



Gamma Chi Chapter Chi Eta Phi Sorority, Inc.



Fall 2016

Historic Founders Day For Gamma Chi



Founders Day Attendees with Newly Inducted Sorors

(Not pictured: Sorors Emma Jean Powell, Vickie Spann-Reeves and Louise Perdue)

With nearly 50 members in attendance on Sunday, October 16, 2016, Gamma Chi Chapter celebrated the 84th Anniversary of Chi Eta Phi Sorority, Inc. This event was held at the GNA Headquarters, Atlanta, Georgia. Active, inactive and visiting members were in attendance. Of special note two of Gama Chi Chapter's Charter members were in attendance; **Soror Lizzie Alexander and Soror Lillian Thomas. Past Supreme Basileus, Catherine Binns** was also present.

This was a special occasion as not only was Founder's Day celebrated, but Gamma Chi Chapter had its first **Accelerated Membership Intake**, inducting five (5) new members. Our newest members, The Fabulous Five, got to witness the joyous celebration, the sisterhood/brotherhood, the fellowship in remembrance of our Founders and our re-dedication to the cause that our esteemed organization represents.

Special recognition was given to charter members, Past Supreme Basileus, and the chapter's Basileus for their dedication, hard work and support in getting Gamma Chi Chapter where we are today. They were presented with a bouquet of Chrysanthemum flowers in a glass vase filled with love as a token of our appreciation. It was truly a day to remember!

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Basileus Corner

SEASON GREETINGS

I wish you, your family and your loved ones the very best this holiday season. Most of all I hope you have time for yourself.



All roads lead to Atlanta for the **2017 South East Regional Conference!** This will be an event you don't want to miss, so please make sure that you have requested time off, made your room reservations and are ready to get an assignment to make this event a great success. *Our chairperson, Soror Georgia Jackson, co-chairs Angela Ward and Treva Carter, have put a lot into planning our SER Conference.* We are grateful for all of their efforts and their detailed work.

2017 will be another busy year for Gamma Chi Chapter, I hope you are ready!

Juanita Gibbons-Delaney

Basileus Gamma Chi

Veterans Day 2016

Thank you to all of the Veterans of Gamma Chi Chapter, Inc., Chi Eta Phi Sorority, Inc., for your service and for your commitment to playing an active role in helping advance the nursing profession at home and abroad. Gamma Chi Chapter would like to thank all of the veterans in this country for their courage, commitment, and for the immeasurable sacrifices they had to make in order to ensure that we all are safe here at home.

All gave some, but some gave all; so today we pause to take a moment to salute our service men and women, past and present. You are the reason we can say America is the **GREATEST COUNTRY IN THE WORLD!**

Congratulations



Gamma Chi proudly welcome the arrival of **Soror Angela Collins' baby boy, ACIII (Anthony M. Collins, III)**. He arrived on December 3, 2016 at 7:46 AM, and weighed 6 lbs. 3 oz. Baby and mother recovering well.

Congratulations Soror!!

Graduate



Congratulations to Soror Karen Rawls. Soror Rawls graduated August 20, 2016 from Capella University, earning a PhD in education specializing in nursing education and research.



Congratulations



On November 12, 2016, Grady Health System held its 11th annual Academy Awards for Nursing Excellence. It was a grand affair, celebrating nurses from Grady Children Healthcare Of Atlanta at Hughes Spalding.

There were two recipients of awards from Gamma Chi Chapter, Inc. **Soror Dr. Karen Rawls** (pictured) received the award for **Advance Practice Nursing/Educators**. **Frater Randy Crawford** (pictured) received the **Betty Blake Award for Surgery AND the CEO Award for Nursing Excellence**. The **CEO Award** is the **most prestigious award** given by the Grady Healthcare System.



New Sorors

Gamma Chi Chapter welcomed new sorors in October, 2016. The newline was called The Fabulous Five. Fabulous they are.. The new sorors are: **Rachel Dennis, Amanda Hawkins, Clemmie Jones, Brooke Moore, and Denita Pryor.**

On Saturday, October 8, 2016, the **Fabulous Five (Chi Club)** partnered with **Living Faith Worship Center** for their first Annual **“Early Detection Saves Lives”** health event featuring **Breast Cancer Awareness.** The theme of the health fair was **“More than Conquerors: We are Overcomers.”**



Sorors of Gamma Chi and the Fabulous Five

The event also had topics and screenings such as HTN, Diabetes, HIV awareness, Wellness, Fitness & Nutrition, and Health Insurance to name a few. The Chi Club **did HTN screenings and stroke educa-**



tion. They educated participants on handwashing to prevent the spread of germs during Flu season, as well as educated on proper handwashing techniques. They also educated participants on healthy, nutritional snacks. They gave away health



care packages filled with items that went with their teachings of hand hygiene and healthy snacks such as soap, wet wipes, tissue, a granola bar, trail mix, wheat peanut butter crackers, and a bottle of water. **The Fabulous Five reached a total of 23 participants for HTN screenings** and made 1 referral.



The Fabulous Five with Dean of Sponsors, Soror Treva Carter.

They followed back up with the participant referred by speaking to her in person, and the participant had already followed up with her PCP.

The project was very successful, and Living Faith Worship Center extended an offer for Gamma Chi Chapter to come back next year to participate with



their annual event. The Club gave away a *Fit Bit* for their fundraiser. **Carmen Tebout of Kaiser Permanente** was the winner and was very excited about getting started with the Fit Bit. The Club raised **over \$1000.00 for their fundraiser.**

Getting to Know you



Soror Clemmie Jones

Clemmie Jones attended DeKalb Community College/Georgia Perimeter College. She received her BSN from the University of Phoenix 2007 and MSN from the University of Phoenix in 2009. Clemmie persevered and attended the University of Detroit Mercy Post Master Certification-Nurse Specialist in 2013.

Her favorite past time is going to the movies and outdoor concerts. Most people do not know that she love listening to Southern Gospel Music and her favorite food is seafood and French fries. Soror Clemmie Jones stated she is happy to be a part of this Great Professional Nursing Organization.

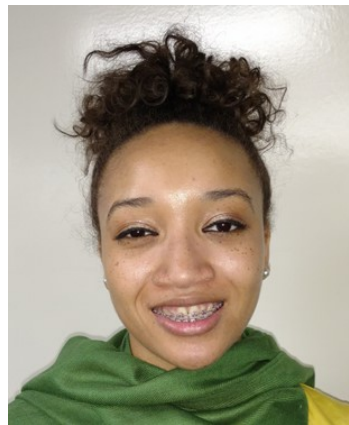


Soror Rachel Dennis

Rachel Dennis earned a BSN from Tennessee State University. Her favorite past time is attending Morris Brown College homecoming parades with her parents. Most people do not that she is the youngest nurse on her floor, in every positions she's held.

Her favorite foods are lob-

ster and crab legs.



Soror Brook Moore

Amanda Hawkins attended Tennessee State University. She enjoy watching different types of YouTube videos and spending time with family and friends. Most people don't know that she have never been on an airplane and love different types potatoes but, not a fan of French fries. Also, I usually don't mind traffic because, I utilize that time to listen to my favorite podcasts or albums.



Soror Amanda Hawkins



Soror Denita Pryor

Denita Pryor received her Bachelor of Science degree (with a major in Nursing) and a Master of Public Administration degree from Georgia State University .

She enjoys traveling the world. Denita hopes to visit all seven continents especially Antarctica! Denita is a supporter of Kenny Leon's True Color Theater, PBS, High Museum and the Atlanta Botanical Garden.

GAMMA CHI THANKSGIVING CELEBRATION

Our annual Thanksgiving celebration was held on Sunday, November 20th at 3 p. m. Dinner was served immediately following sorority meeting. As we carried out the order of business for our meeting, the pleasant aroma from the kitchen was quite pleasing and inviting. Soror Kathy Hill blessed the food with a beautiful prayer of Thanksgiving and everyone convened to partake of the large variety of food including desserts and beverages. Needless to say, the Thanksgiving spread was very well presented (thanks to our sorors who prepared the dishes so very eloquently on the tables...we appreciate you). After our sorors and frater prepared their



plates, the buzz flowing in the room went something like this: "Mmm, this is so good" "who made this", did you try this or did you try that",

or I need this recipe", "I think I'll go back for a little more of this"...all confirmations that once again Gamma Chi outdid themselves with a delicious and appetizing dinner. The dinner was well attended and enjoyed by all! Thank you Gamma Chi for such a beautiful celebration of giving thanks.

Legislative Update

Our first Georgia Nurses Association 2016 Pre-Legislation Session Workshop was held November 5, 2016 at the GNA Headquarters. The workshop was presided by Tim Davis, the new Director of Communications and External Coalitions for GNA. There were more than fifty professional registered nurses and nursing students, from all over the State of Georgia and out of state to attend



Soror Henderson, Lobbyist and CEO Marcus Downs.



Soror Velma Graham and Soror Miriam Henderson

this four hour informative interactive workshop.

One of the goals of GNA legislation committee is for professional nurses not just to get involved once a

year, but to participate in the legislative process all year around. It was an excellent time for networking and learning about the legislative process.

There was a long list of officials in the field of nursing and/or politics - to name a few: Catherine Futch, Georgia Nurses Foundation President; Debbie Hatmaker, ANA Executive Director; Marcus Downs, GNA Executive Director; Jodi Lott, House Representative, HHS Member; Richard Lamphier, RN, GNA Legislative Director; Merillee Gober, JD, RN; Cindy Shepard, GNA, Lobbyist; Dian Hewett, PhD, RN, NEA-BC; Molly Bachtel, RN, DNP, FNP-C; and Pat Gardner, House Representative, Minority Caucus Secretary.

A complementary lunch was served. At the workshop conclusion all the attendees received a Legislative Advocate Certificate and a pin that reads: "Georgia Nurses: Working to Relieve Suffering". Save the Date: Tuesday March 21, 2017 GNA will host it's annual "Georgia Nurses Association Legislative Day 2017". At the GA State Capital (Gold Dome), downtown, 206 Washington St. SW, Atlanta, GA 30334. Time: 8:30 AM to 3:00 p.m.,. Contact: www.registration@georgianurses.org, phone (404) 325 - 5536. Parking is available for approximately five dollars (\$5.00), all day.



Soror Miriam Henderson waiting to be pinned

serve in the Georgia State Legislature. Soror Emma Jean Powell is a member of the GNF Executive Board.



Projects and Programs

Aids Walk & 5K Run Atlanta

The 26th Annual AIDS WALK and 5K Run Atlanta was held on October 16, 2016. This is the largest fund raiser for the HIV/AIDS cause, in the Southeastern United States.

Gamma Chi Chapter of Chi Eta Phi, Inc., partnered with **Positive Impact Health Centers for the 18th year**, to collect



funds. This organization provides programs and health services for men, women and children infected and/or affected by HIV/AIDS.

Essie Rowser,

a former board member of AIDS Gwinnett now Positive Impact and our own Past Supreme Basileus, is **memorialized at this time.**



The Georgia Nurses Association (GNA) and the Georgia Nurses Foundation (GNF) held a Meet and Greet September 28, 2016. The Meet and Greet was to introduce the GNA and GNF Executive



Boards, their lobbyist and staff to Georgia's Nurse Legislators. There are four (4) registered nurses who



Sorors Mary Walker, Mary Gainey, Georgia Jackson and Juliette Johnson assisted with registration, providing educational brochures, handing out commemorative T-shirts and refreshments for walkers/runners

Mental Health Conference

Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc, Atlanta Chapter presented the 2016 Mental Health Conference entitled “*My Cry in the Dark*”, October 22, 2016. The conference was held at Spelman College in the Camille Cosby Auditorium. **Soror Kimberly Booker**, Gamma Chi Chapter’s Education Chairperson, started the conference with the welcome and occasion. The Keynote Speaker was Claudia Ann Taylor, Mental Health Nurse Practitioner, Psychotherapist, Licensed Professional Counselor, Vice President, National Association of Black Military Women.

The conference covered many areas of mental health including, Campus Sexuality/Date Rape/STD, Military Sexual Trauma, Depression, Suicide Prevention Awareness and Relationships and Self Esteem. **Dr. Sarah Myers**, a member of Gamma Chi Chapter was a presenter and **Soror E.J. Powell** was in attendance.



HOMECOMING QUEEN 2016

Soror Oprah Odugbela was selected to represent the Atlanta Alumni Chapter of South Carolina state University at the 2016 Home Coming.



Soror Odugbela is an active member of Gamm Chi Chapter. She has been extremely instrumental in launching the Gamma Chi website and the Gamma Chi Facebook page.

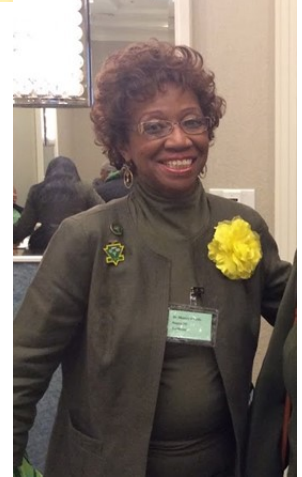


Leadership Conference

The 2016 Chi Eta Phi Sorority, Inc. Leadership Conference was held in Sand Destin Beach, FL. November 10th & 11th.



Four members from Gamma Chi Chapter attended the conference, **2nd Anti-Supreme Basileus Sarah Killian, Sorors Christine Mullens, Louise Perdue and Basileus Juanita Gibbons-Delaney. Soror Killian** gave a presentation to the national Chi Eta Phi Sorority audience on Mentoring and **Soror Gibbons-Delaney** gave a presentation on the role of the Anti-Basileus.



Vitas Hospice which is a national partner with Chi Eta Phi Sorority, Inc. gave an excellent eight hour work shop on Hospice Care.

SER Director Soror Rhonda Hollis



Gamma Chi Recognition

Anti-Basileus Mary Walker, presented Award of Excellence Certificates for dedicated service, outstanding performance and exceptional commitment to program and projects of Gamma Chi Chapter to Sorors Treva Carter, Mary Thomas, Christine Mullins, Emma Jean Powell and Basileus Juanita Gibbons-Delaney at the September meeting.

Congratulations

Gamma Chi Chapter congratulates **Soror Claudette Rainey on being elected as the 2017-2019 president of Church Women United (Atlanta)**. Church Women United is an international organization. Congratulations Soror Rainey and Best Wishes as you take the reigns of such a prestigious organization.



INTAKE AND FOUNDERS DAY PHOTOS



Christmas with Gamma Chi

Gamma Chi's December enhancement meeting, the Christmas Cozy 2016 was celebrated on 12/11/2016 at the Georgia Nursing Association site. Food, Fun, and Love was shared by the twenty-seven (27) Sorors and Frater in attendance.



Everyone enjoyed the "Gag" gifts, door prizes, great food, and fun and games. "What's in your Purse" and the "Ugly Christmas Sweater" were two of the newest games/contest! The categories for the "Ugly Christmas Sweater" contest were: Most Creative, Most Flammable, Most Ugly and Most Vintage!



The "**Green Envelope**", our holiday community outreach project, was contributed to by thirty-four (34) members. Homeless families recently moving away from the Nicholas House Shelter and into their own homes, benefit from this donation. **Gift cards for food and toys for children are given to the families.**



The 2016 Christmas Cozy Committee Members are: Regina Dennis, Edna Fleming, Mary Gainey, Andrea Lewis, Karan Lindo, Angela Ward and Juliette Johnson.



Christmas at Nicholas House

The Homeless Committee sponsored it's Annual Christmas Pancake Breakfast at the Nicholas House. The Nicholas House is a haven for women and their children that are homeless. Breakfast was prepared by Soror Kathy Hill and members of the Eastern Star, as well as volunteers from a local accounting firm.

Sorors of Gamma Chi provided games, gifts, education, and health counseling to the residents (parents) of Nicholas House. All of the children received gift bags from Gamma Chi.

With the flu season in full swing, it was explained to residents the importance of hand washing and the appropriate way to protect themselves and others. All received hand sanitizers, wipes, chap sticks and tissues. Soror Best counseled fourteen (14) individuals and made seven (7) referrals for child physicals and immunizations, one (1) referral for a mammogram, and one (1) follow-up for blood pressure recheck.



Sorors in attendance were: Regina Dennis, Melody Best, Kathy Hill, Rachel Dennis, Janerio Farrington and Christine Davis



On Saturday, December 12, 2016, Soror Trina Pitts participated in the Wheat Street Baptist Church Christmas



program for boys and girls. Soror Trina and her husband continues the tradition as Mr. and Mrs. Santa Claus and entertained the children. The sponsored families received donated Christmas gifts from the church and community members.



World AIDS Day

Gamma Chi volunteered with Positive Impact (formerly AIDS Gwinnett) to present a program in honor of World AIDS Day. "Live, Love and Laugh", was the theme of the educational session for women participants from their 2016 prevention and positives program. Speakers with encouraging messages presented. Everyone had fun with games, and door prizes and lots of food! There was also a photographer to take and share fun pictures with stuffed animals and such.



Sorority sisters registered up to 30 participants and assisted with serving lunch. **Sorors were Juanita Gibbons-Delaney, Andrea Lewis, Gail Stafford, and Juliette Johnson.**

Photos



HAPPY HOLIDAYS TO GAMMA CHI





Special Thanks to the Sorors who submitted information to make this issue of the newsletter possible.

**Melody Best
Treva Carter
Edna Fleming
Regina Dennis
Velda Graham
Kathy Hill
Sonjile James
Juliette Johnson
Christine Mullens
Louise Purdue
Mary Walker**

