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Centennial South Eastern Regional Director
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My Dear Sorors,

“Follow your Heart to South Eastern: Experience It! Share It! Protect It! “This is the theme for our 2007 South Eastern Regional Conference. The Sophisticated South Eastern Region is celebrating 75 years of outstanding service as a region. In 2008, Alpha Kappa Alpha will celebrate 100 years of outstanding service as a sisterhood. This is,

indeed, an exciting time to be an Alpha Kappa Alpha woman.

As you know, Cluster IIB sorors are working extremely hard to ensure that the 2007 South Eastern Regional Conference will be “one-of-a-kind”. Our conference chairman, **Soror Mary Conner**, and our conference co-chairman, **Soror Minty Rich Ballard**, are continuing to provide great leadership for our planning team. I am most pleased with the progress of the sorors in Cluster II B.

The Standards Committee, under the leadership of **Soror Josephine Dantzler**, is continuing to provide us with out-

standing work as they ensure that all of chapters will be evaluated by the end of this administration. At the printing of this newsletter I know that **Beta Nu Omega** in Montgomery, AL and **Beta Delta Omega** in Jackson, MS have completed their evaluations.

We are awaiting final reports from the evaluation team, but from preliminary reports, these two chapters were well-prepared for these evaluations. Thank you for taking the lead in South Eastern and being the first two chapters to be evaluated. Thanks to all of the chapters for your cooperation as we work to make sure South Eastern has 100% of our chapters evaluated.

Special commendations are given to **Soror Leyser Hayes**, Chairman and **Soror Glenda Haynes**, Co-Chairman for their outstanding work with the MS AKA Day at the Capitol. We sincerely appreciate the great work of **Soror Janice Woodard**, Chairman and **Soror Kenya Newby**, Co-Chairman with the TN AKA Day at the Capitol. The AL AKA Day at the Capitol is planned for May 3, 2007. We know that **Soror Gloria Howard** and members of **Beta Nu Omega** will do an outstanding job with this event.

We are also very proud of our South Eastern Representative on the Undergraduate Activities Committee, **Soror Tylvia Edwards**, who represented us well at the Undergraduate Launch of our Signature Technology Program in Greensboro, NC. I regret that I could not make it as I had death in my family, but I understand that it was an “awesome” and very meaningful program. South Eastern undergraduate chapters were well-represented. So, thank you **undergraduates** and **graduate advisors** of South Eastern!!

Congratulations to our first regional “Sorors of the Month”: **March - Soror Kimberly Neal** and **April - Soror Shanta Wilson** and **Soror Nancy Mosley Bonney**. Please view the following pages to see their photos. They can also be viewed on our regional website. Thank you, sorors, for being a wonderful part of South Eastern. I am very proud of the work you do in your chapters and your communities.

Sorors, I can’t begin to tell you how hard our **Heritage Team** has been working. Under the leadership of **Soror Nancy G. Sewell**, this team always rises to the occasion. We have had many investigations in South Eastern with sorors being suspended and expelled, in addition to

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chapters being suspended. While this is not something that I'm proud to tell you, I am proud of the work of our investigation team.

South Eastern sorors **MUST** follow the Constitution and Bylaws and other policies and procedures of our great sisterhood. We will "protect" our great organization. You will receive the full report at the South Eastern Regional Conference.

Please continue to read all of the information in this newsletter. We are trying to keep you abreast of what's happening in your region. Thank you sorors of South Eastern for the love and support you provide for the Regional Director. While this position requires a great deal of time, energy and "finances", you have been there to assist and to give support throughout this journey. I am truly enjoying this journey with you. I appreciate you!!

With sisterly love,



Soror Juanita

South Eastern's Young Author at Harding Academy



Congratulations to eighth grade student, Kelsey Gray, who was honored by the Omicron Chi Chapter of Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Incorporated at Rhodes College with a reception and book signing on October 29. Kelsey's short story, *Me, Myself, and I*, was published in *The Spirit Within: Volume II*, after her selection as the South Eastern's region winner. The sorority donated a set of the Young Authors Anthology books to the Academy's library. *Pictured here, left to right, Harding President Pamela Womack; Kelsey Gray; Secondary Director, Mrs. Melanie Semore; and Academy librarian, Mrs. Julie Chester.*

Regional Accounting Procedures Expenses Should be Planned

Regions have a number of events that involve receipts and disbursements of funds. Examples include regional conferences, cluster meetings, and undergraduate round ups. This article will provide a *high level summary* of the procedures that have been implemented in each region to handle the financial accounting for regional events.

Old Procedures. Procedures in Alpha Kappa Alpha's Fiscal Fitness Guide state that a Pecunious Grammateus (Financial Secretary) should receive funds. A Tamiouchos (Treasurer) should deposit the funds that are received and write checks to pay expenses, upon receipt of a voucher with supporting documentation. A monthly report should be prepared which reflects the beginning balance, a detailed list of funds received, a list of expenditures paid, and the ending balance. The ending balance should be reconciled to the monthly bank statement.

New Procedures. With the advent of Regional Accounting Procedures, three key changes have occurred. (1) *Prior* to the implementation of the regional accounting procedures, a Pecunious Grammateus and a Tamiouchos were appointed to carry out these duties for each event. Now, a Pecunious Grammateus continues to be appointed for each event, but there is only one Tamiouchos for the region. Soror Patricia Daniels in Jackson, Mississippi is the Regional Tamiouchos for the Sophisticated South Eastern Region. (2) A full time Regional Accountant, located at the Corporate Office, will assist Regional Directors in the receipt and disbursement of regional funds. (3) Each region now has one regional bank account instead of establishing a separate bank account for each regional function.

The following accounting flow is now used in each region:

- The Pecunious Grammateus for an event continues to be the person who will receive funds from sorors for registration fees, ticket sales, etc.
- The Pecunious Grammateus will provide receipts for funds and prepare, in conjunction with a second soror, a deposit form to deposit the receipts in the region's bank account. The Pecunious Grammateus provides information regarding the deposit (e.g. the source of funds and total amount deposited) to the Regional Tamiouchos). In providing information regarding the source of funds, it is important for the Pecunious Grammateus to distinguish between funds received from sorors and funds received from non-sorors.
- The Regional Tamiouchos is responsible for providing information regarding all deposits to the Regional Accountant at the Corporate Office.

- When an expense needs to be paid, the Regional Tamiouchos will coordinate the preparation of a voucher, and supporting documentation, for electronic submission to the Regional Accountant. Steps have been taken to ensure that checks are processed timely. First, checks that are below a certain threshold (\$8,000) are not sent to the Corporate Office. Secondly, checks sent to the Corporate Office because they exceed the threshold are to be returned to the Regional Director approximately three days after the voucher is received.
- A monthly report of all regional financial transactions is prepared by the Regional Tamiouchos for submission to the Regional Accountant. These two persons work as a team to ensure that their records agree and to perform a monthly bank reconciliation for each region.

This summary does not cover the procedures that have been established relative to use of a petty cash fund, a uniform chart of accounts to ensure that transactions are uniformly described among regions, the annual audit that will be done, or the procedures that have been established to ensure that we capture all receipts from non-sorors that have the potential of becoming taxable income. Rather, my focus has been to summarize those portions of the procedures that will have an impact on chapters who are hosting a regional event.

After reading this information, your primary thought probably is "Why did we do this? Didn't the old procedure work just fine."

In reviewing the sorority's financial procedures, it was clear that we had great controls for chapter financial transactions and national financial transactions. However, we did not have a means of consistently accounting for financial transactions that involved regional events. The new procedures became effective with the Centennial administration and will be evaluated in 2008 to determine how the procedures are working and if any modifications are needed to make them better.

Soror Martha Perine Beard

*Former Supreme Tamiouchos
(1990 – 1994)*

*Former Central Regional Director
(1994 – 1997)*

*Beta Epsilon Omega Chapter
Memphis, Tennessee*





STANDARDS: THE ESSENCE OF EXCELLENCE

“By The Numbers”

45

Number of days the Regional Director has to inform a chapter of an impending evaluation.
(*Alpha Kappa Alpha Chapter Evaluation Process*)

30

The maximum number of days following an election that outgoing officers have to complete and transfer chapter records to new officers. (*2006, Manual of Standard Procedure, p. 22*)

12

The maximum number of voting delegates a chapter can have at a Boule.
(*2006, Manual of Standard Procedure, p. 55*)

10

Number of meetings each chapter must have during the year.
(*2006 Alpha Kappa Alpha Constitution and Bylaws, Article III, Sec.11, p. 22*)

7

The number of days in which the chapter is advised to contact the Regional Heritage Chairman after receiving notice from the Regional Director of the scheduled evaluation date.
(*Alpha Kappa Alpha Chapter Evaluation Process*)

7

The maximum number of days the evaluated chapter has to submit their financial form to their Regional Representative to the International Standards Committee after the evaluation.
(*Alpha Kappa Alpha Chapter Evaluation Process*)

3-5

Number of evaluation team members a chapter can expect on a visit.
(*Alpha Kappa Alpha Chapter Evaluation Process*)

2

Number of copies of a chapter's bylaws that must be sent to the Regional Director for approval.
(*2006 Alpha Kappa Alpha Constitution and Bylaws, Article III, Sec.10, p. 22*)

2

Number of joint meetings each sponsoring graduate chapter should hold with the undergraduate chapter(s).
(*2006 Alpha Kappa Alpha Constitution and Bylaws, Article III, Sec.19, p. 23*)

1

Number of Standards Chairman each chapter must appoint.
(*2007 Standards Resource Guide, Page 2*)

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AKA Habitat for Humanity House to be Dedicated in Gulfport, MS during the Leadership Seminar

Sorors of South Eastern, you will be happy to know that the Centennial Supreme Basileus, Soror Barbara A. McKinzie has been very supportive of having an AKA Habitat for Humanity House built in Gulfport, MS. She is in the process of final approval of a Memorandum of Understanding between Alpha Kappa Alpha and the Habitat for Humanity of the Mississippi Gulf Coast (HFHNGC) to build this AKA/HFHNGC House for dedication during the Leadership Seminar. As you aware, a house is being built in the New Orleans area and the dedication will take place on Tuesday, July 17 in the afternoon. The Directorate will travel to Gulfport on Tuesday, July 17 for a morning dedication of the AKA/HFHNGC House.

We are asking all chapters in South Eastern and especially those in Mississippi to ask their members to assist in building our house in Gulfport during Saturdays in late May and all of June and the first part of July. Please contact, Soror Stephanie Barnes Taylor, Coordinator for this project, at (228)238-7997 or e-mail staylor915@cableone.net for information regarding

dates and time to assist with building this house. We also want you to put the morning of Tuesday, July 17, 2007 on your calendar to join the Directorate in the House dedication in Gulfport. You will receive more information regarding the exact time of the dedication.

This is an exciting opportunity for the sorors of South Eastern to participate in a national Alpha Kappa Alpha project to support our Hurricane Katrina initiative. Please thank Soror Barbara and the Directorate for thinking of us in South Eastern and our sorors on the Gulf Coast of Mississippi by providing us with this opportunity to assist those affected by Hurricane Katrina. We also appreciate the work of sorors of Upsilon Chi Omega of Gulfport, MS and Theta Zeta Omega of Ocean Springs, MS for their support of this project. We look forward to seeing all of you on Tuesday morning, July 17 in Gulfport. South Eastern sorors need to be there to personally thank the Directorate for their support of our sorors, our region and the Hurricane Katrina initiative.



Dedication of the Casey Family Home at 315 31st Street, Gulfport, MS. *From left:* Soror Persharon Dixon, Kenya Casey, homeowner; Teleado Harper, daughter; Chris Monforton, CEO, Habitat for Humanity of the Mississippi Gulf Coast; Soror Juanita Sims Doty, Soror Stephanie Barnes Taylor, Soror Tarann Cooks, and Soror Viria May.

Second Supreme Anti-Basileus on Undergraduate Signature Technology Launch

Hello Sorors,

Platform IV, the Undergraduate Signature Program: Economic Educational Advancement through Technology has officially been introduced to the world! The Undergraduate Launch kicked off on the campus of North Carolina A&T on Saturday, April 21st in Greensboro, NC.

The program began with speakers and presenters such as our Supreme Basileus, our two Undergraduate Members-at-Large, our Program Chair, other sorors, and North Carolina A&T's Chancellor Lloyd Hackley. We also took time out to pray for our fellow students at Virginia Tech.

The program was followed by a reception and then an informational session where some of our beta chapters presented how they have and/or will implement Platform IV. Their ideas and work range from teaching technology in the area of cell phone usage to computers. Their target audiences range from disadvantaged youth to immigrants.

I wish that each of you could have experienced the mass of Undergraduates, Graduate Advisors, and other sorors in Alpha Kappa Alpha joining to celebrate in what we do best—giving back. Although we are still tallying names and chapter representation, over 400 sorors were in attendance.

The International Undergraduate Activities and Program Committees would like to thank all undergraduates who came out to show your love and dedication to service. Thank you to all graduate advisors and sorors for your continued support of Platform IV. Thank you to those who could not attend the event but are still feverously implementing Platform IV on your campuses. We send a special thanks to the sponsoring chapters: Alpha Phi, Zeta Xi, Nu Rho, Beta Iota Omega, and Sigma Kappa Omega. You all truly stepped up to make the first program in Alpha Kappa Alpha history, spearheaded by undergraduates, a success.

And lastly, thank you to our beta chapters who have set the precedent for our over 350 undergraduate chapters as we give back to our communities in the area of technology.

If you have any questions about how to implement Platform IV, please contact your International Undergraduate or Program Committee Representative(s). May God continue to bless each of you as you move forward.

With Love,
Soror Ranika Sanchez
 Soror Ranika Sanchez
 Second Supreme Anti-Basileus



Undergraduate Signature Technology Program Launch Greensboro, North Carolina



Regional Director's Itinerary

April 11 - 12	Board of Visitors Alabama A& M University Huntsville, AL	May 11 - 12	College Graduation of Niece DaShia Sims Chicago, Illinois
April 12 - 15	Mid-Atlantic Regional Conference Hampton, VA	May 18 - 20	Chartering of the Smoky Mountain Pearls Interest Group - Newport, TN
April 17	Regional Conference Planning Meeting Nashville, TN	May 24 - 27	Central Regional Conference Springfield, IL
April 18	AKA at the Capitol Nashville, TN	June 3 - 6	Graduation of Niece Kimberly Smash Wayne State University Medical School Detroit, MI
April 20 - 21	Undergraduate Technology Launch Greensboro, NC	June 23	Xi Mu Omega 25 th Anniversary Celebration Keynote Speaker
April 28	Jackson State University Blue and White Gala Jackson, MS	June 29 - July 1	Atlanta, GA Vacation
May 2	Regional Conference Planning Visit Montgomery, AL	July 16 - 22	Leadership Seminar 2007
May 3	Alabama Day at the Capitol Montgomery, AL		

Undergraduate Round-Up - Memphis, Tennessee



From left, Sorors Sheryl Wallace Edwards, Co-Chairman; Gwendolyn G. Shorter, Co-Chairman; Ranika Sanchez, Second Supreme Anti-Basileus; Juanita Sims Doty, South Eastern Regional Director; Cynthia Finch, South Eastern Representative International Program Committee, and Kristrina Dean, Chairman



Soror Ranika Sanchez, Second Supreme Basileus and Soror Juanita Sims Doty with Beta Tau Chapter, LeMoyne Owen College



Soror Ranika Sanchez, Second Supreme Basileus and Soror Juanita Sims Doty with Epsilon Epsilon Chapter, University of Memphis



Soror Ranika Sanchez, Second Supreme Basileus and Soror Juanita Sims Doty with Mu Epsilon Chapter, Christian Brothers University

Regional Director's C.O.U.R.T. - Council of Undergraduate Regional Team

We are pleased to introduce the Centennial South Eastern Regional Director's C.O.U.R.T. (Council of Undergraduate Regional Team). This is your opportunity to effectively communicate your ideas with our Centennial Regional Director, Soror Juanita Sims Doty. The goals of the C.O.U.R.T. are to enhance the relationship between the Centennial Regional Director and Undergraduate Sorors and develop more effective ways of communicating within the South Eastern Region of Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Incorporated.

The C.O.U.R.T. is comprised of an undergraduate chairman, and three undergraduate co-chairmen representing the states of Mississippi, Alabama, and Tennessee. The chairman is Soror Tylvia Edwards, a member of Gamma Rho at Jackson State University and South Eastern's representative on the International Undergraduate Activities Committee. The Co-Chairman representing Mississippi is Deanna Tisdale, a member of Gamma Omicron at Tougaloo College. The Co-Chairman representing Tennessee is Shanta Wilson, a member of Mu Epsilon at Christian Brothers University. The Co-Chairman representing Alabama is Lauryn Thomas, a member of Gamma Kappa at Tuskegee University. The Basileus of each active undergraduate chapter will serve as its official representative to the C.O.U.R.T.

An information packet will be sent to all Undergraduate Chapters with more information about the C.O.U.R.T. A survey will be included to identify issues and initiatives that undergraduates can assist the South Eastern Regional Director in addressing and implementing with recommended ideas and solutions. We encourage all undergraduates to be a part of the process by communicating with this team and our leadership so we will be proactive and provide assistance to our Regional Director and our South Eastern Region. We know that we have a very talented group of undergraduate sorors in South Eastern. We want to hear from you and hear your ideas.

If you have any questions or need additional information, please feel free to contact any member of the Regional Director's C.O.U.R.T.

Sisterly,
Soror Tylvia Edwards,
Chairman
Centennial South Eastern
Regional Director's C.O.U.R.T.



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South Eastern Centennial Celebration Updates

Soror Shirley Sims Christian, Chairman

Congratulations! Sorors of the Month

March 2007

Soror Kimberly Marie Neal
Mu Epsilon Chapter
Christian Brothers University
Memphis, TN



April 2007

Soror Nancy Mosley Bonney
Chi Mu Omega Chapter
Mound Bayou, MS



Soror Shanta Nicole Wilson
Mu Epsilon Chapter
Christian Brothers University
Memphis, TN



Just a reminder that all Soror of the month forms are sent to Soror Maxine Harkless at the address on the form. Centennial celebration calendars are due to Co- Chairs of each state by April 30, 2007.

Centennial Celebration Co-Chairs:

Mississippi - Soror Maxine Harkless, 150 Overlook Circle, Jackson, MS 39213

Alabama - Soror Wilhelmenia Evans, 4396 Longwood Drive, Gardendale, AL 35071

Tennessee - Soror Tanya Coats, 1734 Woodhaven, Knoxville, TN 37914

We look forward to hearing about each chapter's activities for our October 2007 Centennial Celebration.
Sorors, let's get ready to celebrate!

ALPHA KAPPA ALPHA DAY AT THE CAPITOL - MISSISSIPPI

Soror from across the State of Mississippi emerged on the Capitol in grand style. There were ten graduate chapters represented: Beta Delta Omega, Eta Theta Omega, Iota Delta Omega, Mu Xi Omega, Omicron Beta Omega, Rho Lambda Omega, Theta Zeta Omega, Upsilon Iota Omega, Upsilon Upsilon Omega and Zeta Delta Omega. Also in attendance were sorors from five undergraduate chapters: Epsilon Pi, Lambda Iota, Gamma Phi, Gamma Omicron and Theta Psi.

The day began with a continental breakfast in the Capitol Rotunda giving sorors an opportunity to greet one another and mingle with legislators. Sorors were welcomed by the Centennial Regional Director, Dr. Juanita Sims Doty, Soror Vanessa Rogers Long, Chairman of the National Connection Committee and Soror Zelmarine Murphy, South Eastern Representative to the National Connection Committee.

Just when you thought the presence of Alpha Kappa Alpha could not get any better you looked around the House Gallery and what did you see, beautiful women in an array of pink and green. A Joint Resolution was

read in the House Chamber recognizing the new National Program: Economics, Service and Partnerships and honoring Mississippi's newly elected members of the directorate and appointed committee members. At that time, the Centennial Regional Director addressed members of the House providing them with an overview of the National legislative agenda recommended by the National Connection Committee and recognizing sorors serving in the House and Senate.

The day concluded with an elegant luncheon at the Old Capitol Inn where the speaker, Soror Linda Rigsby, Assistant Secretary of State for Elections, gave an informative presentation on voting laws in Mississippi. Soror Doty presented E.S. P. (Extra Special Politician) Awards to Senator Alice Harden and Representatives Angela Cockerham, Alyce Clarke, Mary Coleman and Sara Richardson.

*Soror Leyser Hayes, Chairman
Soror Glenda Haynes, Co-Chairman*



Alpha Kappa Alpha Day at the Tennessee State Capitol

Capitol Hill in Nashville Tennessee will never be the same as over a hundred sorors from the state of Tennessee gathered for AKA Day on the Hill; Wednesday, April 18, 2007. The opening session began with welcome from Tennessee Connection Chairman, Soror Janice Woodard in the House Chamber, along with greetings from our Centennial South Eastern Regional Director Soror Juanita Sims Doty and our International Connection Chairman, Vanessa Rogers Long. The Honorable Jimmy Naifeh, Speaker of the House of Representatives welcomed sorors to the hill and expressed his thanks for our presence and commitment as we gather each year. Tennessee Black Caucus of State Legislators greeted us throughout the day.

Marilyn Robinson, President of the Nashville chapter of the NAACP joined with us and thanked us for making a difference in the lives of those that we touch and for our commitment in the region to becoming members of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People (NAACP) by the South Eastern Regional Conference's 75th Anniversary celebration.

The Honorable Johnny Shaw, representing the 80th District in Bolivar, Tennessee, and Representative Barbara Cooper, representing the 86th District in Memphis, Tennessee, joined us and expressed their appreciation to us for our commitment of coming to Capitol Hill each year and shared House Bills that we should be aware of. Bills discussed addressed Voting in Tennessee, Families First, Operation Fair Share, Tennessee Student Assistance Award (TSAA); bills which addressed amending TCA Title 49 and numerous other bills addressing Education and Budget concerns.

Sorors gathered for a working lunch where Representative Cooper shared with us the process of how Bills are adopted and encouraged chapter members to become more involved in the political process. Soror Zelmarine Murphy, International Connection Committee member, encouraged us to write letters, send post cards and make phone calls to our local Legislators to encourage them to support a bill or not to support.

We convened in the House Chamber at 2:30 pm for the adoption of Resolution HJR #369 recognizing Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority Inc. its platforms and leaders of the South Eastern Region. Extra Special Politician awards were presented to Representatives Barbara Cooper and Tommie Brown and former Representative Edith Taylor Langster. Visit www.legislature.state.tn.us; House of Representative link; Video Streaming link and select April 18 2007. Forward the video to 24:00 and view this momentous event.

The day concluded with a picture with Governor Phil Bredesen on the steps of the State Capitol. Sorors, let us remain committed, focused and concerned about the issues which greatly impact our local communities. Let us become the powerful advocates for Economic, Social and Political change as directed by our Centennial Supreme Basileus Barbara A. McKinzie.

*Soror Janice J. Woodard, Chairman
Kenya Newby, Co-Chairman*



South Eastern Leads the Way for Equality and Justice Through Membership in the NAACP



Comprised of three of the most historically significant states in America's civil right past, the members of the South Eastern region of Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Inc. recognize that there is strength in numbers. For nearly 100 years the

women of Alpha Kappa Alpha have served their communities through service. The NAACP, likewise for nearly 100 years, has saved lives and changed many negative aspects of society as it fights to ensure the political, educational, social and economic equality for all persons. Several battles for equality and justice have been won and lost throughout the years but the war for the rights of all continues.

Recognizing this fact, our Centennial Regional Director, Juanita Sims Doty, has commissioned the Diamond Centennial NAACP Chapter Membership Award to be awarded to chapters that have obtained 100% membership in the NAACP by August 10, 2007. Sorors are strongly urged to complete applications and submit them to local branches or state offices. The state offices for Alabama, Mississippi, and Tennessee are listed.

The Diamond-Centennial NAACP Chapter Award will be presented to the chapter basileus during the Thursday evening public meeting. National NAACP

leaders in addition to our state NAACP presidents will be on hand to present the chapter basilei these awards. Additionally, these chapter basilei will be invited to the Regional Director's dinner and will be given special ribbons to wear during the entire regional conference. Thanks to all the chapters that are working toward this Diamond-Centennial NAACP Chapter Award.

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75th South Eastern Regional Conference Updates

All chapters should have received your Regional Conference Registration Materials and Awards Booklet. You may also go to our regional website, www.akasoutheastern.org to download the registration material. Each chapter basileus should have a flyer in this newsletter with the username and password to enter the "member only" section of the website. Please disseminate this information to your chapter members.

The sorors of Cluster II B are looking to entertain you at the Centennial Host Chapter gala. They have narrowed down to a "short list" of two nationally known entertainers that they are considering to have as their guest. Stay tuned to hear who they have chosen within the next month or so.

Undergraduate Round-Up at the Regional Conference

As a reminder, undergraduates and graduate advisors must register for the regional conference in order to register for the Undergraduate Round-Up. We look forward to having all three of our national undergraduate directorate members be a part of the Round-Up.