iota Omega Chapter. During her tenure, the chapter continued winning regional awards and gained recognition for recommending the South Eastern Regional Awards Committee add a new award to recognize Silver Sorors (25 year members). The new award was established and named after the chapter - Phi Iota Omega Silver Soror of the Year. The chapter also recommended establishing an additional award category of "XL" chapters, based on the number of active chapter members. The first Silver Soror Award was won by Phi Iota Omega member, Soror Angela Jenkins.

Under Soror Datcher's leadership, Phi Iota Omega Chapter hosted its first Political Debate and Candidacy Forum. Phi Iota Omega Chapter welcomed 14 new initiates during Soror Datcher's term, which is the largest number of initiates in the chapter's history. She is known to be a hardworking, zealous leader. Members hold her in high esteem and regard her leadership style as reliable and transparent. Prior to her role as Phi Iota Omega's Basileus, she held numerous leadership positions within the chapter. Soror Datcher served as Grammateus; Anti Basileus; Philacter; Treasurer; Pecunious; 2018 Cluster II and VII Program Chair; Chairman, Financial Ad Hoc Committee; Chairman, Nominating Committee; Chairman, Finance Committee; Chairman, Basileus Council; and Chairman, Program Committee.

SUNDRA SHEALEY SMITH

11th Phi Iota Omega Basileus
2019-2020



“I have consistently expressed the importance of involvement. Identify ONE committee and give it your fullest attention. We often talk about change or the things that should be done. You cannot expect change if you are not at the table making a contribution.”

Soror Sundra S. Smith served as the eleventh Basileus of the Phi Iota Omega Chapter of Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Incorporated. She was initiated in 1989 into the Omicron Omega Chapter of Birmingham, Alabama. She had become intrigued with all of the programs and activities the sorority had done within the community and was inspired to become a part of this progressive organization of women.

Soror Smith's administration accomplished many things. To achieve more diversity within the leadership of this administration, Soror Smith sought to have newly initiated sorors in leadership positions early on to help foster their leadership development. She was proactive in ensuring that the business of Phi Iota Omega Chapter continues to tread forward, in spite of the tumultuous 2020 Pandemic that impacted the nation during her administration. She was instrumental in progressive strategies that helped continue the furtherance of this illustrious sorority's mission. Soror Smith utilized virtual monthly meetings and chapter activities to help protect chapter members from COVID-19 and followed the Center for Disease Control's social distancing guidelines.

With much efficiency, Soror Smith held many roles within Phi Iota Omega Chapter. She held the office of Hodegos, Grammateus, Anti-Basileus, and Basileus. Soror Smith also served as Chairman of the Scholarship and Special Projects/Fundraising Committees. Furthermore, she served as Chairman for the 85th South Eastern Regional Conference Rituals Committee and Chairman of Corporate Sponsors Committee during the 79th South Eastern Regional Conference. Soror Smith takes pride in knowing that her legacy will continue through her daughter, Soror Sonja Q. Smith.

BETTY WELLS

12th Phi Iota Omega Basileus
2021-2022



“ I am honored to have served as Basileus during an administration that focuses on magnifying sisterhood and service. As a leader, I'm reminded that your reputation should never be more important than your character”

Soror Betty Wells served as the twelfth Basileus of the Phi Iota Omega Chapter of Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Incorporated. Inspired by the ladies of Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Inc. on the campus of Benedict College in Columbia, South Carolina, she became a 1969 initiate of Pi Chapter. With life-long membership in her heart, she is now a "Golden Soror" with fifty years plus of servitude.

During Soror Wells' administration, she was able to accomplish many great things while prioritizing soror safety. She successfully hosted a virtual Joint Founders' Day celebration for the graduate and undergraduate chapters in Birmingham, Al. Her administration raised over \$10,000 in contributions to nonprofit organizations within the community over a two-year span. As chapter operations began to transition back to an in-person setting, Soror Wells led the Phi Iota Omega chapter to successfully complete Membership Intake and welcomed forty-three new members into the organization. This marked the largest intake in the chapter's existence. Soror Betty Wells continued to be a trailblazer as she served as the logistical lead for the Stay Well Birmingham Community Health Fair with other Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority chapters from Birmingham, Alabama in conjunction with the 29th International President of Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Inc., Soror Dorothy Buckhanan Wilson. This fair resulted in eighty-four vaccinations and numerous covid-19 testing.

With a strong family legacy of Alpha Kappa Alpha women, Soror Betty Wells' daughter, Dr. Eliza Bell, is also a proud member of Phi Iota Omega Chapter and served under the leadership of her beloved mother.

SORORITY LEADERSHIP WORDS FROM OUR PEARLS



“ONE OF OUR BASIC IDEALS IS LOVE FOR ALPHA KAPPA ALPHA AND FOR ALL OUR SISTERHOOD. IF YOU CARE FOR A PERSON, YOU CANNOT BE UNGRACIOUS OR DISAGREEABLE TO THAT PERSON; YOU CANNOT DO OR SAY UNGRACIOUS OR DISAGREEABLE THINGS TO THAT PERSON... AGAIN I REPEAT, ALPHA KAPPA ALPHA MEANS LOVE AND FRIENDSHIP TO ALL OUR SISTERHOOD.”



“CERTAINLY NO ALPHA KAPPA ALPHA WOMAN WORTHY OF THE NAME WOULD HARBOR ACTIVE DISLIKE WITHIN THE SISTERHOOD. WE SHOULD NOT HAVE TIME TO DISLIKE PEOPLE, ESPECIALLY WITHIN THESE RANKS. EVEN THOSE SORORS WHO WE LIKE *LESS* THAN OTHERS HAVE SOMETHING FINE IN THEM, OR THEY WOULD NOT BE SORORS. LOOK FOR THE GOLD - IT'S THERE.”

**ETHEL HEDGEMAN LYLE,
FOUNDER, 1934**

“... WE RALLIED AROUND US THOSE WHO BELIEVED THAT OUR VOWS TO REMAIN TRUE TO ALPHA KAPPA ALPHA WERE NOT IDLE WORDS.”

**NELLIE QUANDER,
1ST INTERNATIONAL BASILEUS;
INCORPORATOR, 1948**

