



# GAMMA CHI CHAPTER



Chi Eta Phi Sorority, Incorporated

Winter 2014-15

*Gamma Chi Chapter Fall Line*

*The 15 Crystals*



Back row L-R: Tonjus Mason, Jacquelyn Key, Sharmaine Scott, Erica Mills, Linda McNair, Joyce Cook, Lynnetea Washington, Louise Perdue, Angela Barrett-Brown Front row L-R: Brittany Mann, Alexa Thompson, Millicent Henry, Angela Collins, Laura Pinkney, Carol Charles

## Welcome to New Sorors

Chi Eta Phi Sorority, Inc., Gamma Chi Chapter has experienced tremendous growth in 2014, under the leadership of **Soror Treva Carter, Dean of Membership**. We not only gained the 15 Crystals, but had a reclamation of Sorors. The transfers for 2014 were: **Vickie Spann-Reeves, Elsa Sanjurjo, Natalie Thompson, Velda Graham, and Candice Sullivan (Beta)**.

In an effort to get to know our new sorority sisters questions were proposed to each. As space permits, responses will be highlighted in this issue. Each of the Crystals were asked the same questions.

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## Basileus Corner

I would like to take this opportunity to give many thanks to all members who traveled to the 62nd Southeast Regional Conference in Montgomery, Alabama. Again, **Gamma Chapter brought home the award for the chapter with the most members in attendance at the conference.** We had a team of thirty-eight plus passionate sorors to travel. I was personally overjoyed to see so many new and first time attendees at the conference. Gamma Chi you really ROCKED.

**Congratulations to Juanita Smith for being elected to the Nominations Committee and her courage to serve.**

The next two months will be very busy in the life of our chapter. We will have our **Annual Health Fair** in less than a month and in May our **Scholarship Luncheon**, coupled with other service projects. But, I know that we are up for the challenge to make sure all of these projects are celebrated in grand style. We must make sure we are not distracted from the mission of Gamma Chi Chapter of Chi Eta Phi Sorority, Inc., as we work on a local, regional and national level.

Sincerely,

*Juanita*

Juanita Gibbons-Delaney

Basileus Gamma Chi Chapter

Special thank you to the many sorors that submitted information to the newsletter. A very special thank you to Sorors Treva Carter, Mary Walker, Andrea Lewis, and Miriam Henderson for your photo taking skills.

The purpose of the newsletter is to highlight the activities of the sorority and to keep ALL sorors informed about the Projects and Programs and Sisterhood Activities.

If you do not see the project you participated in or did not see the congratulations to your special achievement, if I missed what your Nuclei Group is doing, it is because no one took the time to send it. If it was sent and I missed it *please let me know.*

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Emma Jean Powell



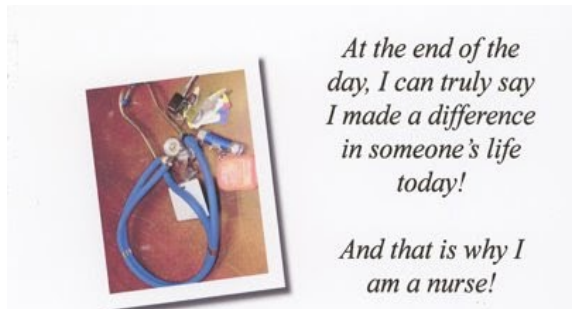
## Annual Health Fair

Health Fair Committee members recorded a Public Service Announcement at 1380WAOK/V-103,CBSRADIO with **Erica Walker, Director of Public Affairs** of the stations.

On Saturday, April 11, 2015, Gamma Chi Chapter of Chi Eta Phi Sorority, Inc. will sponsor their 10th Annual Health Fair. The Health Fair will be at The Mall West End, 850 Oak Street, SW Atlanta, Georgia 30310, from 11:00 a.m. until 3:00 p.m. **This year's theme is Health, Hope, and Healing.** The event has a dual purpose, to educate and assist the community regarding healthcare issues. The health care participants will provide screening opportunities, educational information and various referral sources at no cost to the patrons.



L-R: Lesia Jackson, Mary Walker, Erica Walker, Juanita Gibbons-Delaney



## Gamma Chi Nurse Week Celebration

**May 2, 2015**



## *From the Desk of the Parliamentarian*

### IMPORTANT PROCEDURES TO AVOID

This article is written to inform members of a society of procedures often observed in a meeting that are incorrect and should be avoided by all members of a society.

Do not use the phrase “it has been properly moved and seconded”

***The mere fact that the motion was” moved and seconded” means that it was done properly.***

Do not use the phrase “I so move”. ***“I so move”, is not a motion, the member Should state the exact motion intended.***

Do not use the phrase “I make a motion”. ***The proper wording is “I move that”***

The chair should not address the member by name when addressing one during a meeting.

***The proper wording is “The member” ex. Does the member wish to make a motion.***

Members speaking in debate should address the motion, not the person introducing the

motion. ***Rather than “Clara can you restate your amendment to the motion”,***

***Madam chair can the member restate the proposed amendment to the motion”***

Be careful when introducing the motion to “table”.

***the proper motion is “Postpone Indefinitely”.***

When the chair states the question, do not respond “question”, unless you have one.

***When the chair says “are you ready for the question” you are to remain silent unless you have a question. This is” putting the question” for members to vote.***

Members giving a report, should not move the adoption of a report, but rather any recommendations that may be given at the end of the report.

***When a report is adopted it means every word in the report is being adopted and this should not be done without study.***

The president is never to enter discussion while presiding.

***If the president wishes to make comments on any matter while presiding he/she must relinquish the chair until the matter of discussion is settled,***

Treasurer report is never adopted.

***If the treasurer’s report is adopted and it is later discovered to have any error, it means the errors have been accepted.***

Submitted by,

Clara H. Cabey, RPRP

# SISTERHOOD

**G**amma Chi Chapter **Nurturing Nuclei Group II** held their first Meeting and Luncheon at the Coco Cabana Restaurant, Tucker, Georgia. The purpose of the group is to develop and enhance sisterhood within the chapter, to promote unit, strength

and cohesiveness among the members, and create an environment in which new members, reactivating members, and current members are continuing-receiving effective mentoring and growth. **Mary Walker, Chair, Erica Mills, Co-Chair, Louise Perdue, Recorder, Melody Best, Treasurer, Linda McNair, Event Coordinator.**



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**N**uclei Group I met for a planning meeting at Piccadilly's, North Druid Hill Road, Atlanta. Plans for 2015 were formulated with assignment to members. In attendance were **Sorors Miriam Henderson and Juliette Johnson, Co-Chairpersons, Sorors Claudette Williams, Iona Ladson, Emma Jean Powell and Kathy Hill.**



## Getting to know The Crystals

Soror **Louise Perdue** would rather be rich than famous. The best advice she ever received was "Put it in the Lord's Hands".

Soror **Joyce Cook** favorite thing to do is Compose music. Favorite "Pig Out" food Good 'ol BBQ ribs...yummo!

Soror **Jacqueline Keys** profession would be as a professional computer technician is she was not a nurse. If you could meet a specific person (living or dead) it would be Whitney Houston

Soror **Laura Pickney's** ideal lazy day is on the couch, relaxing, and reading a magazine. Favorite thing to do: Spending time with my family and friends in Maryland.

Soror **Angela Barrett-Brown** If she was not a nurse she would be a profession Hairstylist. If she could meet any specific person it would be Malcolm X.

Soror **Alexa Thomas** is a graduate of Emory University and Georgia State University. Loves to travel. Best advice every received is to Finish what you start.

Soror **Lyneete Washington** favorite thing to do is snuggle with a great book. Favorite Movie: Remember the Titans and The Temptations.. She would prefer to be rich or be famous: I would like to be rich in life and famous for my contributions made towards humanity.

Soror **Linda McNair** have many favorite things to do and others to explore. She definitely prefer to be rich. In that position I could open more doors for myself, loved ones and causes I am passionate towards.

Soror **Tonjus Mason** has many favorite movies. There is never just one: The Imitation of Life, Driving Ms. Daisy, Shawshank Redemption, Green Mile, Beaches, and on and on! If not a nurse Tonjus would be a real estate mogul.



## CHRISTMAS CELEBRATION

*Submitted by Juliette Johnson and Treva Carter*

**G**amma Chi's Annual Holiday Celebration/ Christmas Cozy was held December 7, 2014 at the Georgia Nurses Association Headquarters. In attendance were forty-six (46) Sorors.

The sorors were festively dressed and actively participated in the singing of Christmas Carols, games, and our traditional main event "Gag Gifts". Selection and distribution was the best again this year! The Delicious catered food of ham, turkey, dressing, yams, green beans, and apple cobbler was great! A variety of hot teas, chocolate, and sparkling apple cider were



also served. Soror **Juliette Johnson** is Chairperson for the Cozy.

The **Green Envelope**, our service project for the season was very successful. Sorors contributed and donated a total of \$1,200.00 to this seasonal project. Families who have transitioned/moved into their own homes are given assistance. Gift Cards to Kroger and Wal-Mart were given to two (2) families and to one of our own Sorors with medical problems. The gift cards allow families to buy groceries, clothes and toys for their children. The Homeless Committee, the Green Envelope Com-



mittee, and the Cozy Committee made the presentation at the Boulevard House in Atlanta.

The Homeless Committee, as well as other Sorors prepared breakfast and served the residents of the Boulevard House. Kudus to all of the Sorors in attendance. Many of the 15 Crystals were on hand to participate with this endeavor. Soror



**Kathy Hill** and her "crew" was in the kitchen, and other Sorors including **Christine Davis, Mary Thomas, Janeior Farrington and Treva Carter** were helping to serve the residents. Many other Sorors were in attendance playing games and giving out gifts to the children.

**S**haring and Caring was abundant as Sorors continued to spread joy at Wheat Street Baptist Church with the Youth and Young Adults. Sorors **Trina Pitts, Treva Carter, Melody Best, Lynnetea Washington, and Millicent Henry** participated at the Wheat Street Baptist Church Christmas program for boys and girls. Soror Trina and her husband dressed as Mr. and Mrs. Santa Claus and entertained the children. Sorors Treva, Lynnetea, Melody, and Millicent assisted with escorting families to their assigned tables with their sponsors and also organized/labeled donated Christmas gifts and placed them at their designated stations. There were 28 families that were sponsored and received donated Christmas gifts from Church and community members.



# SISTERHOOD ACTIVITIES

Submitted by Betty Faoye

**T**he Annual sisterhood Luncheon was held on Saturday, February 7, 2015, at Pappadeaux Restaurant in Alpharetta, GA..



We were so pleased that so many of our sisters were able to attend. **Gail Stafford** and **Bettye Faoye**, *CO-Chairperson* agreed with it being Women's Heart Health Month, having a seafood luncheon was the best idea. The weather was perfect the Sorors we're beautiful and bearing sweet treats for all to enjoy. It is always a blessing when sisters come together to love and support each other. Special "sweet treats" were give to all in attendance.



## Retirement Celebration

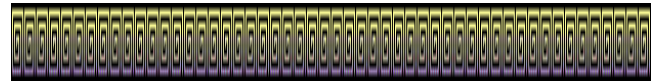
**Soror Eula Rouland**, RN,MSN retired from the Veterans Affairs Medical Center (Atlanta) after thirty (30) years of service. Eula started her career at the VA Medical Center as a Med-Surg nurse. She transferred the Dialysis Unit and worked as a staff nurse, team leader and acting nurse manager. For the past eight (8) years she



L-R Soros Sarah Myers, Vickie Reeves-Span, Basileus Juanita –Delaney Gibbons, Eula Rouland, Sheryl Handy, Emma Jean Powell

served as President of Nurse United as well as on numerous committees as the nurse representative.

**Gamma Chi and Mu Phi sorors** were in attendance to help her Celebrate. Gifts were presented to her from Gamma Chi Chapter by **Basileus Juanita Gibbons - Delaney**, and from Nuclei Group 1 by **Soror Emma Jean Powell**.



## Candid Shots from Sisterhood Activities



# LEGISLATIVE UPDATE

**M**embers of Gamma Chi Chapter attended 2015 GNA Legislative Day at the Georgia State Capital. With the current flow of health care and practice continues to transform it is more important than ever for professional nurses to have an active voice in shaping of health care policy as it pertains to care delivery and nursing practice in Georgia. This event gave us an opportunity to become more informed about the legislative platform. One of the major House Bills followed this legislative session was HB 1, better known as the medical marijuana bill. After lengthy discussion in the Senate Health and Human Services Committee last week, this bill now carries several amendments to the floor for consideration. Hospitals, however, are still exempt from criminal liability should a patient self-administer this type of drug while being treated at their facility. AS of print time of the newsletter there is still no decision on HB1.



*L-R: Erica Mills, Juanita Delaney, Trina Pitts and Sharmaine Scott*

**W**ith big issues like the Transportation Bill and the State Budget, it was originally thought this session would be monopolized by those large elephants in the room. The good news is that there are significant budget allocations that are favorable to nursing in the FY 16 Budget. This session is shaping up to be one of the most prolific sessions in recent memory with many Bills from both Chambers in the hopper. There are numerous Bills that are relevant to the practice of nursing. **GNA's Legislative Committee has been vigilant in reviewing and giving feedback on a rapid succession of Bills on the Agenda**

There has also been much discussion about the fragility of rural hospitals and the need for the FY 2016 budget to include Medicaid payment increases for healthcare practitioners. Medicaid payment levels have not been updated since 2002 and are currently based on 85% of the 2000 Medicare fee schedule. The additional state funds needed to provide parity with the 2014 Medicare fee schedule are expected to equate to \$60 million annually. Potential for a pilot project plan related to rural hospital systems is anticipated from the Governor soon.

**The Legislative calendar indicates that Cross Over Day 30 will be on March 13 and that Sine Die, Legislative Day 40 will be April 2.**

**The following are Bills we bring to your attention:**

**GNA supports HB1 – Haleigh's Hope Act – Medical Marijuana Bill** <http://www.legis.ga.gov/legislation/en-US/display/20152016/HB/1> GNA seeks the addition of (provider neutral language) allowing a provider who is qualified to provide these services by virtue of education, training and certification as identified in Georgia code and seeks that the commission appoint a Registered Nurse as a serving member of the commission and that the language include: cannabis derivative product neutral, and disease neutral language and other neurogenic chronic pain conditions such as neuropathies.

**GNA Supports HB 394 – Nurse Practice Act** <http://www.legis.ga.gov/legislation/en-US/Display/20152016/HB/394> relating to nurses, so as to revise various provisions relating to the licensure of registered professional nurses and licensed practical nurses; to revise provisions relating to the powers and duties of the Georgia Board of Nursing; to provide for acceptance of nursing education programs located outside the United States; to provide for a time period for applicants who do not pass the licensing examination; to revise provisions relating to renewal of licensure; to provide for related matters; to provide for an effective date; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes. Passed out of House HHS.

**GNA Supports HB 362 - Student health;** licensed health practitioners to prescribe albuterol sulfate for schools; authorize <http://www.legis.ga.gov/legislation/en-US/Display/20152016/HB/362> relating to student health in elementary and secondary education; to amend Chapter 4 of Title 26 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to pharmacists and pharmacies, so as to authorize licensed health practitioners to prescribe albuterol sulfate for schools; to authorize pharmacists to fill such prescriptions; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes. We would like to see the legislation include some educational components for unlicensed assistive personnel. There is also a concern for those student who do not have a prescription for it or administering expired medication. This legislation includes APRNs as prescribers for kids and in school. Passed out of House HHS.

**GNA Supports SB 114 – Advanced Practice Registered Nurses;**

number of advanced practice registered nurses a delegating physician enter a protocol agreement; provisions <http://www.legis.ga.gov/legislation/en-US/Display/20152016/SB/114>

**GNA Supports SB 51/HB195 – Pharmacists and pharmacies;** substitutions of interchangeable biological products; provide <http://www.legis.ga.gov/legislation/en-US/Display/20152016/HB/195>

**GNA supports HB 179 – Pain management clinics;** health care professionals who must be on-site for the clinic to provide medical treatment or services; revise a provision <http://www.legis.ga.gov/legislation/en-US/Display/20152016/HB/179> seeking the following provider neutral language editing # 6 “acting within their scope of practice.”

**GNA supports HB 198 – Jason Flatt Act-Georgia;** enact <http://www.legis.ga.gov/legislation/en-US/Display/20152016/HB/198> relating to student health in elementary and secondary education, so as to require annual suicide prevention education training for certificated school system personnel; to provide that no cause of action is created; to provide that no duty of care is created; to provide a short title; to provide for legislative findings; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes. Needs funding?

**GNA opposes SR#6 – Resolution that would legalize recreational marijuana –** <http://www.legis.ga.gov/legislation/en-US/Display/20152016/SR/6>

**GNA Opposes HB 349 & SB 115 – Physicians assistants;** physicians to delegate authority to prescribe Schedule II controlled substances under certain conditions; authorize

<http://www.legis.ga.gov/legislation/en-US/Display/20152016/HB/349> D/T not allowing a provider who is qualified to provide these services by virtue of education, training and certification as identified in Georgia code. The separate board’s authority allows for defining scopes of practice. GNA does not want APRN’s added to this Bill due to the burdens in job description stipulations described in this Bill.

**GNA opposes HB 155 – Health;** registration with the vaccination registry by persons who administer vaccines and by pharmacies, agencies, or businesses employing persons who administer vaccines; require <http://www.legis.ga.gov/legislation/en-US/Display/20152016/HB/155> GNA’s concerns are that the Commissioner is not well defined in this Bill. Yet the “commissioner” can issue a complaint and call a hearing regarding the failure of a pharmacist or RN who fail to comply with all the regulations and the commissioner can suspend such person's vaccine practice for up to two years and could issue disciplinary action without involvement of the BON.

**GNA Opposes HB 15 – American Heritage Celebration Act;** enact <http://www.legis.ga.gov/legislation/en-US/>

[Display/20152016/HB/15](http://www.legis.ga.gov/legislation/en-US/Display/20152016/HB/15) relating to regulation of fireworks, so as to allow for the sale of consumer fireworks not prohibited under federal law; to provide for a short title; to provide for definitions; to amend Code Section 16-7-80 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to definitions relative to crimes related to explosives and other devices, so as to correct cross-references; to amend Chapter 60 of Title 36 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to general provisions applicable to counties and municipal corporations, so as to allow for local regulation of fireworks; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

**GNA Opposes HB 110 – Fireworks;** provide for sale of consumer fireworks; provisions <http://www.legis.ga.gov/legislation/en-US/Display/20152016/HB/110> relating to regulation of fireworks, so as to provide for the sale of consumer fireworks; to provide for definitions; to provide for licensing; to revise penalties; to amend Chapter 13 of Title 48 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to specific, business, and occupation taxes, so as to provide for an excise tax on the sale of consumer fireworks; to provide for criminal penalties; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

**GNA neither supports nor opposes HB 297 – Professional licensing boards;** make designations for the receipt and processing of applications for examination <http://www.legis.ga.gov/legislation/en-US/Display/20152016/HB/297> - Both GNA and the GBON interpret that this legislation would not impact the GBON.

**GNA Monitoring HB 28 – Controlled substances;** patients who are prescribed Schedule II or III for extended periods; require Opioid Education and Pro-Active Addiction Counseling <http://www.legis.ga.gov/legislation/en-US/Display/20152016/HB/28> Controlled substances; patients who are prescribed Schedule II or III for extended periods; require Opioid Education and Pro-Active Addiction Counseling- GNA opposes the added third party cost to patients for education that is already being provided. The Bill as currently written would increase cost to patients and limit access to home bound patients. Provisions are already in place to help educate the public on medication safety.

**GNA Monitoring HB 354 –** <http://www.legis.ga.gov/legislation/en-US/Display/20152016/HB/354> relating to insurance generally, so as to require an insurer providing services under the state health benefit plan to include certain trauma centers in its provider network; to provide for a mechanism to resolve disputes between insurers and hospitals; to provide for legislative intent; to provide for definitions; to provide for an appeal to the Commissioner of Insurance; to provide for appointment of an arbitration panel; to provide for the panel membership and duties; to provide for subject matter of disputes; to provide for binding decisions; to provide for appeal of the arbitration panel decision and venue; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.



# Gamma Chi Trailblazers

*Submitted by Soror Emma Jean Powell*

**A**s we celebrate Black History Month we must recognize the trailblazers of Gamma Chi Chapter. The Chapter has such a rich and rewarding history that we must continue to focus on our sisters that have made a path for us to follow. This article will feature just a few of our Sorors.

**Allie Saxon** is a Charter Member of Chi Eta Phi Sorority, Inc., Gamma Chi Chapter, Inc. Soror Saxon integrated Emory University, School of Nursing, graduating with a Master's Degree in Nursing. She was one of the First African-American to earn this distinction. Soror Saxon earned a Bachelor's Degree in nursing from the Tuskegee Institute in Alabama, the closest place to Atlanta an African American could earn a bachelor's degree in nursing at that time. Just prior to entering Emory University, Soror Saxon taught at Carver High School, in Atlanta, GA



After earning her Emory degree, Saxon joined the faculty at Winston-Salem State College in North Carolina, which had a training agreement with Grady Memorial Hospital. She later moved to the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services in Atlanta and then became a contractor representative for Medicare.

**Verdelle Bellamy** is a Charter Member of Chi Eta Phi Sorority, Inc., Gamma Chi Chapter, Inc. Soror Saxon integrated Emory University, School of Nursing, graduating with a Master's Degree in Nursing. She was one of the First African-American to earn this distinction. In 1974, Soror Bellamy became the first African American person to receive a gubernatorial appointment to the Georgia Board of Nursing from then-Governor Jimmy Carter; in 1978, she became the first Black President of the Georgia Board of Nursing. In 1980, Soror Bellamy was honored in the U.S. House of Representatives; in 1981, she received the Alumni Merit Award from Tuskegee University. In 1993, she was inducted into the American Academy of Nursing, which is a National Nursing Hall of fame. Soror Bellamy has been herald as a Living Legend. She



also received the Emory Medalist Award in 2005 for her lifetime achievements.

Soror Bellamy became the V.A. Medical Center's first black administrator when she became Associate Chief of Nursing Services for Geriatrics.

Soror Bellamy has been such a force in nursing on the local, and national level that it is impossible to list her many accolades and accomplishments here.

In Chi Eta Phi she was the first Basileus of Gamma Chi Chapter, has served at the Regional level and is a Past National Supreme.

It is of importance that we note sorors Verdelle Bellamy and Allie Saxon, both entered the graduate program as the first African American students in the School of Nursing at Emory and the first full-time African American students at the university. It was the same year Martin Luther King was arrested and jailed during anti-segregation protests in Birmingham, Soror Bellamy's hometown; it was the year of the "I Have A Dream" speech and of the bomb explosion at a black church in Birmingham that killed four young girls, sparking riots that shook the city and the South.

**Catherine W. Binns** was initiated into Chi Eta Phi Sorority, Inc., Gamma Chi Chapter in 1975. She is a graduate of Florida A&M University, matriculated at North Carolina Central University, and received a Masters in Education from Atlanta University. Soror Binns, an activist for the nursing profession, started her career as a school nurse/teacher, 1955-1978, at Turner High School in Atlanta Georgia. She became Coordinator of School Health Services, 1978-1993, at the Atlanta Area technical School, which is a part of the Atlanta Public School System.

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Soror Binns was an integral part of that Atlanta political scene, being advisor to many of the up and coming political leaders in Atlanta. Many accolades have been bestowed on her over the years from such organizations as the National Council of Colored Women Alpha Kappa Alpha, the Georgia Nurses Association, having received the Ludie Andrews Award in 2001.

Soror Binns was enshrined as Distinguished Alumna, 1991 by the School of Nursing, Florida A&M University. She was honored and named Gracious Lady, 1993: A Salute to Gracious

Ladies Of Georgia. Soror Binns is dedicated to encouraging and motivating our new Sorors to achieve their full potentials through education, leadership, community service, activism, and just having fun by enjoying life with every moment that has been bestowed.

**Soror Binns and Soror Bellamy** collaborated to edit the book: **A Short Biography of Lillian Harvey**, an African American Nursing Pioneer.

**Mary N. Long** became a member of Chi Eta Phi Sorority, Inc.,



**Gamma Chi Chapter in 1982.** She was a very active member for many years.

Soror Long lead the Capital Campaign for Chi Eta Phi to raise funds for capital improvements of the National sorority House in Washington, D.C.

Soror Long is a graduated of the Grady Memorial Hospital School of Nursing Class of 1963. Following graduation she continued to work at Grady Hospital in Ambulatory care, until she became vice-president of the Arthritis

Association of Georgia, the first minority to serve in this role. Soror Long was active in many community, healthcare, and political organizations. She is a strong advocate for nurses, the rights of nurses, and a champion for quality patient care.

She was one of the original nurses to work with **Saint Joseph's Hospital Mercy Mobile**, taking healthcare to the streets and to the homeless population of Atlanta. The program was such a success, a similar program was started in Athens, GA.

Soror Long was active in her professional organizations, becoming the **first African American Nurse to serve as President of the Georgia Nurses Association.** She was also elected as delegate to the American Nurses Association on several occasions representing the **Nurses of Georgia.** Soror Long also was the first African American President of the YMCA of Greater Atlanta.

**Soror Long was honored by the Georgia General Assembly in 2014. She was the first Minority woman to lobby the Georgia General assembly.** Soror Long also has served on the Citizen Review Board of the Atlanta Police Department. **She was a delegate to the 2008 Democratic Convention where Barack Obama received the nomination for the Democratic Candidate for President. Mr. Obama was subsequently elected as the First African American President of the United States of America.**

Soror Mary Long has such an outstanding record for community service, health activist, political strategist, only a few of her accomplishments are snapshotted here.

## Black History Program

*Submitted by Soror Georgia Faye Jackson*

**O**n Saturday, February 28, 2015; Gamma Chi Chapter of Chi Eta Phi Sorority, Inc. paused to celebrate Black History Month. Members dressed in their finest African Attire representing all the colors of the diaspora. A fashion show was held were members strutted their stuff down the runway. **1st prize winner was Christine Davis.** Also, there was a test of our knowledge of Black History. **1st prize winner-Gail Stafford.** A thank you to all members who participated in this awesome event.



**Georgia Faye Jackson, Black History Celebration Chair**

## Taste of Gamma Chi

*Submitted by Soror Sarah Killian*

**T**aste of Gamma Chi is an annual event held by Gamma Chi Chapter, Chi Eta Phi Sorority, Inc. to commemorate Heart Health Month. Sorors are asked to prepare their favorite heart healthy dishes for a luncheon buffet. The affair was held on Saturday, February 28, 2015 at Georgia Nurses Headquarters. A total of 33 sorors attended; proceeds from the event were donated to American Heart Association to assist in the battle against heart disease. It was a successful event of caring, sharing and learning.



# SOUTHEAST REGIONAL CONFERENCE

Montgomery, Alabama

March 19-22. 2015

**T**he Southeast Regional Conference started with a monumental salute to the birth of the modern day Civil Rights Movement. The 1st day of the conference the Sorors we taken on the Heritage Tour to see firsthand the Birth Place of The Civil Rights Movement.



*Soror Delaney & Thomas waiting to go on Heritage Tour with Soror Alston & her husband looking on.*

**T**he 62nd Southeast Regional conference was held March 18th-22nd 2015 in Montgomery, Alabama at the Renaissance Hotel and Spa at the Convention Center. Our host chapter was Epsilon and Theta Phi Chapter. The theme and primary goal of this conference was to go "Back to Basics through Love". The lineup of dynamic speakers, interactive sessions, networking opportunities, CNE credit offerings, provided in-depth insight, as well as practical tools to take back to your areas of expertise. The conference attracted 273 nurses and other healthcare professionals. **The Gamma Chi Chapter Delegation was lead by our esteem Basileus Juanita Gibbons-Delaney and Anti-Basileus Donna Carroll. Soror Clara Cabey served as SER Parliamentarian.**

The Opening Ceremony was one of the most memorable highlights of the conference. Our Guest Speaker was **Mr. James Perkins, Jr.** of Selma, AL. He is a minister, husband, father, consultant, public speaker, activist, mayor, entrepreneur, teacher,

and author. He uses his abilities to serve people in every role mentioned. He is a minister of the Gospel and assistant pastor at Ebenezer Baptist Church. Mr. Perkins served as Mayor of



*Mr. James Perkins and Soror Ophra Odughela*

Selma, AL for eight years. Mr. Perkins is also the son of Soror Perkins, a member of Epsilon Chapter. After his inspiring keynote address the sorors were renewed, revitalized, and rededicated in their mission of **"Service to Humanity"**.

The first two days consisted of leadership educational sessions and workshops. Several vendors arrived including (our own **Soror Eula Carroll**) with lots of mementoes.

Friday, March 20, was the Opening Ceremony with all Sorors and Fraters in Yellow. It was a breathtaking sight to see, a sea of yellow. We were provided greetings from the **Supreme Basileus Soror Elcedo Bradley**. After the opening session, several of us went to an Oyster restaurant where some of our new Sorors had lots of questions. Once we finished lunch, back to the hotel, **wardrobe change**, changed into our **business attire and colors** and attended the first Plenary session. It was awesome seeing our new Sorors (**Oprah, Alexia, Michele, Lisa, Kimberly, Karan, Catresha, Louise, Brittney**) all involved in this session.

The **Memorial Service** was held on Friday. Candles were lighted in memory of twenty-one sorors of the South East Region. **Gamma Chi Sorors** remembered were Soror **Johnnie Robinson and Soror Brenda Harris**.

It was not all work. We tour the campus of Tuskegee University, the only historically black college or university campus in the

nation to be designated a National Historic Site. Notable alumni of the university include syndicated radio host Tom Joyner and singer Lionel Richie. Auburn University a coeducational public university with a large athlete department and the Tuskegee airmen site, where the first black servicemen to serve as military aviators in the U.S. armed forces, flying with distinction during World War II. We had lunch with the Mayor of Montgomery.

On the last evening of the conference Epsilon and Theta Phi Chapters, host chapters, sponsored a Motown Review. Sorors danced well into the morning!

Overall, conference participants learned several important concepts about being in such a prestigious organization and how to become good decision-makers, and leaders. We were a great cohesive group who by the way, **won the plaque for the most members to attend the conference.** So our next trip is to Boule in July.

Soror Donna Carroll

*Donna Carroll*

Anti-Basileus



*Bonding after some of the sorors came back from the Selma tour: Brittany Mann, Alexa Thompson, Oprah Odugbela, Sarah Killian, Treva Carter, Donna Carroll, Janet Braimah, Christine Davis, Karan Lindo*

### *Anita K. Bass Luncheon*



*Sorors Treva Carter, Mary Walker, Kathy Hill, Juliette Johnson, Louise Perdue, Emma Jean Powell, and Donna Carroll.*



*Sorors Claudette Rainey, Miriam Henderson, Janet Braimah, and Gail Stafford*



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