

Gamma Phi Delta Sorority, Inc.

Celebrating 65 Years of Sisterhood

Greetings Sorors,

Congratulations to the National Board and the South Atlantic Region for hosting our 55th Boule' and 65th Birthday Anniversary Celebration.

As I look forward to a wonderful blessed 65th birthday celebration and 55th Boule', Remembering our Past, Honoring our Present, and Planning for our Future, I give thanks for all of the support that I have received as your 65th Anniversary Celebration Chairperson.

The committees have worked diligently to research the history of this great organization, Gamma Phi Delta Sorority, Inc., to provide you with updated information that can be passed on to our future Sorors.

A special thank you to the Committee Chairpersons and their committee for doing an outstanding Labor of Love. The chairpersons are as follows : Sorors Bessey Long, Rose Pin Award Chair, Kay Davis, Living Pearl Chair , Frances Jarrett, Women Who Made A Difference Chair, Katie Broughton, Scholarship Chair, Audrey Allison, Publicity Chair, Jaun Robinson, Life Members Chair, Dr. Willie B. Kennedy, 65TH Celebration Tribute, Shinara Clayton, Transportation, Linda Cofer, Undergraduate Activities, Rebecca Ford, South Atlantic Co-Anniversary Celebration Chair and Phyllis Junor, Administrative Assistant.

We must "Continue the Vision with Collective Voices", keep our past and present current and available for the growth of our sisterhood and Gamma Phi Delta Sorority, Inc.

Soror La Verne Wilson

La Verne Wilson

National 65th Anniversary Celebration Chairperson

National Web-Site Manger

Life Member

Rose Pin Awardee



Gamma Phi Delta Sorority, Inc.
National Councils 2006-2008



Past Supreme Basilei Council

L to R Seated: Sorors Dr. Kay Davis, Bessye D. Long and Dr. Willie B. Kennedy

Standing L to R: Sorors Frances Jarrett and Patricia A. Daniels, Past and Present

Founder's Descendents



Dr. Phyllis Ponders
and

Dr. Marjorie Harris

(Daughters of Dr. Violet T. Lewis)

Chapter Basilei Council

Soror Shannell T. Blanton,
Chairperson

Soror Denise Corley, Secretary

*Gamma Phi Delta Sorority
Foundation*

Soror Natalie Ford, President

Dr. Willie B. Kennedy, Vice-President

Gamma Phi Delta Sorority, Inc. Past Supreme Basilei



Elizabeth Garner
1943-1948

The founder of Gamma Phi Delta Sorority, Inc., Soror Garner instituted Alpha Chapter, the first chapter, the sorority pin, colors, song, flower, poem, first Boule and colors and established our sorority as a non-profit corporation.



Beatrice Preston
1948-1955

During her term the Northern, Far Western, Eastern and Mid-Western Regions were organized. The first official publication The National Recorder was launched and later renamed The Lamplighter and Nu Phi Beta our fraternal brothers were formed and the Thirteen Pearls were finalized.



Dr. Marie Rivers Faust
1955-1960

Along with the organization of the Southern Region the Executive Board and an international chapter, Alpha Beta in Mexico City, Mexico, were established. National scholarships and the Phi-Teens were formed.



Kay Davis
1960-1968

Along with a successful membership drive and the establishment of the National Awards Program, the Post Boule Tour was initiated and plans for the purchase of the Sorority Headquarters were initiated.



Dr. Luthermae E. Adams
1968-1977

The Quad States Region was organized along with Gamma Beta Iota Chapter in the Bahamas Islands. The Sorority Headquarters was purchased and the Building Fund Life Membership was initiated.



Dr. Catherine E. Bozeman
1977-1986

The Sorority Headquarters mortgage and loan were paid and the headquarters were redecorated and furnished. The Headquarters Cornerstone was laid and the Luthermae E. Adams Endowment Fund and the Gaston Endowment were established.



Dr. Willie B. Kennedy
1986-1992

Established the South Atlantic Region, awarded the 40 year pin designed by Soror Alva J. Young, the five-point program MEEPS, the Heritage Fund, the Basilei Council, two Undergraduate chapters and a seat on the National Board for Undergraduate members. It was also during her term that the Ann McElwee Phi-Teen Perpetual Fund was established.



Frances Lowe Jarrett
1996-2000

Completed the renovation of the Headquarters including a lighted sign and gated fence. Lead the 50 Year Heritage Celebration in Washington, DC and the march to the Capitol with the presentation of a Position Paper written by the Sorors. Established the office of Supreme 3rd Anti-Basileus and the Undergraduate Scholarship.



Patricia A. Daniels
1996-2000

Developed leadership development training, Team Management Committees, implemented compiled reports and enhanced the National Councils. Lead the participation in the National Make a Difference Day.



Bessye D. Long
2000-2004

Established the Literature Review Committee to review our Constitution and By-laws and update our Handbook. Surveyed inactive members and promoted the establishment of youth groups to those chapters without one.

Gamma Phi Delta Sorority, Inc. Original Pearls

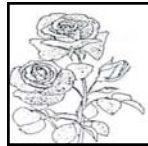
In June 1953 the selection of "Thirteen Original Pearls" of Gamma Phi Delta Sorority, Inc. These were women who made outstanding contributions to the organization in the formation period and in the expansion process. These women shall always remain as the "Thirteen Original Pearls". The following members were so honored.



Elizabeth Garner



Violet T. Lewis



Annie Blakemore



Lula Garner Waller



Geraldine Harrison Perkins



Robelye Trumbo Dungey



Beatrice Preston



Jean M. Myers



Odell Glover



Iva Lue Lennear



Eurine Harrison



Ruby Tipton



Mattie Willis

Gamma Phi Delta Sorority, Inc. Living Pearls

Because of the need to maintain thirteen active Pearls in Gamma Phi Delta Sorority, Inc. it was adopted by the Boule' in session at Detroit, Michigan on July 29, 1976 to establish the "The Thirteen Living Pearls" by election. This group does not replace the "Original Pearls" named by the organization as previously mentioned. Those Pearls will always remain as established. Pearls, in both categories, upon demise, shall become "Pearls In Memoriam".



Dr. Kay Davis

The accomplishments of Soror Davis during her eight years as Supreme Basileus have already been highlighted. As Chairperson of the Living Pearls Committee Soror Davis reflects on the many successes of strong religious women steeped in service whose contributions to newspapers, workshops and other presentations added to the prestige of our organization. There were also exciting Post Boule tours to such locations as the Bahamas, Africa, South America and Hawaii. Soror Davis notes, "The Chairperson of the National 65th Anniversary Celebration Soror La Verne Wilson added Encouragement with her request for Reflections in the following statement: 'When All Is Done-Please look forward to memorable pages of Reflections relating to Gamma Phi Delta Sorority—written and submitted by the Living Pearls'. " They gave unselfishly many years of dedicated service to Gamma Phi Delta Sorority, Inc. Space would not aloud their entire Reflections therefore, excerpts from their submissions give a snapshot of their goals and achievements.



Bessye D. Long

Inducted into this very special group of Gamma Phi Delta women in 1977 Soror Long reflects on the service she has given to our organization. Named Financial Grammateus Emeritus after 28 years in that position Soror Long was unequaled as a meeting planner for Boule and Board meetings. She also chaired the National Budget Committee, and the GPD 50th Anniversary Celebration to name a few. Her name was presented to the Boule body to be a Living Pearl by the late Supreme Basileus, Dr Luthermae E. Adams.



Dr. Phyllis Temple Lewis Ponders

The first born child of our Co-Founder Violet T. Lewis, Soror Ponders' life involvement with Gamma Phi Delta is a living history. Assisting her mother Soror Ponders began as a instructor at Lewis College of Business then became the Academic Vice President and Chair of the Board of Directors. During the formative years of Gamma Phi Delta Sorority she was frequently the driver for Elizabeth Garner, Dr. Lewis and Odell Glover as they organized chapters in what is now the Midwest Region. A Life Member for over 25 years, Phyllis is also a Rose Pin Award recipient in honor of her tremendous community service.



Sarah Young

In her collection of memories Soror Young recalls with great joy producing the 1971 National Membership Roster, serving on the National Secretarial Staff, being elected Supreme Editor-In-Chief in 1973; becoming a Golden Life Heritage Tile member; receiving the coveted Rose Pin Award, being elected Supreme Tamias and honored as a "Woman Who Made A Difference". Soror Young credits her membership with her distinguished community service in other organizations..



Marinda H. Gaskins

Her reflections of commitment to Gamma Phi Delta Sorority are rooted in her 41 years of membership and the establishment of Alpha Omicron Chapter in Washington, DC in 1961. She is the only remaining charter member. A legacy of service is continued through her daughters Donna and Vanessa who both presently hold chapter and regional offices. In addition to chapter offices Soror Gaskins has served as Eastern Regional Director and the Liaison to National Council of Negro Women and the Washington DC Urban League.

Gamma Phi Delta Sorority, Inc. Living Pearls



Edmonia Lovett

Soror Lovett starts her reflections remembering how she became a member through an introduction of Soror Nelis J. Saunders. Soror Lovett joined Alpha Omicron Chapter in 1972. As Basileus of the chapter she established the first scholarship in memory of deceased Sorors. Setting her sights on the Rose Pin Award, she worked on every level of the organization including Assistant Eastern Regional Director, Eastern Regional Director and Supreme 1st Anti-Basileus. A Soror wrote on her behalf of her bid for the award: "Gamma Phi Delta Sorority, Inc. has been the recipient of more than 20 years of your love and service to its purposes, aims and goals."



Frances L. Jarrett

Past Supreme Basileus Jarrett memories are filled with her service to past Supreme Basilei. With her husband Thomas Lowe, Jr. started a scholarship fund in 1974 that became the Lutermæ E. Adams Endowment. The "Save Change" project she instituted encourages chapters to save loose change throughout the year to submit the funds at Boule' where it in turn is used in part to fund educational opportunities for girls in Africa.

Soror Jarrett's community service includes volunteering with organizations, e.g., NCNW Board; Indianapolis Museum; red Cross; and the Little Red Door Cancer Society to name a few. She made many contributions that greatly aided her community, for which she was awarded the Rose Pin.

Living Pearls Continued



Nelis J. Saunders



Sidney K. Hason



Patricia A. Daniels



Dr. Marjorie Harris



Dr. Willie B. Kennedy



Frankie Gaston White

Gamma Phi Delta Sorority, Inc. Rose Pin Awardees

This honor is given to a Soror whose participation in recognizable areas outside the organization over a continuous period of five (5) years are deemed truly outstanding and noteworthy. The information and Sorors listed are all that was available at the time of print.



1970

Ivalue B. Leannear, Gamma

A charter member of Gamma Chapter of Indianapolis, Indiana as well as an Original Pearl, she served as Supreme Tamias. A member of North Meridian Methodist Church she earned the recognition of the community by working and caring for the children living in the United Methodist Home for Children.

1971

Delphine Martin, Lambda



Active in Gamma Phi Delta Sorority, Inc. for 55 years has volunteered extensively for church and community activities. Included are coordinating Lambda's stuffed animal project donated to Children's Hospital of Detroit, Michigan, dolls to the Goodfellows project, the church's bookstore, turkeys and dinners for her churches annual Thanksgiving community outreach, and coordinated an annual Six Weeks to Wellness worksite program. She has been Basileus several times and has held many positions at the local, regional, and national level.



1972

Bessie Lyons, Lambda

An active member for 52 years, Soror Lyons has served our sorority and the community in many ways. Her sorority commitment ranges from being the Northern Regional Grammateus, National Keeper of Records, National Membership Chairperson, Northern Region Basileus of The Year, and 10 terms as Lambda Chapter Basileus. Community volunteer services include the Sickle Cell Anemia Foundation, Detroit, Michigan local channel 56 Educational Programs and organized projects to help displaced and needy families.

1973

Margaret B. Little, Alpha Xi

Patricia Lewis, Alpha Theta

Effie Burgess, Zeta Nu

1976

Marjorie Anderson, Delta Nu



1977

Bessye D. Long, Iota Chapter



1979

Mayme Townsend, Gamma

A pioneer in child development, she served in many positions with Gamma Chapter including Basileus. Inspired by the words of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Soror Townsend opened a child development center in Indianapolis, Indiana to help prepare African American children for school through the concept of self-discipline, self-respect and self-control. She was a member of many social organizations and received many prestigious awards for community service.

Anne Singleton, Alpha Theta

1980

Kathryn Forbes, Rho

Josie Edwards, Gamma

Virtrue Lyday, Gamma Nu

1981

Irma Williams, Alpha Theta

Lula Williams, Alpha Theta

Willie B. Kennedy, Rho

1982

Thelma Gordon, Beta Iota

Vivian Meeks, Delta Nu

Rosie Jean Fisher, Iota

Co-Founder of Gamma Epsilon Chapter Soror Fisher is listed in The World's Who's Who of Women 1984. She has received many Gamma Phi Delta Sorority awards including, the Meritorious Service Award, Outstanding Youth Helper, and Outstanding Service from Iota Chapter. Her community service includes the East St. Louis, Missouri Habitat for Humanity where she has served as First Vice President, the Salvation Army Nurses Fellowship, Board member of the Friends of the Katherine Dunham Museum, Real People Community Service Award, St. Peter's A.M. E. Church where she is a member, and the Reba Hill Circle Charity and Education Club.

Gamma Phi Delta Sorority, Inc. Rose Pin Awardees

1983

Electra Washington, Alpha Theta

1985

Sarah Young, Omega



Soror Young has been honored for her many outstanding services to her community and for the leadership roles she has assumed. Her noteworthy contributions include: Commissioner and President, Inkster, Michigan Public Housing Authority, Organizing Chair and President Friends of the Library, Board Member, Northwest Child Guidance Clinic, Member and officer on the Parish and Diocesan level of the Episcopal Church. She has received community recognition and service awards such as Christian Woman in Action, and is listed in "Who's Who in Black America", Third Edition.

1987

Margaret B. Little, Alpha Xi

Delay Jeffries, Alpha Xi

1996

Frances Lowe Jarrett, Gamma

1998

Christine Murphy, Omega



Gamma Phi Delta Sorority, Inc. has benefited from Soror Murphy's membership in many ways. She served the Northern Region as Anti-Grammateus, organized Omega Chapter's Rosebuds, and was the Advisor for Beta Chi Undergraduate of Eastern Michigan University. The Inkster Community has benefited by her volunteering in nursing homes, Project Health-O-Rams, and the Friends of Leanna Hicks Public Library. Known for her artistic talents she has worked with the 4-H Friends/pattern drafting and dress design and is the GPD Heritage Hall Tile Chairperson where she decorates the tiles placed to honor those who are on the Wall of Fame.

Elma W. Peddy, Beta



Involvements that merited Soror Peddy's receiving this award span many aspects of her Detroit, Michigan community and sorority service. She has been associated with Head Start, Kellogg Youth Foundation, the NAACP, the Wayne County Citizens for Better Education, the Considine Recreation Center advisory Council and other organizations. Awards received are the Spirit of Detroit Award, Who's Who Among Outstanding Americans, Top Ladies of Distinction Outstanding Leadership Award and Mother of the Year of Metropolitan Baptist Church where she is a faithful member.

2000

Bertha L. Crossley, Beta



Serving with many organizations aside from her involvement with Gamma Phi Delta Sorority, Inc., Soror Crossley has received many honors and awards. Her community service includes the Detroit, Michigan Metropolitan Area Agency on Aging, Meals-On-Wheels, Bone Marrow Donor Drive, Coalition on Temporary Shelter, and the Public City and Health Committees. Her work with her church, Tabernacle Missionary Baptist Church, spans the Sunday School, being a Trustee, and an instructor of exercise and health classes.

2004

Nan Harshaw, Alpha Nu



La Verne Wilson, Delta Chi



Dedicated is an accurate description of Soror Wilson. Her dedication on the chapter, regional and national level of our organization has left indelible benchmarks for others to aspire. She served as Supreme Editor-In-Chief for 12 years, Far Western Regional Editor for 12 years and earned the distinction of Regional Editor Emeritus. In the Los Angeles, California community she is on the Board of the Vermont-Slauson Economic Development Corporation and has held many offices in the Veterans of Foreign Wars Ladies Auxiliary. A dedicated advocate for youth, Soror Wilson has passionately lobbied for her chapter, region and the national organization on their behalf. She has made it her purpose in life to see that the Youth Auxiliaries receive the attention, care and nurturing required making them outstanding citizens now and in the future.

Sorors Whose Award Year Was Not Available

Naomi E. James, Omega



A recipient of numerous community service awards and honors, Soror James wore many hats in our organization and in the Inkster, Michigan community. She was the recipient of the Top Ladies of Distinction, Lorraine J. Patterson D.O.V.E. Award, the YWCA Meritorious Service Award, St. Clements Church Angel Award, Teen Health Center Advisory Board Award. In Gamma Phi Delta Sorority both sang in and played for The Voices of Gamma receiving the Music Service Award. A three term Inkster City Council Member she also served as Mayor Pro Tem for the City of Inkster.

Helen Tolson Wilson, Delta Nu

Vivian Meeks, Delta Nu

Gamma Phi Delta Sorority, Inc.

Miss International Phi-Teen and Miss International Rosebud

Mr. International Cavalier and Mr. International Junior Cavalier

With the objective of eradicating juvenile delinquency, the Phi-Teens, Rosebuds and Junior Cavaliers were established. The Phi-Teens group was the creative idea of Soror Billye Paige Hawthorne of Phi Chapter, Anderson, Indiana. Phi-Teen clubs were established locally in the late fifties in the Southern and Mid-Western Regions. In 1969, Supreme Basileus, Dr. Luthermae E. Adams of Berkeley, California, initiated action to promote the youth to National status, to enlarge in scope, and update the youth program by including in the program younger girls, naming them Rosebuds. In 1974 Soror Frances Lowe Jarrett and her husband Thomas Lowe, Jr. started a scholarship fund that became the Luthermae E. Adams Endowment. The Cavaliers evolved from a group of men who traveled to the Boule' and Regional Meetings with their wives. Addressing the members of Gamma Phi Delta Sorority, Inc. in Detroit, Michigan in 1986 and Little Rock, Arkansas, in 1987, Senior Cavalier Elmer Beard proposed organizing Junior or Senior Cavalier groups. Junior Cavalier William J. Forbes Jr. of Delta Chapter, Sacramento, California designed the Junior Cavalier Pin which was approved in 1995 under the leadership of Supreme Basileus Frances Lowe Jarrett. The following youth were honored with the titles of International Phi-Teen, Rosebud, Junior Cavalier or Cavalier because of their outstanding performance in testing on their knowledge of sorority history and essay competition during their attendance at Boule'.

First Miss International Rosebud 1970

Teresa Mc Grew, Iota Chapter

Miss International Rosebud 1971

Rosalyn Cross, Iota Chapter

Miss International Phi-Teen 1982

Jennelle James, Iota Chapter

Miss International Phi-Teen 1994

British Williams, Alpha Phi Chapter

Miss International Rosebud 1994-1996

Michelle Rene' Scott, Delta Chi Chapter

Mr. International Jr. Cavalier 1994

William Forbes, Alpha Phi, Alpha Phi

Miss International Rosebud 1996-1998

Michelle Rene' Scott, Delta Chi Chapter

Miss International Rosebud 1998-2000

Rochelle Annie Scott, Delta Chi Chapter

Miss International Phi-Teen 1998-2000

Michelle Rene' Scott, Delta Chi Chapter

Miss International Phi-Teen 2000-2002

Rochelle Annie Scott, Delta Chi Chapter

Miss International Rosebud 2000-2002

Tavyn Richardson, Alpha Upsilon Chapter

Mr. International Cavalier 2000-2002

Evan Jackson, Delta Chi Chapter

Mr. International Jr. Cavalier 2000-2002

Brandon Mc Gilbert, Delta Chi Chapter

Miss International Rosebud 2002-2004

Kiara Vaughn, Beta Sigma Chapter

Mr. International Cavalier 2002-2004

Rick Blackmon, Delta Chi Chapter

Mr. International Jr. Cavalier 2002-2004

Christopher Daby, Alpha Phi

Miss International Rosebud 2004-2006

Jasmin James, Alpha Omega

Mr. International Cavalier 2004-2006

Michael Williams, Jr., Delta Chi

Mr. International Jr. Cavalier 2004-2006

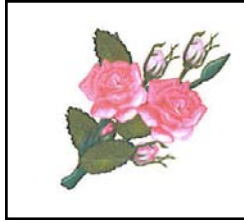
Kevin Williams, Northern Region

Mr. International Cavalier 2006-2008

Tony Clayton, Delta Chi Chapter

Gamma Phi Delta Sorority, Inc. Women Who Made A Difference

"Women who Made A Difference"



Supreme Basileus Frances Lowe Jarrett instituted this award at the 50th Anniversary celebration of Gamma Phi Delta Sorority, Inc. in Washington, DC in 1994. The award was established to honor Sorors whose dedicated service to Gamma Phi Delta Sorority, Inc. goes above and beyond the usual efforts.

Our Founder Soror Elizabeth Garner and Co-Founder Violet T. Lewis charted a course with the formation of this unique organization for business and professional women to foster educational, cultural, economic opportunities for children and women throughout our varied communities. Some of the attributes of these Sorors highlighted here include leadership ability, initiative, commitment, scholarship fundraising, and inspiring others both in their chapters and in their communities at large.

As in 1994 this honor was open to all chapters to submit a Soror they deemed worthy of this recognition. Those chapters who responded are featured here.



Kay Barrett
Gamma Chi Chapter
Oakland, California

She serves on the Disaster Committee at Bethel Missionary Baptist Church, volunteers for the City of Oakland at the Multipurpose Senior Center. Retired from the U.S. Postal Service, pursued another degree. She inspired and motivated the members to create our youth group, work on fund raising ideas, and build chapter membership. Through her hard work our Rosebud group has been formed. Soror Barrett is truly the light of our chapter and a great asset to Gamma Phi Delta Sorority, Inc.



Katie M. Broughton
Gamma Phi Chapter
Houston, Texas

A woman of many scholastic and community achievements she helps the needy (financially) and assists the elderly to and from doctor visits. She has been a team player and help mate in our chapter. In 2005 she saved a failing Quad States Regional Conference by taking the torch and making it happen. At Boule' 2006, she was given the Supreme Basileus Helping Hands Award.



Linda Lou Brown
Beta Chapter
Detroit, Michigan

Since induction she has attended every Boule' and Northern Region Conferences. She is the National Legislative Advocate, chaired the 2002 Felicitate Reception, and has held offices on the chapter level as Basileus, 1st Anti-Basileus, Tamias, and also chaired important committees, implemented and organized major scholarship fundraisers. Instrumental in furthering the chapter's community involvement, she was awarded the 2000 Basileus Honor Award and is a life member of Gamma Phi Delta Sorority, Inc.



Jo'Esther Bursie
Alpha Omega Chapter
Detroit, Michigan

Since induction in June 1989, she has had perfect attendance for Regional Conference, Administrative Board Meeting and Boule'. She served as Basileus, 1st Anti-Basileus and Tamias. Region: Assistant Regional Director/Organizer. National Monitress to Supreme Basileus Willie B. Kennedy and Supreme Basileus Frances Lowe Jarrett. Life Membership at Boule' in Miami, Florida. Elected to Supreme 1st Anti-Basileus in 2000. Her great achievements and contributions make her an excellent role model for others.

Gamma Phi Delta Sorority, Inc. Women Who Made A Difference



Amy Jones Filmore
Gamma Delta Chapter
Maitland, Florida

A charter member of Alpha Phi Chapter; organizer of the Founders event of all the chapters in Orlando/Central Florida area. Chairman of the Annual Community Rose Ball hosted by Gamma Delta Chapter. She is a strong committed leader, always keeps the Gamma Gals current with information about Gamma Phi Delta Sorority, Inc. on all levels. She is an organizer, encourager, and professional at all meetings. Soror Filmore exemplifies and stands for the hard right against the easy wrong for Gamma Delta Chapter.



Onnie D. Fluker
Alpha Pi Chapter
Montevallo, Alabama

Because of total involvement in unity, organization and structure she always exemplifies professional leadership qualities and cohesiveness in her Community, church and business environment. She is an organizer, builder of genuine character, a promoter of good will and integrity. This Soror is truly a person who made a difference in every performance, place and thing with which she is associated. In the sense of the word she is Alpha Pi's V.I.S.A. a woman who is Visible, Industrious, Studious and Accountable.



Rebecca H. Ford
Xi Beta Chapter
Orlando, Florida

She has been a member for forty-two years and a Life Member since 1987. Honored by the South Atlantic Region as Soror of the Year, locally serving as Basileus, First Anti-Basileus, Grammateus, Financial Grammateus, Tamias, Youth Advisor and currently serves as Parliamentarian. Regional and National accomplishments are just as prestigious. A believer in the principles and ideals of Gamma Phi Delta she strives to improve upon the foundation that has been laid by those who came before her. She is a member of Grace Community of Faith Church, active in Sunday School, Bible study and Silver Elite Ministries.



Doris Smith Harrell
Alpha Upsilon Chapter
Winston-Salem,
North Carolina

Alpha Upsilon Chapter's community visibility has increased tremendously. The chapter's Youth Awards Program, Project Lead and Ball are legend in Winston-Salem. She is held in high regard as an energetic and enthusiastic worker, able to communicate her ideas to others while taking enormous pride in her work. Her outstanding leadership skills have inspired all of those around her to believe that strength of character and service is a noble life mission. Doris Herrell believes that a continuous search for enlightenment through a never ending pursuit of a broad range of educational knowledge should be a lifelong endeavor for everyone.



Virginia L. Mason
Gamma Chapter
Indianapolis, Indiana

Virginia L. Mason established a goal to make Gamma Chapter recognizable in our organization, the Indianapolis community at large, among local churches and businesses, and all facets of the community. She has kept our name in the front on giving and distributing our goods and resources to those in need and made sure our monetary giving for scholarships excels for the education of our local youth. She has increased our chapter membership while maintaining retention. Soror Virginia Mason challenges and motivates all Gamma Sorors to strive for the highest potential within the Organization.



Barbara Ruth Maxton
Beta Mu Chapter
Spartanburg, South Carolina

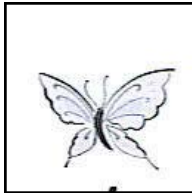
Soror Maxton has gone over and beyond living up to the mission of our organization. She joined Alpha Omicron Chapter in 1994 and was very active. She moved to Spartanburg, S.C. and immediately organized a chapter. The induction was attended by members of the South Atlantic and Eastern Regions. She was the first Basileus and later held offices as Parliamentarian and Assistant Regional Director for the South Atlantic Region. As Assistant Regional Director the region increased in chapters from five chapters to ten. In her community she provided workshops for parents to assist their children in an effort to elevate their test scores in reading, math and language arts. She volunteers to tutor children with deficits in reading and math. She has truly made a difference in her community.

Gamma Phi Delta Sorority, Inc. Women Who Made A Difference



Hellen R. Pacely
Alpha Chapter
Detroit, Michigan

She has served in all offices on the chapter level and as Assistant Regional Director and Regional Director, accomplishing implementing standing rules, a regional scholarship, initiated the "Missing in Action" program, gave strong support to Lewis College of Business Scholarship Banquet annually for 14 years, and many, many other community volunteer positions. On the National level she was Undergraduate Representative 1996-2000, received the Helping Hands Award, was the Regional Director Council Vice-President and Council President in 2006. During her term the region youth received the national attendance award. She has 29 years of service with AT&T. At New Prospective Missionary Baptist Church serves on the Usher Board #2 and Transportation Ministry. She has received awards from the Honorable Governor Jennifer Grahm, the Spirit of Detroit Award and the Detroit City Council.



Jestine Parker
Mu Omicron
Arlington, Virginia

Soror Parker's gentle spirit, giving heart and sense of humor has made a significant impact upon the chapter, her church and her community. She volunteers with seniors, visits individuals who are sick or homebound, and is always donating clothing, toiletries, and other items to those in need. Soror Parker goes quietly about doing these things without the need to "toot her own horn".



Muriel Parker
Gamma Eta Chapter
Los Angeles, California

For the past twenty-eight years Muriel has been an active, dedicated member of Gamma Phi Delta Sorority, Inc. A retired school teacher, her commitment to the social, cultural and academic excellence for young people has excelled. Over the years she has served several terms as chapter Basileus and Far Western Regional Tamias. A valued member of St. Reed Baptist Church Soror Parker has held many offices and chairmanships on many events and committees. She is a proud mother of a son and a daughter and a very proud grandmother.



Carolyn Robinson
Beta Phi Chapter
Toledo, Ohio

It is important in any organization to have committed dedicated and dependable members. Soror Robinson has proven that she possesses these qualities, not only within the organization but also in her daily life. Carolyn is always willing to jump in and keep our organization moving smoothly and moving forward. She has taken the responsibility to serve as Tamias when our current Tamias was on leave and presented efficient monthly financial reports and accountability of the chapter funds. She is the type of person who makes you feel that everything is attainable and she has been a pleasure to learn from.



Pinkie Wright Sanders
Alpha Phi Chapter
Orlando, Florida

Soror has been the mediator for Alpha Phi Chapter for many years. She always encourages a positive attitude and stresses for us to not let negativism take over our meetings. She believes and lives the motto: "Peace and Harmony". For forty-three years she has been that special person who holds our chapter together. Because of her strong leadership, she has served as our Basileus more than any other Soror. She has been very effective in encouraging inactive members to renew their membership. Her leadership style empowers others to continually strive for excellence for the betterment of Gamma Phi Delta Sorority, Inc. In Alpha Phi Chapter you will find that Sorors are willing to follow under Soror Sanders' leadership. She is loved and highly respected by the entire chapter.



Nelis J. Saunders
Alpha Theta Chapter
Detroit, Michigan

Soror Saunders has served since joining in 1960 as past Basileus of Alpha Theta Chapter, past Northern Regional Director, Past National Organizer, Past National Historian, and is a Living Pearl, as well as having been very active in the community. She organized 22 chapters for Gamma Phi Delta Sorority, Inc. in the states of Arkansas, Florida, Michigan, Tennessee, Texas and Wisconsin. Soror Saunders is a true advocate of the "Right to Vote". She encourages everyone to go out and vote because it is your right!

Gamma Phi Delta Sorority, Inc. Women Who Made A Difference



Jessie Shropshire
Alpha Nu Chapter
Springfield, Ohio

Our sister, Soror Jessie Shropshire has made a difference serving as an outstanding role model for her family, church, community, and Sorority, and by being a mentor to new members and a solid member of Alpha Nu Chapter. She is very supportive of all programs/activities that Alpha Nu sponsors. As a Life Members she is depended on to help initiate projects and programs through her own creativity, though her time is limited due to other community commitments. Her presence is always felt and much appreciated because of all the behind-the-scenes work she has done. She is constant, steadfast, dependable, cheerful, diligent, gracious, willing and stalwart. She epitomizes all that Gamma Phi Delta women can be, should be, and aspire to be.



Irene Toliver
Delta Phi Chapter
Ft. Worth, Texas

A Life Member of Delta Phi Chapter, Soror Toliver has been a member for 17 years. Since serving as Basileus, Tamias, Grammateus and Financial Grammateus of her chapter she is now First Anti-Basileus. Regionally, she has been Tamias, Grammateus, Financial Grammateus and Regional Director. On the National level she is a member of the Literature Review Committee and has attended every Boule', Regional Conference and Administrative Board since 1991 missing one year due to heart surgery. A retired educator, holding many degrees, she has served her community in many capacities, receiving awards for her contributions. Her church membership and family make an excellent role model for others to follow and an attribute to her chapter.



Geneva Walthall
Delta Nu Chapter
Detroit, Michigan

Since induction, Soror Walthall has been a member in good standing on the national, regional and local level. A Life Member since June 2000 Soror Walthall served as Supreme Tamias from 1998-2006. She was also name Soror of the Year in 1996. Since 1986 she has attended all National Conferences and all Regional Conferences (except 2007). Her Northern Region accomplishments include serving as Tamias, and the Northern Region Joint Founder's Day and Prayer Breakfast Co-Chair. In Delta Nu Chapter she has chaired several Artist of Tomorrow programs and is a loyal supporter of scholarship fundraisers for Delta Nu Chapter.



La Verne Wilson
Delta Chi Chapter
Los Angeles, California

An exceptional woman who has demonstrated great strength and intelligence in the pursuit of achieving the mission of Gamma Phi Delta Sorority, Inc., her efforts have produced high quality results time and time again. She has effectively coordinated, developed and successfully implemented complex plans to help Delta Chi Chapter. Along with organizational skills, she demonstrates leadership abilities that are both admired and respected by others. Her advice and support are always sought by others. A motivated woman with numerous talents and considerable self-discipline she is fun, loving, likable, enthusiastic, trusting and trustworthy always looking for new challenges, skill building and developing a resourceful network of Sorors that respect and admire her.



Mary L. Windsor
Alpha Gamma Chapter
College Park, Georgia

Her love of Gamma Phi Delta Sorority, Inc. shows. She is committed, dedicated and willingly completes tasks asked of her to do as well as completing tasks that need to be done, without being asked. She is the glue. She keeps us on point. She will pick up the ball and make things happen.

