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**BLACK
MATERNAL
HEALTH WEEK**



RDO-APRIL CHAPTER NEWSLETTER



BLACK MATERNAL HEALTH WEEK 2024

Basileus

Soror Jackie Welch
 1st Anti Basileus
 Soror Teri Alugas
 2nd Anti Basileus
 Soror Erica Walker
 Grammateus
 Soror Michelle Smith
 Anti-Grammateus
 Soror Danny Greene-Bell
 Tamiouchos
 Soror Audrey Kay
 Anti Tamiouchos
 Soror Dee Scott
 Pecunious Grammateus
 Soror Antoinette Battiste
 Graduate Advisor
 Soror LaJuanda Denny
 Epistoleus
 Soror Alisha O. Baltimore
 Hodegos
 Phyllis Hamilton
 Parliamentarian
 Soror Zina Slaughter
 Member at Large
 Soror Debra Fitts
 Ivy Leaf Reporter
 Soror Gisele Bonds
 Historian
 Soror Martha Hanks
 Chaplain
 Soror Shelia Stevens
 EAF Captain
 Soror Tolani Britton
 Philactor
 Soror Cinde Lemon

Greeting Sorors,

I'm sure we are all asking the same question, where did the month of April go! A constant reminder of time and being intentional each day.

The **April PEARL** Newsletter is a clear reflection of the many ways the sisterhood of RDO has been intentional with community service, attending Regional conference, collaborative partnerships creating impact.

The month of April reflects many national initiatives consisting of Black Maternal Health Week, and Financial Literacy just to name a few.

As we prepare to turn the Calendar to May, we send out the SOS signal of May Day, we need all hands on deck Sorors allowing us to remain RDO The Award winning chapter! We help each other always!

***Sisterly In Service,
Madam Basileus
Soror Jackie Welch***

Adding 1 New PEARL to the RDO Sisterhood !



Let's welcome to the RDO Sisterhood New Member

Soror Christian Hawthorne





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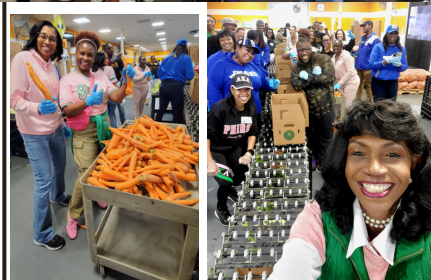
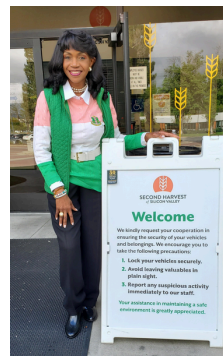


The Month of April was all about the 95th Far West Regional Conference and Community Service!

Special thanks to Soror Sharon Godbolt and Soror Gisele Bonds for your support ensuring all items were ordered and delivered in Southern California supporting the Regional Conference Hygiene Kits. Total Kits provided by RDO reflects 50 with of course the special RDO label of LOVE on each kits. Thanks Soror Gisele !



Sending Tea Roses to our chapter Pan - Hel Council Representative Soror Clezel Sewell for the impactful community service project supporting the D-9 family in partnership with the 2nd Harvest Food bank, on April 25,th .



Our D-9 family made a significant impact completing 60 Boxes of food during our 2 hr. volunteer shift that will feed over 3,000 families in the Bay area. RDO was well represented. Giving a special shot out to our new RDO Soror Christian Hawthorne for being apart of Team RDO! Service with a SMILE!



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APRIL COMMUNITY SERVICE

Special thanks to our new Community Partner the Junior League of Palo Alto Mid-Peninsula. During their BLOOM WELLNESS Retreat the organization members provided their support on behalf of the CHIPP program based on our initial kick-off meeting in March. Donations consisted of both food and financial support via the QR code reflecting I&P Foundation. Thanks Soror Mica for your continued Leadership regarding CHIPP.

Bloom Food Drive



We're thrilled to support the AKA Palo Alto Chapter Food Drive, which provides snack packs to young people in vulnerable communities.

Bring along a non-perishable snack food item and drop it off at their designated basket.

Together, we can make a significant difference in combating food insecurity in the Peninsula.

To extend our generosity, we will pass an extra opportunity table ticket to all those who participate!



CHIPP Childhood Hunger Initiative Power Packs



JOIN IN FOR THE CHIPP FOOD DRIVE!

Let's come together to support school-age kids in need.


DONATIONS ACCEPTED AT THE BLOOM WELLNESS RETREAT.



Sending a belated Thank-you to Soror Sharon for being a community volunteer supporting the Princess Project also hosted by the Junior League.

JUNIOR LEAGUE OF PALO ALTO-MID PENINSULA

VOLUNTEER WITH THE PRINCESS PROJECT



DESCRIPTION

THE PRINCESS PROJECT PROMOTES SELF-CONFIDENCE AND INDIVIDUAL BEAUTY BY PROVIDING FREE PROM DRESSES AND ACCESSORIES TO HIGH SCHOOL TEENS WHO CANNOT OTHERWISE AFFORD THEM. VOLUNTEER FOR A DRESS GIVEAWAY SHIFT TO HELP TEENS FEEL LIKE A PRINCESS FOR A DAY. BRING YOUR FRIENDS OR FAMILY! WOMEN AGES 18 AND OLDER ARE WELCOME TO VOLUNTEER.





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CELEBRATING THE 95TH FAR WEST REGIONAL CONFERENCE

Congratulations to the sisterhood of RDO for your strong attendance supporting the 95th Far West Regional Conference held April 18-21 2024 Los Angeles, CA. Registration reflects **25 RDO members**. Sharing some of the many special RDO conference highlights:



Friday, **Poised in PINK!**
Special thanks to Soror Christina Debbs for organizing the great Sisterly Luncheon!



Poised in Pink Continues.....
Chapter Photo with **MRD #25 Carol R. Dixon**



And the Winner is: Soror Nicole Jordan (The Candidate selected by RDO)

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CELEBRATING THE 95TH FAR WEST REGIONAL CONFERENCE

Thursday, Welcome, Registration, Community Service Project, Hands on Workshops, Public Meeting, Step Show



We See you MRD On the Big Screen !Public Meeting

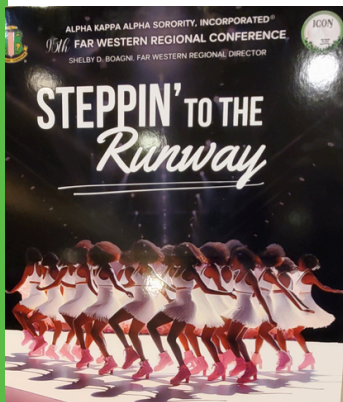
Ready to Learn--- Attending GAC Level I Training

Soror Debra, Michelle, and Jackie

Attending GAC Level II Training / Soror Carol R. Dixon



We are so **PROUD** of you **Xi-Beta** and really enjoyed your Step Show Performance! Special Shout out to your amazing Graduate Advisor Soror LaJuanda Denny for all of your great work!





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Friday, First Plenary Session, 2nd Plenary Session, Comedy Show, RDO Suite Life!



Delegates Ready for the Assignment: RDO Chapter Plenary Reporting
1st Plenary -- Soror LaJuanda,, Soror Zlna, Soror Debra and Soror Michelle
2nd Plenary -- Soror Dee Scott and Soror Christina Debbs
3rd Plenary --- Soror Jackie Welch
Alternate: --- Soror Natalie



Oh what a night of Laughter! Cedric, DL Hughley and the CREW brought their A game to the Comedy SHOW! Truly worth the price of admission!

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Like VEGAS, What happens in the Suite ...Stays in the Suite!
Always a good time with the Sorors of RDO! Thanks Soror Sharon for your sisterly hospitality. (Food, beverages, snacks, etc.) We appreciate YOU!



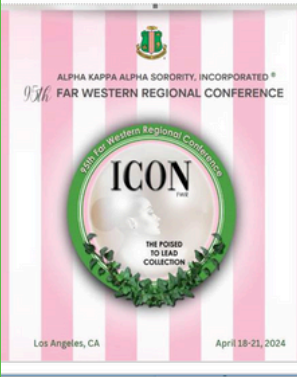


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Saturday, **Glamorous In Green!** Delegate Voting, 3rd Plenary Session, Election of New Regional Director, Conference Stroll, 08 After Party

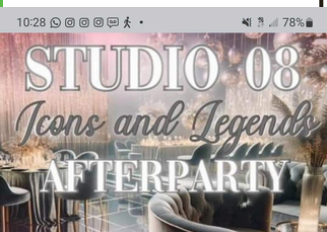


Chapter Photo Time! Special Shot out to our Protocol Chair Dr. Andrea Wilson for keeping us on time and in picture formation!

RDO Past and Present Chapter Basileus. Thank you for your Service. Great seeing Soror Rosalind Pettigrew



IT WAS EPIC! Participating in the Invitational Stroll preparing Sorors to attend the next conference where??? **THE BAY AREA!!** Kicking things off our very own MRD # 25 Carol R. Dixon





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APRIL CHAPTER MEETING – HIGHLIGHTS



Meeting Theme:

Garden Tea

Tea Cups, Fascinators Hats, Gloves



Sending a special Thank-you to 1st Anti- Basileus Soror Teri Alugas for leading the April Chapter Meeting.

Tea Roses also to our NEW Generation NEXT Chair Soror Jasmine Williams!



Congratulations Sorors and thank you for a Fun and Fancy April Tea Time!



Thank You

April also included saying **Thank you** and **Good- bye** to the Varner Family! We appreciate you selecting RDO! Soror Tamara thank you for your service as Regional Conference Registration Chair! Safe Travels Sorors and we look forward to seeing you soon in Dallas/ Boule!



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OTHER FUN HIGHLIGHTS FROM REGIONAL CONFERENCE

READY, SET, GO!



Congratulations Soror Coletta
1st Time Conference Attendee



Emergency Response Team--- Thank
you chapter member Soror Robin for
your Service!



Getting ready to board. I really
enjoyed myself, even though I'm
exhausted.



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LOCAL CHAPTER NEWS AND INFORMATION



Opportunity to be of Service-- Sorors we are now officially 5 months away from our own Chapter election season. **RDO By-laws Article V Election of Officers: Section 3.** Even Year Balloting (**6 Positions**)– 2nd Anti-Basileus, Tamiouchos, Epistoleus, Anti-Grammateus, Historian, Graduate Advisor With 2 key conferences occurring this year (**Regional and Boule**) **providing training and required certifications** for certain positions and programs please take advantage Sorors of these opportunities to learn more and prepare to answer the call of higher service.



- Next month prior to the start of Chapter meeting, **Sunday May 19th 1:00 – 2:30 pm** We would like to provide you advance notice regarding the RDO Strategic Planning meeting being led by chair Soror Natalie Walker. The Strategic Plan is based on 2023 Chapter survey results identifying the following key topics:
- **Chapter Succession Planning**
- **Annual Fundraiser**
- **Community Engagement**
- **Archiving the RDO History**
- **Financial Payment Dues**
- **Consistent Meeting Location**

This meeting allows all voices and ideas to be heard as we work together building the strategic vision of RDO next Level .

Help Spread the word to friend and family-- EAF Scholarship is still OPEN

- **The link and the flier for the 2024 AKA EAF Scholarship Application are provided below**
- **Here is the link:**
- **<https://forms.gle/JYUQngnQrnfWKQKt7>**



SAVE The Date:: Sunday May 19th for Chapter Meeting:

Theme: Wear your **Green attire** supporting Mental Health Month
Special thanks to our new chapter member Soror Christine

Hawthorne leading key activites regarding this important topic!



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CHAPTER REMINDERS



Soul Stroll 2024



Soul Stroll --

The 2024 Soul Stroll is scheduled for Saturday, May 18th from 8:00AM-Noon. They will be back at Coyote Point Recreation area in San Mateo. Soul Stroll for Health is the Bay Area Community Health Advisory Council's (BACHAC) signature fundraiser event and RDO has been a sponsor for numerous years. .

If you are planning to attend, PLEASE register and complete the online participation waiver Family and friends are welcome to attend.



Building our Economic Wealth!

Show me the **MONEY!**

April is also Financial Literacy month and the Money SQUAD led by my Soror Michelle Smith provided a Soft launch this month with the Financial BINGO CARD. Come and join the MONEY SQUAD! Set new GOALS in 2024 getting your Money game on POINT!

More information will be provided at the May Meeting

- Save Big, Win Bigger
- Compete for Prizes:
- Educational and Fun:



Sisterly reminder Sorors--Are you current with the required **Soror Code of Ethics?** If not, please click on the link below.

This is a corporate requirement.

Complete the AKA Soror Code of Ethics:

<https://form.jotform.com/220459196432054>



Pull your Social Security Report	Pay off a credit card	Save >\$3k for a debt free major purchase in 2024	Attend a Financial Literacy Workshop
Set up a 529 Educational Fund	Open List your activity here!	Invested in a new stock in 2024	Share a financial article with the squad





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BOULE AND MAY CHAPTER VOTING



The 95th Far West Regional Conference has now ended and next stop is 71st Boule, Dallas TX. **The 7 Delegates** for Boule were selected at the April Meeting! Thank you Sorors for your continued Leadership and Service.

Boule Delegates are:

- Soror LaJuanda Denny
- Soror Audrey Kay
- Soror Michelle Smith
- Soror Danny Greene - Bell
- Soror Teri Alugas
- Soror Debra Fitts
- Soror Jackie Welch

Boule Alt:

- Soror Leticha Hawkins
- Soror Carol Dixon



Preparing for Boule Delegate Voting on Key Amendments - Email Provided by Madam Supreme below:

A copy of the document is available on the Sorority's website and also can be accessed [here](#).

Will review at the May Chapter meeting so please review in advance and come prepared for discussion and voting.

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Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Incorporated®

International Constitution Committee
Proposed Bylaw Amendments
71st Boule – Dallas, Texas



From the **Supreme Basileus**

April 29, 2024

Dear Sorors,

Proposed amendments to the sorority's bylaws will be presented for adoption at the 71st Boule in Dallas, Texas. These amendments were presented at the 2024 regional conferences and included in the spring 2024 chapter mailing. A copy of the document is available on the Sorority's website and also can be accessed [here](#).

Proposed amendments 6, 7, and 8 call for increasing the required years of active status from two (2) years to four (4) years for undergraduate legacy candidates, graduate legacy candidates, and non-legacy graduate candidates.

The intent of the Directorate and the International Membership Committee is for the proposed change to be applicable for all three categories. As a result, these amendments will be voted "in gross," which means that the three amendments will be shown together on the ballot and one vote will apply.



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CORPORATE PROGRAMS

HAVE YOU HEARD ABOUT GENERATION NEXT??



CALENDAR OF EVENTS: FEBRUARY – MAY

The Generation NEXT International Committee is thrilled to launch this year's upcoming events for your chapter's GenNEXT committees!



March: Donate to your local women's shelter

In celebration of Women's History Month, actively engage in serving and supporting your local women's shelter. This aligns with our administration initiatives to Empower Our Families and Uplift Our Local Community. Feel free to create donation kits or provide essential supplies to meet the needs of your nearby women's shelter.

April: Sisterhood Garden Tea

Organize a formal or informal Sisterhood Garden Tea, with the option to collaborate with your chapter's Sisterly Relations Committee. Join us in connecting with nature by planting trees as part of the Enhancing Our Environment initiative, followed by a tea party. #GenNEXTGardenTea



May: GenNEXT Gets Fit!

Let's get fit! Participate in an enjoyable gym class together. This could involve activities such as Pilates, cycling, Zumba, or creating your own personalized gym combination! #GenNEXTGetsFit! **(SOUL STROLL)**

We enjoy seeing your photos on social media; so remember to use the hashtags when posting! Let's continue to bridge generations and propel our sorority to new heights!





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SAVE THE DATES --- AKA RDO CALENDAR



Date:	Event:
5/7/2024 Executive Board	5/19/ RDO Chapter Meeting
6/4/2024	6/9/ RDO Chapter meeting
7/6 -11 /2024	71st Boule Dallas, Texas