The 29th Annual Nurses’ Week Celebration of Gamma Chi Chapter recognized excellence in nursing through community service on May 14, 2016. President Juanita Gibbons-Delaney, MHA, RN, presided. Four awards were presented. The Community Service Award is given to one who has implemented a formal health care related service to the community at large, and is a supporter of nursing. The 2016 Community Service Awards recipient was Mr. Steven Bales. He is the Coordinator of Positive Impact Health Center, (formerly known as AIDS Gwinnett). The Center provides HIV specialty care and support services, behavioral health, including substance abuse treatment, HIV testing and prevention services. Steven has over 20 years of service to the HIV and AIDS community.

The Gamma Chi Chapter Unsung Hero Award was presented to Ms. April N. West. She is a graduate of Mercer University with a Bachelor’s Degree in Organizational Leadership. April has worked in the Informational Technology field for the last 19 years, currently consulting with AT&T as a Technical Project Manager. April has been a volunteer with the Arthritis Foundation for 16+ years. She has been an advocate for the Walk to Cure Arthritis Atlanta since 2008, forming a team of family and friends to fund raise and walk the annual 5K in honor of her grandmother who has arthritis. In 2015 she was asked to serve as the Atlanta Walk to Cure Arthritis Adult Honoree. April has raised over $20,000 through the years. Currently, she is serving as a board member of the Atlanta Leadership Council.
Basileus Corner

Greetings GAMMA CHI Members!!

As I come to the end of my first year of my second term serving as your Basileus it is with a joyous and thankful heart that I thank the outgoing officers for their dedication, their hard work and their giving of their time unselfishly to GAMMA CHI Chapter and to Chi Eta Phi Sorority: Donna Carroll (Anti-Basileus); Nicole Haynes (Grammateus); Mariam Henderson (Historian); and Andrea Lewis (Tamias). They have completed their terms, serving us well.

As we enter our summer break I would like to remind you of GAMMA CHI’s upcoming events:

- 12th Annual Pink Ribbon Walk: July 16, 2016 at Piedmont Park
- Annual Picnic: August 14, 2016 at Sweetwater Park
- Bi-Annual Retreat: August 19 – 20 at the Crown Plaza Atlanta, SW Peachtree City (formally known as the Dolce of Peachtree City)

Please make sure that you have these events on your calendar and that you check your email often for updates. GAMMA CHI is a busy chapter and what we do can not be done without each of you.

Thank you for your willingness to serve the Metro Atlanta Community.

Enjoy your summer!

Juanita

Congratulations
New Officers for 2016-18

Gamma Chi Chapter elected officers for this upcoming sorority year. The officers that were installed were Sorors Mary Walker, Anti-Basileus, Alexia Thompson, Grammateus, and Mary Gainey, Tamias, and Louise Perdue, Historian.


Soror Angela Barrett-Brown received her Doctorate of Nursing Practice from the University of Alabama, May 2016

Graduate

At the end of the day, I can truly say I made a difference in someone’s life today!

And that is why I am a nurse!

Happy Nurses Week!
Important Parliamentary Vocabulary

To use it effectively, you must understand the terminology used in parliamentary procedure. Be sure to learn the following terms and their definitions:

adjourn: to close a meeting
adjourned meeting: continuation of the same meeting at another date or time
adjournment sine die: adjournment of an assembly without a day set for another meeting (dissolves the assembly)
agenda: a complete order of business including other details for the session
annual meeting: in local organizations, a regular meeting specified each year to hear annual reports, elect officers, and consider other items of business the bylaws may set for the annual meeting
business: matters to be brought before the assembly in a meeting or session
call to order: a request made by the chair to open the meeting dissolved: no longer exists
discussion: meeting where proceedings are secret
expedite business: to accelerate and promote the progress of business
general orders: business postponed from the preceding meeting without a specified time for consideration
meeting: a single official gathering of members in one room to transact business during which there is no cessation of proceedings and the members do not separate, unless for a short recess
membership roll: a list of persons who have the right to full participation in meetings of the assembly
minutes: record of what was done in a meeting
new business: new items of business presented to the assembly for consideration
order of business: order in which business comes before the assembly
pending question: a question that has been stated
regular meeting: periodic business meeting of a permanent society, local branch or board held at weekly, monthly, quarterly, or similar intervals
session: a meeting or a series of meetings with a single order of business, agenda, or program
sine die: without (a set) day
special meeting: a separate session of a society held at a time different from that of any regular meeting.
Unfinished business: business not completed at the previous meeting(s)

Soror Clara Cabey, RN, PRP
Nurse Week Highlights
April is honored to be The 2016 Walk to Cure Arthritis National Adult Honoree and a spokesperson for the Arthritis Foundation. April’s goal is to share with anyone who will listen “arthritis does NOT just affect older people.” She has suffered with severe rheumatoid arthritis since the age of 21 and is determined to see a cure for arthritis in her lifetime. April’s personal journey with this inflammatory disease is featured in the April 2016 issue of Arthritis Today magazine.

The Nursing Achievement Award is given to a Registered Nurse who has rendered distinguished service to nursing education, practice or administration. The 2016 Nursing Achievement Award recipient is Dawn Aycock, PhD, RN, FAAN.

Dr. Aycock is an Assistant Professor-Tenure Track, Byrdine F. Lewis School of Nursing at Georgia State University. She is also an Affiliate Faculty Member for the Partnership for Urban Health Research at Georgia State University. She obtained her Bachelor of Science in nursing from Prairie View A&M University, Master of Science in Nursing from Emory University and her PhD from the University of Alabama at Birmingham. She has previously practiced as a nurse practitioner.

She has completed various fellowship programs and in 2009 received the Byrdine F. Lewis School of Nursing Kaiser Permanente Faculty Award. Dr. Aycock is a proficient writer and has published in 19 nursing journals with 16 published abstracts. She has been invited to present her work and other related topics across the United States. She has served on an editorial board, as an abstract reviewer and a journal reviewer. She has received various honors not only locally but nationally as well. She has been inducted as a Fellow in the American Heart Association, selected as one of the Top 100 Nursing Professors in 2012 by BSNtoMSN.org, and selected to be a part of National Stroke Association’s May 2011 Faces of Stroke Campaign only to name a few. She holds membership in various service and professional organizations. Most recently, Dr. Aycock diligently worked on and submitted a research grant to Gamma Chi Chapter, Inc., to honor our member Dr. Dorothy Coverson.

The Johnnie J. Robinson Soror of the Year Award is the most coveted award given to a Gamma Chi member. The award is given to one who has served above and beyond expectations of membership. The recipient must participate in activities that advance sorority programs, promoting nursing legislation, and volunteering with community organizations to deliver health services, programs and projects. The 2016 Soror of the Year Award was presented to Soror Janerio Farrington, RN.

Janerio transferred to Gamma Chi Chapter in 2009. She has been actively involved with local chapter activities and programs since her transfer into Gamma Chi Chapter. Her commitment to Gamma Chi projects and programs include but not limited to Relay for Life, HIV/AIDS program, Homeless Committee, and Recruitment and Retention.

She has held the office of Tamiochus and worked closely with the Tamias to assure a smooth transition for bank deposits.

In 2015 she received the RADM Clara Cobb Award for her exemplary leadership skills and outstanding contributions in the field of Nursing. Janerio is also a member of the Nations Council of Negro Women.

Nurse Week Scholarship Awards

Gamma Chi Chapter, Inc., celebrated Nurse Week 2016 with its 29th Annual Scholarship Awards. Addressing the nursing shortage by preparing professional nurses for the workforce through mentoring and scholarship is high priority for Gamma Chi Chapter. Juanita Gibbons-Delaney, MHA, RN, is president of Gamma Chi Chapter and Kimberly Book er, MSN, RN is Nursing Scholarship Chairperson.

The Bellamy-Rowser-Binns Scholarship recipients are Daphney Benajmin, University of West Georgia, Cicely Brown, Clayton State University, Aliana Dixon, Kennesaw State University, Monique Guinocor, Kennesaw State University, Sara Hendow, Kennesaw State University, Sharonita Hudson, University of West Georgia, Latisha Isaac, Clayton State University, Ashley Kinsey, University of West Georgia, Ebele Nibo, University of West Georgia, Adesola Olaoye, University of West Georgia, Coreyonna Welch, University of West Georgia, Marissa Williams, Clayton State University.
Chi Eta Phi Nursing Sorority, Inc., is a national sorority of more than 8,000 registered professional nurses and nursing students who operate under the motto, “Service for Humanity”. One of the objectives of the organization is to develop a corps of nursing leaders who promote research development. To achieve this, the organization provides a grant in memory of Soror, Dr. Dorothy Coverson. Dr. Coverson was an active member of Gamma Chi Chapter from 2005 to 2012 and she inspired many of the members to advance their education and engage in research. Dr. Coverson completed her PhD in nursing and a postdoctoral fellowship in cardiology at Emory University. She served as a Research Assistant Professor in the Cardiovascular Research Institute and Community Health and Preventative Medicine at Morehouse School of Medicine. Her research focused on cardiovascular risk assessment and risk reduction in African Americans. The purpose of this grant is to honor Dr. Coverson’s spirit of scholarly inquiry by supporting graduate students whose scholarly activities embody the advancement of nursing.

The Inaugural Gamma Chi Chapter, Inc., Dr. Dorothy Coverson Grant recipient was Kenya Kirkendoll, PhD, MSN, MPH, RN, of the University of Alabama in Birmingham. Celebrating Nurse Week is one of the greatest highlights of the year for Gamma Chi Chapter. We get the opportunity to honor all nurses, not just the Nurses of Gamma Chi Chapter. We also invite our family, friends, and colleagues to enjoy this time with us. Our Nurse Week luncheon is one we are proud to present and all of our Sorors take an active role in making it a success. Not only do we present scholarships to students, we also have a fabulous fashion show, with Haute Couture Fashion presented by the New McCBE Boutique, and a silent auction with an array of items from antiques and collectibles, to art and vintage and current fashionable items.

This year’s music was presented by Music for the Heart lead by Mr. Arthur Turner. The group was fantastic and we look forward to having the group with us again in the near future.

Our table settings were the creation of Soror Mary Thomas, who has provided one-of-a-kind center piece designs for the luncheon during the last twenty-nine years. Soror Tabitha Dumas served as chairperson, and Soror Angela Ward as co-chairperson for the Nurse week Committee 2016. Members of the committee included Sorors Treva Carter, Cynthia Engram, Janerio Farrington, Mary Gainey, Georgia Faye Jackson, Erica Mills, Sarah Killian, Andrea Lewis, Emma Jean Powell, and Gail Stafford. Soror Kimberly Booker chaired the Awards Committee, Soror Erica Mills chaired the Hostesses, Soror Gail Stafford chaired the Silent Auction Committee. The Souvenir Booklet was designed by Sorors Treva Carter and Angela Ward. Photographer was Barry Roosevelt of Rose’s Poses/RP Photography.

Gamma Chi Chapter, Inc., had the pleasure of having the Southeast Regional Director, Rhonda K. Hollis, PhD, RN, as our special guest. Dr. Hollis brought greetings from the Southeast Region.
Sickle Cell Walk Run

The Annual 5K Sickle Cell Walk Run was held at Tri Cities High School in East Point, Ga. on Saturday April 9, 2016. Three Sorors were in attendance: Karan Lindo, Chairperson, Treva Carter, and Janet Braimah. The event was very successful with a large crowd of runners and walkers there to help the cause of Sickle Cell Awareness and race for a cure. The Sorors assisted the team of two medical physicians at the medical table. There was also an additional nurse there who we found out was a member of Chi Eta Phi Sorority, Inc. The medical table was located strategically near the finish line so we would have a direct line of sight and contact with the participants who were in need of our help. We helped to pass out water and make assessments to those walkers and runners in need and struggling at the finish line. One runner was having symptoms of dizziness and emesis with a heart rate of 127 at the finish line. He was 27 years old and that was his first time participating in a 5K run. The Sorors ensured he was hydrated and rested, and we monitored him until his heart rate, blood pressure, and breathing were back to normal limits. The physician team appreciated the Sorors’ assistance with assessing the participants that passed by. They look forward to our continued participation at the event next year.

West End Health Fair

Gamma Chi Chapter of Chi Eta Phi Sorority Incorporated held its annual health fair on April 16, 2016 at The Mall West End. This year’s health fair included 35 vendors and 103 guest. A total of 40 HIV screenings, 21 diabetic screenings, and 101 blood pressure screenings were done. Other services included information on stroke prevention, organ donation, hospice, nutritional information and domestic violence to name a few.

Kids enjoyed touring the fire engine provided by Fulton county and the creative balloon artistry.

Thanks to generous donations, Gamma Chi provided 150 toothbrushes, 100 packs of dental floss, and tooth paste to the community as well as samples of Eucerin lotion.

Also through the generous donation of the Riviana Foods Incorporated 100 boxes of rice was given to all participants who obtained screenings.

Gamma Chi was well represented, there were 39 sorors and frater in the house! This year a 2015 scholarship recipient volunteered and saw firsthand what servicing the community is all about. Dynamic entertainment was provided by Darnel’s Dancing Divas. Sorors created an energetic environment by participating in cardio boxing and fitness exercises. Vendors expressed a great experience and fun filled day. What a great day to serve humanity!

The 2016 Health Fair chairperson is Soror Lesia Jackson.
Health Fair Partnership

On Saturday, June 04, 2016, Gamma Chi Chapter partnered with The Atlanta Alumni Chapter of Kappa Alpha Psi Fraternity, Inc. for their 13th Annual Community Health Fair.

The health fair was a very successful event that included Prostate Cancer Information (National Minority Prostate Cancer Association), Zumba Exercise (Fitness Expert), General Physical Health (MD-Kappa Alpha Psi Fraternity), Dental Hygiene (Orthodontist), Line Dancing, Showcase/participation, Hypertension/Mental Health Information (EUSM), Postpartum Depression, Eldercare/Financial Fraud (AARP) and multiple health vendors, and health screening booths (HTN, Diabetes, BMI, etc).

Gamma Chi members assisted by performing HTN screenings and educating participants on maintaining healthy lifestyles and blood pressures. We reached a total of 39 participants for BPs.

There were medical physicians on site that provided assessments to the participants that had elevated BPs, eight referrals with one HTN participant sent straight to Urgent Care/ED. One telephone follow-up 06/04/16 and three telephone follow-ups 06/13/2016. There were eight Gamma Chi members in attendance: Sorors Sonjile James, Juanita Gibbons-Delaney, Mary E. Walker, Alexa Thompson, Treva Carter, Eugenia Jennings, Georgia F. Jackson and Christine Mullen.

Hypertension Committee

The Hypertension Committee did Blood Pressure screening and Hypertension Presentation at New Horizon Senior Center on May 23, 2016. The focus was on the importance of compliance with medication, and proper dietary intake.

Sorors in attendance, Juanita Delaney-Gibbons, Basileus, Janice Bramiah, Mary Gainey, and Hypertension Committee Chair, Mary O. Thomas. There were 34 participants ranging in age from 60 to 85 year old Information on Hypertension and Blood Pressure screening and Hypertension Information was passed out to the clients. Basileus, Juanita Gibbons Delaney did an oral presentation with focus on Older Americans Staying Healthy.

Victory of the World Health Fair

Gamma Chi Chapter, working with several nurses from Emory University Hospital Midtown, and Dr. Patricia Glenn participated in a Health Fair at Victory For the World Church in Stone mountain, Georgia. One hundred and two, Blood Pressure readings were obtained. There
were three abnormal glucose readings that were reported to Dr. Glenn for appropriate follow-up. Some of the members who participated in the Health Walk and Health Fair were: Sorors Kathy Hill, Cheryl Handy, Joyce Keys, Melody Best and Basileus, Juanita Gibbons-Delaney.

Research Symposium
Recruitment and Retention
On May 6, 2016, Gamma Chi chapter members attended 2016 Graduate Symposium held at the Harry S. Downs Center for Continuing Education on the Campus of Clayton State University.

The Recruitment and Retention Committee had a display table at the event and had several interested candidates to visit the table.

Members in attendance were Paula Gordon, Dawn Aycock, Christine Mullen, Treva Carter, Angela Collins, Sarah Killian, and Modudeola Aebayo (not pictured).

Stronghold Christian Church Health Fair
On Saturday June 11, 2016 Gamma Chi Chapter partnered with Stronghold Christian Church in Lithonia, Ga for their Community Health Fair. The health fair was a very successful event that included a Men’s Health workshop, Zumba for Women, Kid’s races, a fitness challenge, multiple health vendors, and health screening booths (HTN, Diabetes, BMI, etc). Gamma Chi members assisted by performing HTN screenings and educating participants on maintaining healthy lifestyles and blood pressures. We reached a total of 40 participants for BPs. There were medical physicians on site that provided assessments to the participants that had elevated BPs. There were six Gamma Chi members in attendance: DuShon Copper, Kathy Hill, Treva Carter, Randy Crawford, Janet Braimah, and Donna Carroll. (All but Kathy Hill are pictured)
**Relay For Life Cancer Committee**

The Relay For Life Program is a movement designed for participants to work together to raise funds to eliminate all types of cancer. This Program is sponsored by the American Cancer Society. Cancer is an issue that affects us all and is a major health problem world-wide. Gamma Chi Chapter participated in the Relay For Life Event.

The Event Planning Meetings took place at Tri City High School in East Point GA. The Relay For Life Walk was held on May 14, 2016 at noon. Several Sorors came to the Tri City High School in East Point, GA., track to walk for the cause with Soror Miriam Henderson. They are Soror Juanita Delaney, Basileus, and her Grand-daughter, Soror Janerio Farrington and Soror Mary Gainey.

During the Relay For Life Event, Participants and Survivors celebrated the cancer that friends or loved ones had already overcome. We walked on the **Track in Honor or their Memory**. Afterwards there was the Survivor Walk’s. Relay For Life Event Survivors were called to the Podium to share their years of Recovery from their particular Cancer. The total number of years of **Survivorship for the Survivors** and the participants they represented was 492 years. The crowd cheered as we walked the Track of Success. Gamma Chi Chapter supports "The Relay For Life Program “on a yearly basis. We encourage everyone to donate their time and /or funds for the Relay For Life Fight against Cancer.

![Survivors including Soror Miriam Henderson](image)

![Sorors Gainey & Farrington](image)

**Homeless Committee**

The Homeless Committee continues to support and work as advocates for the Nicholas House. When the call for afterschool snacks and afternoon goodies were requested by the Nicholas House our Sorors were willing and ready to provide assistance. Sorors Hill and Farrington delivered. The Nicholas House, a shelter that accepts women who has children aged 18 and under is a shelter that Gamma Chi Chapter has partnered with for many years.

![Sorors Kathy Hill and Janerio Farrington delivering items to the Nicholas House](image)

**New Members Huddle Retention & Recruitment**

The Membership Committee held the annual New Member’s Huddle at Soror Catherine Binn’s home on Saturday, June 4th. This event is part of the retention efforts of the Membership Committee and was held in hon-
or of the 8 Wonders and the 2015 transfer members of Gamma Chi Chapter. The event was very successful, and there was a total of twenty three members that attended, including Past Supreme Basileus, Catherine Binns & current 2nd Supreme Anti-Basileus Sarah Killian. Six of the 8 Wonders and one new transfer member attended the event as well. The event was a relaxed setting in the patio and backyard gazebo area of Soror Binns’ home. We had icebreakers, prizes, barbecue, desert, fun, and more prizes. There was a Q & A wrap session, and the seasoned members talked with the new members about leadership, how to be a committed member, and also how to participate on committees. All feedback from members was welcomed and appreciated.

NCNW H-Attitude

The DeKalb Chapter of the National Council of Negro Women held its Annual H-Attitude Luncheon. Gamma Chi Chapter was listed as one of the Organizations that is in partnership with the NCNW.

This year’s theme was “Tea for a Purpose”. The table decorations were to reflect this theme. The winning table was hosted by Delta Sigma Theta. Their table theme was “Tea Around the World”, with replicas of world monuments including the Eiffel Tower. They also included beautiful “tea sets” as place settings, and of course the ladies were dressed in beautiful RED and WHITE including hats and gloves.

Gamma Chi Chapter was represented by Sorors Angela Ward, Miriam Henderson, Emma Jean Powell, Vickie Spann—Reeves, Juliette Johnson, Liz Alexander and her grandson.

Nursing Abroad

Soror Claudette Rainey vacationed abroad this year. She was proud to encounter student nurses in Asia in her travels. She also had fun on her trip to Dubai and traveled to Muscat/Oman, Cochin/India, India, Penang/Malaysia and Singapore.

Congratulations to Walter and Miriam Henderson as they celebrated their 50th Wedding Anniversary. Bells were ringing and angels singing as Walter and Soror Miriam walked down the aisle to renew their vows of 50 years. Friends, family, Sorors from throughout the United States were present as the Henderson’s recommitted their love for all to see. Sorors from Pennsylvania and New York as well as Gamma Chi Sorors was present to share in this wonderful event.
**Senior Olympics**

**Gold Medalist**

Each year Fulton County presents a Senior Olympics. Soror Christine Davis have participated for the last seven years. This year she received seven medals, **four gold, two silver** and **one bronze**. One of the events Soror Davis received a gold medal was in Rock Wall Climbing. She does all these things in the interest of staying fit and active. Soror Davis is also a member of the Darnell Dancers. This is a dance troop from the Emma Darnell Senior Citizen Center. The troop perform at various events in and around the metro Atlanta Area. They recently performed at the Gamma Chi Chapter West End Mall Health Fair.

Dear Sorors,

A note of THANKS TO Madam Basileus, Juanita Gibbons-Delaney, and Sorors Mary Thomas, Treva Carter, Christine Mullen’s, Claudette Raney, Angela Ward, Louise Purdue, Miriam Henderson, Christine Davis, Clara Case, Angela Ward, Georgia Jackson and all of the great photographers.

If your name is not listed it is an omission of the head and not the heart!

Please keep all of the wonderful information flowing. Each addition of the newsletter is dedicated to the hard work the Sorors of Gamma Chi Chapter put forth to reach the goal of "Service to Humanity".

The Newsletter Staff