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Are You Living Your Creed in 2018?

By Bro. Sean R. Bland, Alabama State Public Relations Dir.

Many things have happened in 2017 and I, like a lot of other Brothers feel good about 2018. There are many great travel opportunities for members such as District Meeting in Atlanta and Conclave in New Orleans. As I have said to Brothers in the past, one of the key benefits of membership is being able to network with professional men throughout the country.

I had the pleasure of going to all the State Meetings this year and I have found that we all have basically the same problem. Active members need the commitment of inactive Brothers to help keep the spirit of Omega alive. Membership numbers have declined but the 8-need help from the other 72 to make Omega reach her full potential.

We must hold our fellow Brothers that have fallen away from the fold of Omega accountable. I believe that once a brother comes to one meeting and get that feeling of brotherhood back they will come back home to Omega and participate.

As many know I am running for District Public Relations Director, what I have found during this journey is that brothers are essentially the same and are struggling from the same issues. For some reason though we have lost that universal bond because of our inability to be friendly. For some reason crossing state lines or chapter lines seems to be declining. The only thing is when the few that do cross state lines and make new friends form bonds that are strong like what the Founders intended. It was the intent of the Founders that we form positive networks to advance the bonds of friendship and make sure service is spread into communities that need Omega Men.

If you are a Brother that travels but doesn't seek out the Brotherhood in your travels, then you are not taking full advantage of the benefits of Omega. If you are inactive and reading this then take that first step and go to a meeting and get involved. If you are active but not participating in the various service projects, then join a committee and become a chair or co-chair. This is a fraternity of leaders and not bench warmers.

Make a pledge that personally you will meet and get to know 50 new Brothers this year. That means that you must force yourself to go out and be in other communities and serve the community in the name of Omega. You will find that not only will you grow in Omega, but your family and personal network will grow and benefit from conversing with other professional Omega Men.

Join us in Atlanta and New Orleans as a registered Omega Man!!! Live your creed and come back to Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, Inc. she needs more 8 and less 80.

"Don't forget to vote for Bro. Sean Bland as District PR Director in Atlanta."

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Brothers of Theta Tau Chapter Assist with Christmas Toys for Community Enabler

Written By: Anthony L. Burdell

On Thursday, December 15, 2017, the Brothers of Theta Tau Chapter (# 670) provided toys and gifts to the Community Enabler Developer Outreach Program in Anniston, Alabama. The donation assisted providing gifts and toys to needed families in the Calhoun County area during the Christmas Holiday.



Brothers of Theta Tau Chapter stands with Mrs. Maudine Holloway with the toys donated by the chapter

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Theta Tau Chapter Provides Donation and Assistance during WMGJ Radio Station's Annual Food Drive

By Anthony Burdell

Talladega, Alabama - Theta Tau (Graduate) Chapter of Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, Inc., assist WMGJ 1240 Radio Station with their Annual Food Drive held on Saturday, November 18, 2017 at the WMGJ Radio Station in Gadsden, Alabama. The Brothers provided canned goods as well as helping the volunteers in unloading vehicles of donors providing food during the morning and loading the vehicle for storage of the non-perishable food donated to the radio Station. The Floyd Donald, owner of WMGJ AM 1240 radio Station, stated that he was very proud to be an "Omega Man" and to see brothers assisting in this food drive was very inspiring.



Brothers of Theta Tau Chapter stands with Brother Floyd Donald, WMGJ 1240 Radio Station and Brother Gerald Maxwell from Gadsden Alabama.

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Brothers Wiggins, Patterson, Wofford, & Cunningham store can food in trucks.



Brothers of Theta Tau Chapter help weigh the food donations.

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Brothers Patterson, Roberts, and Wiggins weigh the food donations.



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Brothers of Theta Tau Chapter Supports “Omega Got Your Backpack” Give Away

Written By: Anthony L. Burdell

Brothers of Theta Tau Chapter (# 670) purchased 28 backpacks and passed out to girls and boys for the 3rd Grade Class at 10th Street Elementary School in Anniston, Alabama. Brother Samuel Green, III, member of Theta Tau Chapter presented the back packs to Ms. Sonja Brown’s, Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Teacher 3rd Grade Class.



Brother Samuel Green and Ms. Sonja Brown stand with students of the 3rd Grade Class of 10th Street Elementary School.

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Theta Tau, Gamma Psi, & Theta Eta Chapter's Achievement Week Awards Program

By Anthony Burdell

Talladega, Alabama - Theta Tau (Graduate), Theta Eta (Undergraduate Jacksonville State University), and Gamma Psi (Undergraduate Talladega College) chapters of Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, Inc, held their Annual Achievement Week observance on November 12, 2017 at Talladega College, DeForest Chapel in Talladega, Alabama. The theme for this year's Achievement Week Program was ***"When the World calls, Omega Men Answer"***

Rev. Dr. Jonathan McPherson, Sr., Civil Rights Leader, was the keynote speaker. Rev. McPherson delivered a very insightful and though provoking message, his emphasis the importance of "Service is the key to Greatness".

Various Achievement Awards were also presented during the ceremony. Brother Reginald Quarles received the Superior Service Award. Brother Johnny L. Harris received the Founder's Award (Posthumously). Brother Sherman Prad received the COL Charles Young Military Leadership Service Award. Brother Rickey Morgan, Sr., received the Omega Man of the Year Award. Ms. Vickie Ford, of Anniston, Alabama, received the Citizen of the Year Award.



Brothers of Theta Tau, Gamma Psi, and Theta Eta Chapter.

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Rev. Dr. Jonathan McPherson, Achievement Week Guest Speaker.



Brother David Patterson, Ms. Vickie Floyd (Citizen of the Year Award Recipient), and Brother Rickey Morgan stand during awards presentation

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Brother John Sanders, Mrs. Agnes S. McPherson, and Rev. Dr. McPherson stand after the Achievement Week Program.



Brother David Patterson, Brother Rickey Morgan with Brother Johnny Harris (Omega Chapter) Family.

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Sigma Phi Chapter of Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, Inc. Participates in the 41st Annual Statewide Organization Meeting

Mobile, AL. - The Brothers of Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, Inc. Sigma Phi Chapter proudly represented the chapter with enthusiasm by participating in the 41st Alabama Statewide Organization Meeting with the Brothers of Psi Kappa Kappa, Xi Omicron and Nu Epsilon Chapters hosting with a welcome from Brother Austin Lundy Basileus Psi Kappa Kappa Chapter and Brother Alex Richards State Marshall who should be commended for doing a great job! The 41st Alabama Statewide Meeting was held in Huntsville, Alabama with approximately 319 graduate and undergraduate members coming from all over the State of Alabama as the brothers of Sigma Phi Chapter from Montgomery, Alabama. The event celebrated many activities such as: Talent Hunt, Golf Tournament, March Down Competition, Undergraduate Luncheon, and the collection of can goods and other perishable items for the Huntsville Area Food Bank. The Brothers of Psi Kappa Kappa, Xi Omicron and Nu Epsilon Chapters should be commended for hosting such a grand event!



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Sigma Phi Chapter of Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, Inc. Celebrates Founder's Day

Montgomery, AL-The Montgomery Area Brothers of Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, Inc. with the hosting of Sigma Phi Chapter celebrated the founding of Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, Incorporated by inviting all brothers of Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, Inc. in Montgomery, Alabama to a Founders Day Program on the very date the fraternity was founded at the Samuel L. Jeter Activity Center. The program began with a welcome from Vice-Basileus Marcus Simmons (Sigma Phi Chapter) and followed with a prayer by Brother Henry Davis. The program was presided by Brother Edmond Collier and the event had a unique theme with Brother Collier speaking on Christian Manhood and Brother Avery Brown speaking on brotherhood followed by the speaking of Omega Life by Brother Robert Thomas. The program concluded with the Vice Basileus of Sigma Phi Chapter Brother Simmons who gave closing remarks followed by the re-administering of the fraternity's oath and the singing of the fraternity's hymn.



Brothers of Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, Inc. of Montgomery, Alabama

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Sigma Phi Chapter of Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, Inc. Participates in the Annual Halloween Expo.

Montgomery, AL- The event consisted of different organizations within the Montgomery, Alabama community coming together providing a safe environment for the youth. The brothers of Sigma Phi Chapter spent approximately (80) Eighty man hours in preparing along with purchasing \$ 1,500.00 dollars worth of candy assisting Brother Chief Deputy Derrick Cunningham of the Montgomery County Sheriff Department the sponsor of the event was a great success! There were several other organizations participating in the event which has grown over the last few years with the number of kids totaling up to approximately three thousand seven hundred plus kids. The event also provided vendors that focused on the safety and education of the youth within the community of Montgomery, Alabama. Brother Derrick Cunningham stated the event has been growing every year and he looks forward to it!



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Sigma Phi Chapter of Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, Inc. gives to the elderly for Omega Thanksgiving

Montgomery, AL- The event consisted of the brothers of Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, Inc. Sigma Phi Chapter donating (25)twenty-five turkeys along with food accessories to the Central Alabama Aging Consortium. The CAAC is designated by the Alabama Department of Senior Services as the Area Agency on Aging for the tri-county region and it is recognized by the local government, state agencies and service providers as the lead aging organization of the Central Alabama area. The CAAC's goal is to foster independence and improve the quality of life for all senior citizens and their caregivers. Basileus Andre Howard and brothers of Sigma Phi Chapter decided to partner with such an agency with a noble goal and mission. The event was a great success and Brother Ron Holland should be commended for coordinating and identifying the need in which the brothers of Sigma Phi Chapter could assist in improving the lives of the senior citizens in the Montgomery, Alabama community. The brothers of Sigma Phi Chapter provided approximately 120 man hours, and \$1,000.00 dollars towards the event.



Brothers of Sigma Phi Chapter of Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, Inc. and the senior citizens of the Central Alabama Aging Consortium.

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Sigma Phi Chapter of Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, Inc. participates in the Annual Thanksgiving Day Parade.

Montgomery, AL- The Thanksgiving Day Parade in Montgomery, Alabama is one of the most recognized events in the State of Alabama. The event has many organizations from all over the State of Alabama participating along with Alabama State University, and the brothers of Sigma Phi Chapter of Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, Inc. The event is a great family event and is also a part of the 94th Annual Turkey Day Classic football game between Alabama State University and Edward Waters College. The parade starts from the State Capitol with the route going straight through downtown Montgomery, Alabama on Dexter Avenue. The included with brothers of Sigma Phi Chapter was the mentees of Manhood, Incorporated the Omega Sparks! The brothers of Sigma Phi Chapter had a float, golf carts, and a BMW convertible with Miss OMEGA and Basileus Andre Howard. Brother James Lovejoy should be commended for coordinating the participation of Sigma Phi Chapter in the event in which the brothers provided (80) eighty-man hours, and \$1,000.00 dollars towards the event.



Omega Sparks members carrying the banner for Sigma Phi Chapter of Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, Inc. in the Thanksgiving Day Parade.

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Twenty-Three Say, “I DO” To Omega’s Call

November 4, 2017

Birmingham, Alabama

By: Bro Herman C. Hall, Jr.

Twenty-Three teen and pre-teen boys from metro Birmingham were the first to say “YES,” that they want the guidance and mentorship being offered by Omega Men from Alpha Phi. Through an interest meeting, the chapter officially launched its Omega Lamplighters Club for local boys ages twelve (12) to eighteen (18) years old.

Brothers involved in a multitude of workforce disciplines - from education to athletics... retired military to small business owners were on hand to share their sentiments of enthusiasm about the potential of the partnership. The brotherhood sees it as a golden opportunity to help shape the minds and lives of our youth, to give back to the communities in which we live, work, and play, thus, bridging the generational gap through this form of uplift.

Brothers spearheading Alpha Phi’s Omega Lamplighters Club shared with the young men in attendance an overview of what we will focus on and aim to instill in them. Among character traits brothers want to help strengthen are: Leadership (skills); Academics (excelling in school and beyond); Maturity (doing the right and responsible thing); and Perseverance (Never giving up - no matter what)! It is our belief that when program participants actively and simultaneously implement these principles, they’ll be well on their way to succeed in any area of life they choose to pursue. More boys are expected to join the club - as the initial target is thirty-five (35) in this first class. Alpha Phi is expecting major successes from its mentees!



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Veterans' Day: Alpha Phi's 2-Day Tour of Duty!

November 9 & 10, 2017

Birmingham, Alabama

By: Bro Herman C. Hall, Jr., Chapter Reporter

Alpha Phi Chapter

Day One (Veterans' Day Observance)

Alpha Phi's observance of Veterans' Day 2017 began at the Birmingham VA Medical Center. Just before lunchtime, it was there that brothers manned two stations - one each on the first and second floors - where they served light refreshments to vets visiting the hospital for their regularly scheduled appointments. It was simply a way to acknowledge veterans for their service to our country - and to say, "Thank You." Among the items served were cookies, crackers, chips, juice, and coffee. Many of the former military members passing by took notice and appeared appreciative of the gesture.

Day Two! (Actual Veterans' Day)

After thirty-five years and counting in the fold, we still find two Spring 1982 Nu Epsilon brothers enthusiastically working hard for Omega - through Alpha Phi! LBs, Brothers Sherman Foster and Reginald Childress are seen here, in the Alpha Phi kitchen helping to prepare breakfast that's be served. Bro Foster on bacon, and Bro Childress on shrimp & buttered grits!

As is the case every year, Alpha Phi hosted this year's breakfast at the fraternity house, with doors opening at 9 A.M. sharp. The breakfast welcomes any vet in the Birmingham metro area who wants to attend (Free of Charge). Only brothers were in attendance this year, a few bringing their families. About twenty brothers participated in this year's event, - all but three of them were veterans. Breakfast for Vets is a long-running tradition at Alpha Phi!



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Chapter Health Initiative Report

On September 30, 2017, 20 Members of the Omega Psi Phi Nu Iota Iota and Sigma Delta chapter sponsored the Charles Drew Blood Drive at Duval's Bar and Grill in Auburn, AL where we had 16 donors come by and with 14 successfully collected.

According to Life South the drive was very successful with 88% of the goal met. Life South staff stated 'they would love to work with both chapters' in the near future.

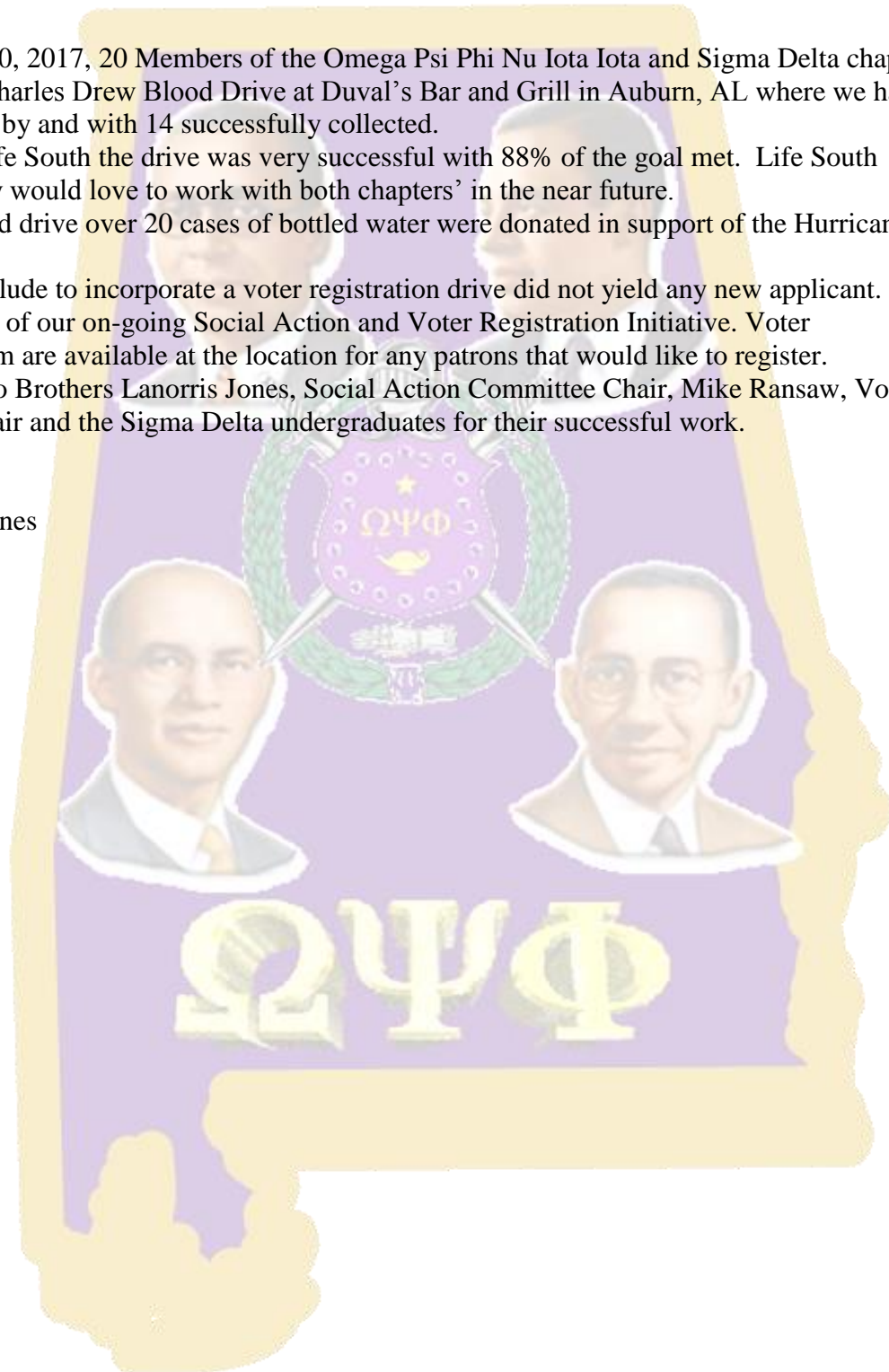
During the Blood drive over 20 cases of bottled water were donated in support of the Hurricane Relief effort.

Our effort to include to incorporate a voter registration drive did not yield any new applicant.

And will be part of our on-going Social Action and Voter Registration Initiative. Voter Registration form are available at the location for any patrons that would like to register.

Special thanks to Brothers Lanorris Jones, Social Action Committee Chair, Mike Ransaw, Voter Registration Chair and the Sigma Delta undergraduates for their successful work.

Bro. Lanorris Jones



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Making it Rain - Dollars & Cents for Christmas!!

December 9 & 16, 2017

Birmingham, Alabama

By: Bro Herman C. Hall, Jr., Chapter Reporter

Alpha Phi Chapter

By way of the voices of Omega, be it through melodic singing, or just a friendly greeting of "Merry Christmas," the Green continues to flow from the pockets of the people, into the kettles of the local Salvation Army! Yes - Alpha Phi is helping to "make it rain!"

Through volunteering during the 2017 Christmas bell-ringing campaign, in addition to what many visitors to the Adamsville WalMart (a stone's throw from the Birmingham city limit) gave, brothers of the chapter logged One Hundred Twenty (120) man-hours, soliciting donations for the Salvation Army. This effort is calculated to be worth Nine Hundred (\$900) Dollars - (\$7.50 an hour for those normally paid to ring the bell) to the agency.

Working in shifts, brothers stood in chilly December temperatures - at both front entrances - manning the kettles and ringing the bell, singing and speaking to passersby...often putting smiles on their faces and making them laugh. Generally, those two things compelled the people to give! For the ten (10) years the chapter has been partnering with the organization, 2017 was a particularly strong year - working two Saturdays in the month, from morning until night time, raising just shy of \$2100! Captain Bret McElroy with the Bessemer office of The Salvation Army revealed that more money is raised by Omega Men than any other organization that volunteers in this capacity.



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Ho! Ho! Ho! Have No Fear: Santa Que is Here!!!!

December 15, 2017

Birmingham, Alabama

By: Bro Herman C. Hall, Jr., Chapter Reporter
Alpha Phi Chapter

As is the case every year, the Alpha Phi Chapter's Christmas Dance is...to borrow a phrase..., a "Party with a Purpose!" For approximately **thirty-nine (39) years now**, the event has served a **two-fold** purpose: One, it's a collective celebration of the Christmas Season; and two, it was yet another opportunity for the brothers to be of service to others in their community.

Since the late 1970s, Alpha Phi has partnered with the local Sickie Cell Foundation - using its annual Christmas Dance as a Toy Drive, where each attending brother and his date are responsible for bringing two unwrapped toys, that in turn, would be donated to the Sickie Cell Foundation. The agency pre-identifies local families with children who need a helping hand during the holiday season, and gives the toys to those families.

Because of all the toys donated at the 2017 dance, fifty (50) local families were served! Great Job, Alpha Phi!



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Thanks -for-Giving!

**By: Bro Herman C. Hall, Jr., Chapter Reporter
Alpha Phi Chapter
November 21, 2017
Birmingham, Alabama**

Brothers of Alpha Phi played a major part in twenty-two (22) Birmingham area families having an opportunity to eat well for Thanksgiving 2017. Through their food donations, the chapter helped to fill boxes with the more traditional holiday foods and with monetary donations, brothers bought turkeys to go in each Thanksgiving Basket to be donated.

The chapter partnered with the Alabama Department of Human Resources, which identified twenty (20) families that would benefit from the act of benevolence, while the family of a student at one local school, as well as kids at Children's Village (a group home for children in foster care) all benefitted from the effort. The project is one that Alpha Phi takes great pride in, and has practiced for many years. The Thanksgiving Basket Give-A-Way was considered a success; and planning for the next one is expected to begin soon.



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Uplifting Through Song!

Thursday December 14, 2017

Birmingham, Alabama

By: Bro Herman C. Hall, Jr., Chapter Reporter

Brothers of Alpha Phi's Jesse Champion Omega Choral sought to bless the residents of the **Cherry Hill Rehabilitation & Health Center** during the **2017 Christmas Season**. They were there to share in an evening of entertainment, whereby they would be singing. Among the Christmas Carols brothers sang were **Come All Ye Faithful, Unity, Go Tell it on the Mountain, and others.**

The nursing home hosts an annual Christmas program, that includes brothers showing up to fellowship and sing. The brothers' primary goal is to **uplift the spirits on the people who live there** - attempting to let them know that they're not forgotten and that they are loved! The choral alternates its annual Christmas performances between **Cherry Hill** and its cross-town sister facility, the **Arlington Nursing Home.**

Adding a surprising twist, this year's Cherry Hill King & Queen contest produced a winner that places Omega at the top in yet another category! Brother James "Towee" Woods (HE 1974 - Miles College) was crowned **King of Cherry Hill!** It can be seen as a symbol, indicating that no matter where we are, or what phase of life we're in, **Omega Men continue to persevere and WIN!!**

Meanwhile, the chapter's Omega Choral formed shortly before the 2008 Grand Conclave, held in Birmingham, and took its name as an honor to the late, **Bro. Jesse Champion**, who was a 1948 charter line member of the Nu Epsilon Chapter at Alabama A&M University. Bro "Champ," as he was affectionately known, was also a **long-time member of Alpha Phi, long-known for his melodious voice and his love of singing.**



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Local church and fraternity partner to host food/clothing drive

Huntsville, AL- During these tough economic times charitable giving has seen a significant down turn. It is certainly understandable when finances at home are minimal our ability to give monetarily is diminished. A greater strain is experienced during the Christmas Holiday as we attempt to provide for our own families. However, this is also the time for Men of Omega to recognize that not all charitable acts entail financial contribution. The donation of our personal time is potentially, the most rewarding act of charity and service that we can provide.

The Xi Omicron in partnership with All Nations Church held its annual Feed the Homeless and Clothing Drive on December 10, 2017. Collected items included canned goods, baby formula, rice, and other non-perishables for the annual event. Other essential items like diapers, toothpaste, clothes and toilet paper, etc. were also donated. Xi Omicron understands that food insecurity increases during the summer months. Through these efforts over 500 families were fed and clothed in the north Alabama area.



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Member of Sigma Phi Chapter of Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, Inc. Participates in Martin Luther King Basketball Tournament

Montgomery, AL- The Brothers of Sigma Phi Chapter of Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, Inc. proudly supports one of their own Brother Toice Goodson. Brother Goodson is the Principle of Greene County High School and the basketball team participated in the Carver MLK Classic Basketball Tournament. Brother Toice coordinated for the team to eat their pre-game meal at the Samuel L. Jeter Activity Center. The brothers of Sigma Phi Chapter gave much UPLIFT and some of the brothers spoke to the young men about being consistent with their education if they have plans to attend college.

Brother Vice Basileus came out to support Brother Toice Goodson and spoke to the GCHS boys' basketball team as well. The young men and staff had a great time and expressed much gratitude also. The team and staff left and travelled to the annual MLK holiday tournament at G.W. Carver HS where Brother Gary Hall is principal. Brothers Goodson and Brother James Lovejoy should be commended for coordinating such a first-class event leading by example.



Brothers of Sigma Phi Chapter of Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, Inc. and the Greene County High School Basketball Team and Staff. Brother Toice Goodson, Principal



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Sigma Phi Chapter of Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, Inc. Participates in the Annual Rolling to the Polls

Montgomery, AL- The Brothers of Sigma Phi Chapter of Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, Inc. proudly participated in the Annual Rolling to the Polls hosted by the women of Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc. Montgomery Alumnae Chapter. The event is designed to help and assist those citizens who don't have transportation provide them transportation to their respective polls to vote. The event preparations took months of planning and collaborations between the Brothers of Sigma Phi Chapter and the women of the Montgomery Alumnae Chapter. Ms. Kynesha Brown of Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc. did a great job coordinating the event with Brother James Lovejoy. The event was a great success with no problems and the brothers of Sigma Phi Chapter are looking forward to working with the women of Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc. in the future.



Sigma Phi Chapter of Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, Inc. and the women of Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc. Montgomery Alumnae Chapter

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Sigma Phi Chapter of Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, Inc. Participates in the Annual Martin Luther King, Jr. Clean Up

Montgomery, AL- The Brothers of Sigma Phi Chapter of Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, Inc. participated in the Annual Martin Luther King, Jr. community clean up in Montgomery, Alabama. The event consisted of organizations within the Montgomery, Alabama tri-county area gathering at the Cleveland Avenue YMCA to get their respective assignments to clean. The event was created to give the citizens an understanding of keeping their community clean from debris and other negative issues is the beginning to maintaining your community and will bring them together. The Brothers of Sigma Phi Chapter along with the young men of Manhood, Inc. mentoring program participated and was assigned to the area of around the Samuel L. Jeter Activity Center.

After the organizations finished their assigned areas they reconvened at the Cleveland Avenue YMCA to report that their trash was at the assigned pick up area. The brothers of Sigma Phi Chapter concluded the afternoon with lunch and an interest meeting for the Manhood, Inc. mentoring Program. It was reported that there were ten (10) young men interested. The Brothers of Sigma Phi Chapter should be commended for participating in such a first-class event.



The Brothers of Sigma Phi Chapter of Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, Inc. and the young men of Manhood, Inc. (OMEGA SPARKS).

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Sigma Phi Chapter of Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, Inc. Participates in the Annual Martin Luther King, Jr. Memorial March

Montgomery, AL- The event consisted of the citizens and different organizations within the Montgomery, Alabama community coming together providing support and recognition to the civil rights efforts of the Reverend Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. The event represents what Dr. King and the people were fighting for which led to three marches, which were held in 1965 that marked the political and emotional peak of the American civil rights movement. All three marches were attempts to march from Selma to Montgomery where the Alabama capitol is located. The marches grew out of the voting rights movement in Selma, launched by local African-Americans who formed the Dallas County Voters League (DCVL). In 1963, the DCVL and organizers from the Student Nonviolent Coordinating Committees (SNCC) began voter-registration work. When white resistance to black voter registration proved intractable, the DCVL requested the assistance of Dr. King and the Southern Christian Leadership Conference who brought many prominent civil rights and civic leaders to support voting rights. The marchers averaged 10 miles a day along U.S. Route 80. Protected by 2,000 soldiers of the U.S. Army, members of the Alabama National Guard under Federal command, and many FBI agents and Federal Marshals, marchers arrived in Montgomery on March 24 and at the Alabama State Capitol on March 25.

The Brothers Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, Inc. of the Sigma Phi Chapter was well represented with Brother State Representative Thad McClammy leading the way.



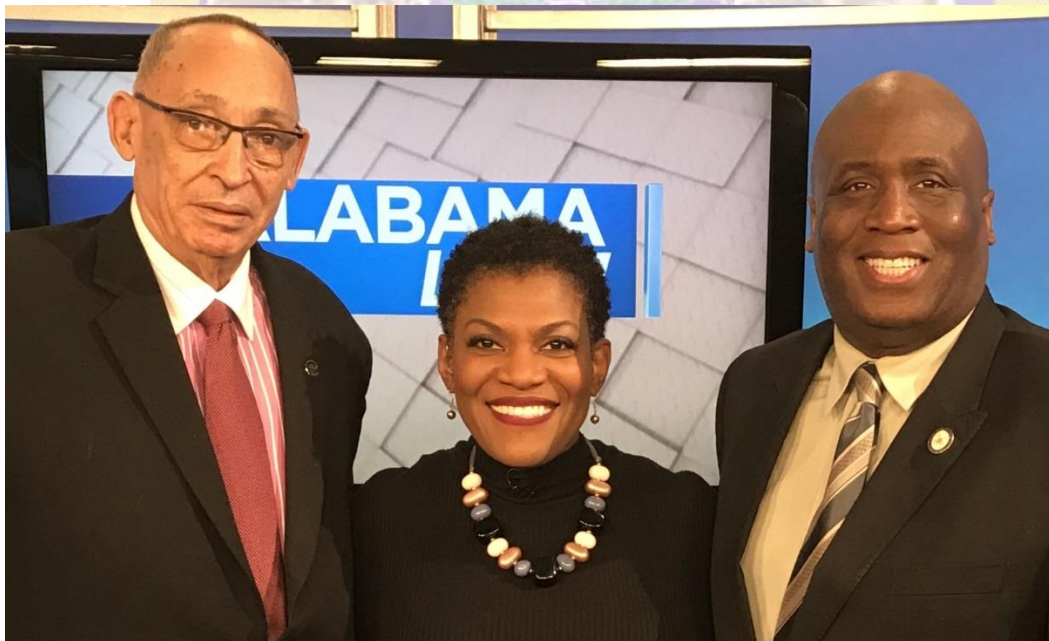
Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. participants and the Brothers of Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, Inc. Sigma Phi Chapter.

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Brothers of Sigma Phi Chapter of Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, Inc. Hosts 2018 Martin Luther King, Jr. Tour

Montgomery, Al- The 2018 Trashing the King Tour is an urban socio drama play that is a commemoration of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. assassination in Memphis, TN. The tour began in Clarksdale, MS is scheduled to be in Memphis, TN April 4, 2018 the actual date of Dr. King's assassination. Brother Robert Thomas who is the producer of the play has been instrumental in bringing the play to Alabama and to be more specifically in the cities of Birmingham and Montgomery.

Brother Representative Thad McClammy collaborated and decided that the presentation of the play was important, and they made it free to the public with everyone attending bringing a non-perishable item and can goods which all items will be donated to the Montgomery Area Food Bank. The event highlights were: the showcasing of local gospel talent and the following of the debut of the urban socio drama "Trashing the King". The event was a great success with a tractor trailer parked outside the Macedonia Miracle Kingdom and Worship Center under the direction of Bishop Leo Lewis for all the donated items to be placed. Brothers representative Thad McClammy and Robert Thomas should be commended for coordinating such a first-class event.



Brother Representative Thad McClammy, WSFA Ms. Tonya Terry and Brother Robert Thomas

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The poster features a central portrait of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. in a suit and tie. Behind him, there are faint, stylized images of protest signs, including one that says "I AM A MAN". To the right of the portrait, there is a sign that says "MOTEL". Below the portrait, the title "TRASHING THE KING" is written in large, bold, red letters. Underneath the title, it says "AN URBAN SOCIO-DRAMA" in smaller red letters. Below that, it says "COMMEMORATING THE 50TH YEAR OF THE ASSASSINATION OF" in white. Then, "Dr. Martin Luther King" is written in a large, white, cursive font. At the bottom, there is a list of tour dates and locations. The list is organized into two columns. The left column lists dates, and the right column lists locations. The text "UPCOMING DATES" is written vertically on the left side of the list. At the bottom of the list, it says "MORE DATES TBA".

January 13, 2018	9th Episcopal District AME Birmingham, AL
February 2, 2018	Myrtle Beach, SC
February 3, 2018	Charleston, SC
February 4, 2018	Savannah, GA
February 19, 2018	Montgomery, AL
March 3, 2018	Selma to Montgomery reenactment
April 2-7, 2018	Memphis, TN

MORE DATES TBA

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Sigma Phi Chapter of Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, Inc. hosts their Annual Omega Christmas

Montgomery, AL- The Brothers of Sigma Phi Chapter of Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, Inc. hosted their Annual OMEGA Christmas at the Samuel L. Jeter Activity Center in Montgomery, Alabama. The event highlights were: the feeding of all the children attending and their families which included the women from the Sunshine Center for Battered Women, identified children from Thelma Smiley Morris Elementary School, and the homeless from identified centers also some families were walk ins. The event also included the presentation of toys to all the children to include a raffling of bicycles. The young men of Manhood, Inc. mentoring program participated in passing out the toys with the meal being catered by Pierce's Country Cooking where the brothers of Sigma Phi Chapter served. Finally, Brother Basileus Andre Howard gave closing remarks and thanked everyone for their support and Basileus Howard commended Brothers Ron Holland and James Lovejoy for coordinating such a first-class event.



The Brothers of Sigma Phi Chapter of Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, Inc.

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Theta Tau & Theta Eta Chapter Assist with “Keeping the Dream Alive” at the Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Breakfast & Youth Participation Day

Written By: Anthony L. Burdell

On January 15th the Brothers of Theta Tau Chapter (# 670) assisted Anniston Park & Recreation, Calhoun County Pan-Hellenic Council, and the Anniston Good Choices Program in serving during the 14th Annual Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Breakfast & Youth Participation Day activities at the Anniston City Meeting Center in Anniston, Alabama. The program started at 8 a.m. The brothers along with other Greek Organizations arrived at 7:30 a.m. to be preparation for serving breakfast for the attendees of this year’s event. There were over 900 people in attendance. It was standing room only. The brothers of Theta Tau Chapter help serve over 900 meals. This was a great experience and the Brothers of Theta Tau Chapter will plan to do this again.

Brother Kenneth Cunningham, Basileus of Theta Tau Chapter stated that “Theta Tau was represented in a grand fashion along with the undergraduate chapters of Theta Eta and Gamma Psi. We made a positive impression on our youth this morning. Being positive role models is our duty in today's society with our young males growing up in single family home. I hope in the future we will be able to reach out and touch the many youth in the area of our umbrella and made a difference.”



Brothers of Theta Tau and Theta Eta Chapters take a group photograph prior to the start of the 16th Annual Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Breakfast & Youth Participation Day Program.

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Attendees of the Martin Luther King, Jr. Annual Breakfast listen to participant of the program.



Brothers of Theta Tau and Theta Eta Chapters preparing to serve the attendees of the 16th Annual Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Breakfast & Youth Participation Day Program.

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Theta Tau Chapter Participates in Adopt-A-Mile in Calhoun County

Written By: Anthony Burdell

The Brothers of Theta Tau Chapter (# 670) conducted a clean-up of area for the Adopt a Mile sign at the 3 mile and 4 mile markers on U.S. Highway 202 located in Calhoun, County.

The Brothers of Theta Tau Chapter (# 670) participated in the Adopt A Mile Program for Calhoun County. The chapter has an Adopt A Mile sign at the 3 mile and 4 mile markers on U.S. Highway 202 located in Calhoun, County. The mile marker is two miles on the same stretch of road that the Freedom Riders Marker stands. The Brothers of Theta Tau Chapter were instrumental in purchasing and installing this historic marker relating to the civil rights movement.



Brothers of Theta Tau Chapter at one of the Adopt-A-Mile Program signs at U.S. Highway 202

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Theta Tau Chapter Conducts A Voter Registration Drive During the 16th Annual Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Breakfast & Youth Participation Day

Written By: Anthony L. Burdell

On January 15th the Brothers of Theta Tau Chapter (# 670) conducted a Voter Registration Drive during the 16th Annual Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Breakfast & Youth Participation Day activities at the Anniston City Meeting Center in Anniston, Alabama. The brothers received the applications from the Calhoun County Administration Office. There were several potential voters that came by the table to register to vote.



Brother Timothy Wofford, Brother James Whatley and Brother Demetris Roberts assist a young lady in registering to vote

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Xi Omicron holds National Achievement Week/ Veteran's Day Observance

Huntsville, AL - National Achievement Week is a mandated program of the Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, Inc., that was originally designed to promote the study of African American life and history. Its beginnings date back to the 1920 Grand Conclave in Nashville. It was at this Conclave that Bro. Carter G. Woodson inspired the overall idea. In 1927, at his urging, the Fraternity made National Negro Achievement Week an annual observance.

Xi Omicron's tradition incorporates Achievement Week with Veterans Day. President Gerald Ford officially proclaimed on September 20, 1975 that the 11th day of November each year would be the official celebration of 'Veterans Day'. Although this year's program came later than expected we still recognize all our veterans who have given something of themselves to this country and some have given laying down their lives to defend the freedoms we hold so dear.

On November 10, 2017, Xi Omicron held its celebration that reflected and celebrated Achievement Week and Founder's Day. Dr. Andrew Hugine, President of Alabama A&M University served as guest speaker.

The chapter proudly realizes that the timeless courage 105 years ago of our **Founders, Brother Bishop Edgar Amos Love, Brother Dr. Oscar James Cooper, Brother Dr. Frank Coleman and Brother Dr. Ernest Everett Just** stands progressively stronger and their vision continues to globally embrace and impact mankind. The theme for this year's observance was, **"When the World Calls, Omega Men Answer"**.

"As we embark on 70 years of service to the Huntsville/Madison County area, Xi Omicron believes that the Founders would be proud to know that we are uplifting our community through leadership, vision and excellence," said Bro. Frederick Windham, Anniversary committee chair. "We invite all the brothers and the community to help us celebrate as we plan a year of worthwhile events."

Service awards were presented to: Bro. Andrew Hugine received the Dr. Carter G. Woodson Award, Representative Anthony Daniels was presented the Citizen of the Year Award; Bro. Barrington L. Dames, Omega Man of the Year, Bro. Charles Curry, Founders Award; Bro. Frederick Windham, Superior Service Award, and Bro. Issac McKenzie, 2018 Veteran of the Year Award.

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Beta Mu Nu “Holiday Giveaway”

By Bryant Cline

Christmas is celebrated in the United States as a national holiday dedicated to being with family and friends. While many families have warm meals and fellowship during this holiday, many are not so fortunate. The Beta Mu Nu Chapter of Omega Psi Phi Fraternity Inc, held its annual “Holiday Giveaway” in Vincent, AL on December 22, 2017. Together with Vincent City Councilwoman, Bridgett Jordan Smith and under the leadership of Bro. Ronald Stanford, Basileus, Beta Mu Nu chapter provided seven families with cooked turkey deluxe dinners prepared by Publix Super Markets and a wide assortment of toys, games, and gifts for each family member. To that end, Beta Mu Nu Chapter strives to instill and service the multiple needs of the community with a moral obligation to help those less fortunate and the desire to make their community a better place.



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Beta Mu Nu “Marching in Unity”

By Bryant Cline

The month of January marks the beginning of a new year. January is also a month that the nation recognizes a man who fought for equality and justice for all. On January 15, 2018, Beta Mu Nu Chapter of Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, Inc. in conjunction with the Shelby County, AL NAACP, participated in the 14th Annual Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Unity March and Program held in Montevallo, AL. The event featured city leadership along with other dignitaries, promoting unity and pride in the community, regardless of their nationality or ethnicity. The march ended, and the program began at Montevallo High School auditorium. As various speakers were preparing for their presentations to the community, Beta Mu Nu Chapter served all march participants with food and beverages. The program ended with a prayer and a community that united in remembrance of the civil rights leader, Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.



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Beta Mu Nu “Tops” the State of Alabama

By Bryant Cline

The 2017 Alabama 41st Annual State meeting of Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, Inc. was held in Madison, AL on October 20th – 22nd. During this meeting, undergraduate and graduate chapters from around the state were recognized for their accomplishments in their community. Under the leadership of Bro. Anthony Dotson, Basileus, Beta Mu Nu Chapter of Calera, AL was awarded the State Chapter of the Year and Reclamation Chapter of the Year. These awards recognize a chapter that sets a stellar example for the organization by showcasing their accomplishments and community service. Beta Mu Nu Chapter will continue to strive for excellence as they serve and uplift their surrounding community.



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Beta Mu Nu Honoring Our Military

By Bryant Cline

The 9th Annual Wreaths Across America Ceremony was held on December 16, 2017 at the Alabama National Cemetery in Montevallo, AL. Each wreath honors servicemen and women for their selfless sacrifice and those sacrifices of their families. The message of this year's ceremony was to "Remember, Honor, & Teach". Each year, Beta Mu Nu chapter participates with this memorial service by laying wreaths at the headstones of those servicemen and women who have given their lives that we may have the freedom that exists in our great country.



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“Building This Bridge for Them”

Article by Brother Ron Settle

“Lifting as we Climb” ... “Iron Sharpens Iron” ... “See it Through”. These are all terms that we, as Omega Men, strive to live by. The men of Psi Kappa Kappa (PKK) Chapter have taken this philosophy a step further and are living their creeds through their collective effort to give back to two young students who are embarking on a profession that is near and dear to the hearts of the majority of chapter. On November 18, 2017, PKK awarded the top female and male cadets from Alabama Agricultural and Mechanical University Reserve Officer Training Course with Army Service Uniforms to be worn during their upcoming commissioning ceremony. The top female Cadet, Ms. Raven New (selected to serve as a Military Intelligence Officer) and the top male cadet, Brother Rollin Barton III (selected to serve as a Combat Engineer Officer) are the beneficiaries of these new uniforms courtesy of the brothers of PKK. They will receive their 2nd Lieutenant “butter bars” rank during a commissioning ceremony this spring. This initiative is yet another example of many PKK initiatives demonstrating the chapter’s commitment to building bridges. Psi Kappa Kappa chapter is in Huntsville, Alabama where many of the members are prior or current military members, or works for the US Government. This act of service truly fits the backgrounds of the Men of Omega who are enriching the lives of these two young students who are just beginning their honorable careers in service to our country. In the immortal words of Will Allen Dromgoole, “Good friend, I am building this bridge for him”.



Left to right: Brother (Cadet) Rollin Barton III, Brother Michael Harris and Ms. (Cadet) Raven New / photo by Michael Harris

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Left to Right Alabama State Region I Rep & Basileus, Alex Richards and Ms. (Cadet) Raven New/ photo by Brother David Crawford



Left to Right Alabama State Region I Rep & Psi Kappa Kappa Basileus, Alex Richards along with Brother (Cadet) Rollin Barton III / Photo by Brother David Crawford

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Xi Omicron Brothers are Ringin' Those Bells

Huntsville, AL – Saturday at the entrances of the Walmart on Sparkman Drive, several brothers of Omega Psi Phi Fraternity rotated bell-ringing duties at both entrances of a familiar Red Kettle of the Salvation Army, hoping to create the kind of Christmas joy that the season brings.

The brothers of Xi Omicron have been ringing the bells annually for the past five years. As people flowed past and dropped changed and bills into the kettle, the givers were greeted with smiles and hearty than yours from the fraternity members.

According to information provided by the Salvation Army, this “miracle” of Christmas is repeated over and over again around the world through the joy of caring and sharing. The traditional red kettle is an integral part of the Christmas scene, with millions of dollars donated each year to aid needy families, seniors, and the homeless.

Donations and financial assistance provide Christmas dinners, clothing, and toys for families in need, including families of prisoners.

“This is part of what we do as an organization, and that is to help those in needs during the Christmas season,” Xi Omicron chapter social action chairperson Gerald Vines said. “Whatever goes into the kettle, every little bit goes a long way to helping those in our community.”

The Salvation Army had volunteers manning red kettle collections at various Huntsville locations throughout the Christmas season.



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Nu Epsilon Hosts Forum to Address Mental Health Issues in the Black Community

Alabama A&M University - The Nu Epsilon chapter of Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, Inc. along with the Delta Delta chapter of Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc. hosted a forum to address mental health issues in the black community on Monday, November 13, 2017 in the Ralph Lee Student Center on the campus of Alabama A&M University.

Basileus and senior Marquise Thomas said the fraternity decided to host an event addressing this topic because suicide is not a prevalent topic of discussion in the black community, and it is a major concern for the fraternity as a whole.

“Statistics show that during finals week people are more inclined to commit suicide,” Thomas said. “We’re speaking primarily about African-Americans because that’s not a conversation that takes place often. We definitely appreciate having the community be a part of the conversation to help mediate and help students that may be going through dark times.”

Representatives from the fraternity and invited panelist engaged in a conversation about the causes of mental health issues in the black community. The event began with members sharing statistics about suicide rates among the black community in America. They also noted that African-American men are typically more concerned about stigma than seeking help.

As part of a fraternity initiative “Brother, You’re on my mind” was launched to help start conversations about mental illness. It uses a variety of activities to raise awareness of mental health challenges associated with depression and stress that affect African American men and their families.

Brothers hoped that this forum was both informative and enlightening to the all who attended and that students take care of themselves and place themselves in environments of reassurance. It is important to communicate with each other about when, where and how we can love and protect each other at all times, and let each other know we do not have to go through anything alone.



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“Get Out and Vote Rally” Nu Epsilon Leads The Charge

Alabama A&M University - Chapters throughout the state of Alabama held voter registration drives prior to the highly publicized election between Roy Moore and Doug Jones. The Brothers of Nu Epsilon did their part on December 12, 2017 at the Get Out and Vote Rally held on the campus of Alabama A&M University. This event was designed to increase voter awareness in college students. Often the importance of voting is not stressed to young adults and this results in a lack of voting among this demographic. Information was distributed, and brothers also spoke to members of the community on the importance of not only registering to vote, but also the need to vote.

“Every vote plays a significant role in how we as people are represented in government. It was our aim to educate the college campus on this concept and register them to vote so that they can make changes in their communities,” said Rupert England a junior and Vice Basileus of Nu Epsilon.

A global leader of social justice and civil rights, Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, Incorporated has issued a clarion call to citizens of the United States to stand up, take our place and overwhelmingly exercise our right to vote! The brothers of Nu Epsilon lead the charge in ensuring that the word spread throughout campus that all students can lift the powers of their voices through voting.



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Nu Epsilon Host “Cookies With Santa” at Local Boys and Girls Club

Alabama A&M University – The brothers Nu Epsilon visited the local Boys and Girls Club prior to the Christmas break to host “Cookie with Santa”. “A lot of these children are not given the best Christmas,” said Reginald Paige, Keeper of Finance for Nu Epsilon. “Being able to be a part of this brings so much joy and light to their lives during the holiday season. They were ecstatic to see us.”

The children enjoyed cookies, milk, games and music and of course Santa at the fraternity’s visit on December 14, 2017.

“It feels so amazing to be able to plan this event and put it together for these children,” said Cedric Tigner, Keeper of Records and Seal for the chapter. “When we walked through that door I saw their faces light up, it made it all so worth it. We had a lot of positive feedback from this event and all the Omega Psi Phi members love being a part of it.”



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Miss Omega Pageant

Written by:
Lewis Carroll
Rho Delta Delta – Troy University

On Thursday, November 16, 2017, the brothers of Rho Delta Delta hosted its annual Omega Scholarship Pageant. The pageant consisted of career wear, evening wear and a short talent selection. There were twelve young ladies that participated in the pageant and in the end, LaKyra Garner was crowned Miss Omega for Rho Delta Delta. On Tuesday, January 23rd the Chapter Basileus, Janard Estell and the Vice Basileus Shakiel Parker presented Ms. Garner with a check for \$300 to be use as her book scholarship.



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Iron Bowl 2K18

Writer: Roderick Mingo

On November 25, 2017, the Sigma Delta chapter of Omega Psi Phi was faced with a bi-annual challenge. What was the challenge you may ask? Iron-Bowl! Here at Auburn University we have the pleasure of hosting the South's biggest rivalry. Being the supreme host that Sigma Delta brothers are, they like to make things massive! The brothers worked out the logistics to feed the Auburn community, coming up with an \$3,000 budget. The menu consisted of Chicken (400Lbs), Fish (100lbs), Burgers and hot dogs (60lbs), fried turkey, and Conecuh sausage. Of course, the brothers whipped up some tasty sides such as 5-cheese macaroni, green beans, and loaded baked beans. The brothers were able to feed the community from 11AM-8PM.



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MLK Parade 2018

Writer: Davontae Walker

On Jan 15, 2018, the brothers of the Sigma Delta chapter participated in Alexander City's Annual MLK Day parade. Sigma Delta participates in this event every year, alongside the Nu Iota Iota chapter, to interact with the community and let the presence of Omega Men be felt in the community. In this event, the brothers walked with the parade through the streets of Alexander City, greeting the community with warm smiles and kindness. The brothers did not have any candy or beads to throw out like in most parades, however the crowd still received a treat from Sigma Delta. Along the way, SD performed several marches to entertain the great community of Alex City.



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Townhall on Racial Issues at Auburn University

Writer: Roderick Mingo

The Brothers of the Sigma Delta Chapter joined with the IFC Fraternity, Farm House to address the racial issues going on Auburn's campus. The young men put on a Town Hall discussion to allow the student body to come and voice themselves. While playing in the Auburn's Intramural Flag Football Championship, a member of the Farm House fraternity verbally expressed a racially offensive slur. Since the incident, the men of Farm House have expressed apologies to the members of Omega over a sit down. The two fraternities have elected to be the change on Auburn campus that they would like to see. With the Omega men remembering that "friendship is essential to the soul", they have taken this negative, and built a bridge that will soon lead to positives. The two organizations are working now to plan a philanthropy event spring of 2018.



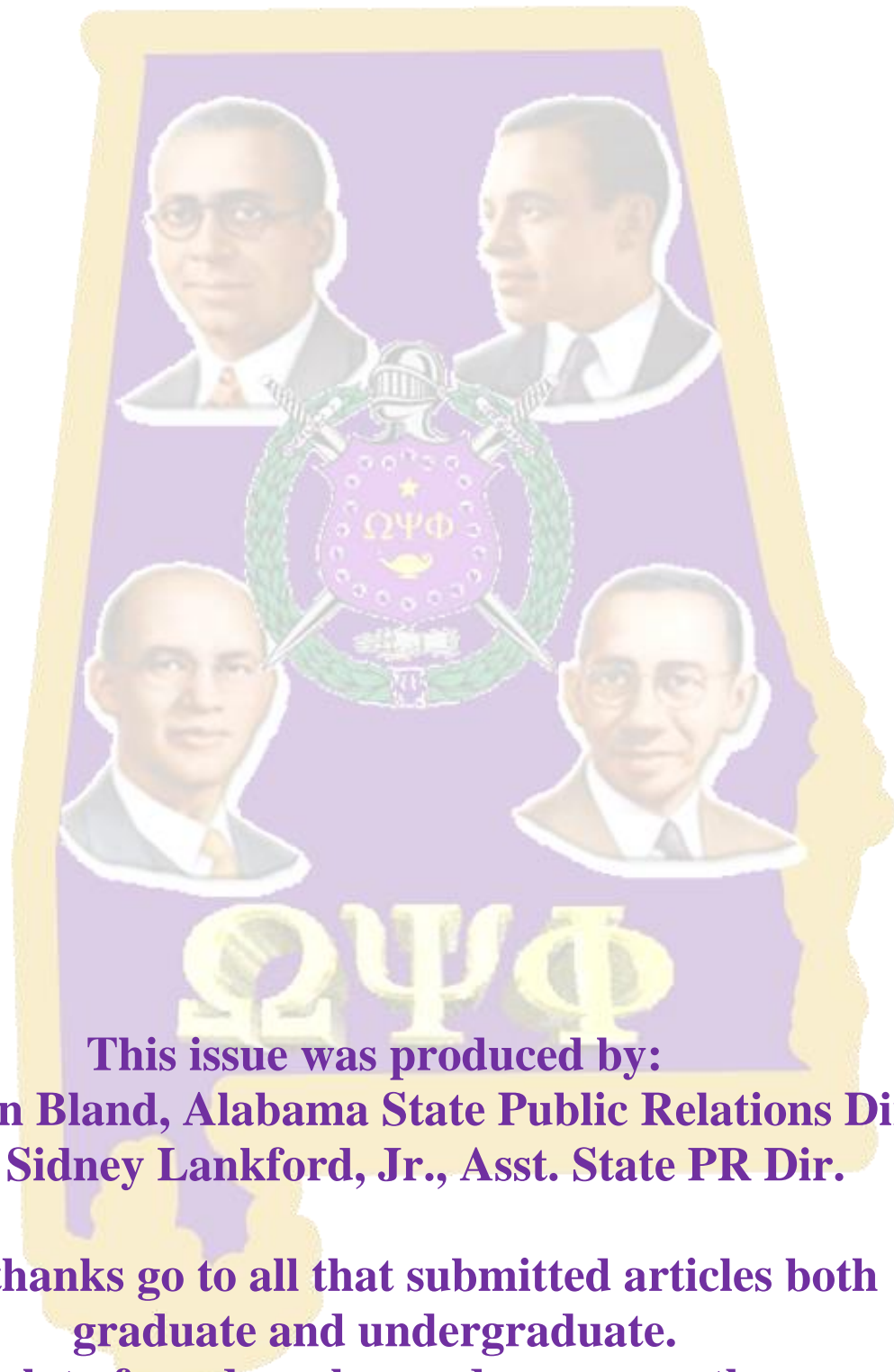
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Upcoming Events



Alabama State Meeting
Will be held in
Montgomery, AL in October of 2018

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