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EKK and Uplift, Inc. Community Picnic

The Epsilon Kappa Kappa Chapter of Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, Inc. and Uplift, Inc. Foundation held its annual Community Picnic Cookout May 16, 2015, at Rodgers Park in Canton, MS. The event included a host of food and refreshments, a 3K Run/Walk and professional health screenings.



EKK and Uplift, Inc. Community Picnic, Cont.



EKK Adopt A Park Clean-Up

On Saturday May 7th and May 23rd, brothers of Epsilon Kappa Kappa Chapter of Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, Inc along with the City of Canton Parks and Recreation and the Madison County Greek Council rolled up their sleeves to help beautify two of the city parks, Saab and Redbud, by doing landscaping and painting. The beautification project is scheduled for the remainder of the year.



EKK Adopt A Park Clean-Up, Cont.



EKK Scholarship Check Presentation

The Brothers of Epsilon Kappa Kappa Chapter of Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, Inc. presented Jayla Thompson, senior from Germantown High School, with a \$1,000 scholarship on Friday, May 8, 2015 at Germantown High School.

The monetary award was presented as a result of her outstanding winning essay submitted in the Fraternity's annual competition.



EKK Participates In Stop The Violence Program

April is National Sexual Assault Awareness Month and the brothers of Epsilon Kappa Kappa Chapter of Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, Inc and Catholic Charities, Inc Rape Crisis Center held a Teen Summit on Saturday, April 25 at New Horizon Center. The guest speaker was nationally recognized motivational speaker James Edward. Sessions included teen dating violence, engaging boys to be allies, the warning signs of sexual assault and self defense. The event was free to youth ages 12-18 and breakfast and lunch was provided.



EKK Participates In Stop The Violence Program, Cont.



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EKK Talent Hunt Program

Epsilon Kappa Kappa Chapter and Rho Epsilon Chapter of Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, Inc., held its annual Talent Hunt Program April 18, 2015 at New Jerusalem Church in Jackson, MS.

Competition in the Talent Hunt Contest is open for the following art forms:

1. Music: Vocal and instrumental, classical and contemporary.
2. Interpretive movement to music: Ballet to pantomime.
3. Speech: Poetry, reading, orations, monologues, etc.

The winners of the 2015 EKK/ Rho Epsilon Talent Hunt are:

- 1st place winner receiving \$300 was Jasmine Thompson for her performance of a piano selection of "Sonatina Op. 20 No.1, Fr. Kuhlshorn"
- 2nd place winner receiving \$200 was Gavin Hughes performing a piano and vocal selection of "A Sonnet for You/You for Me", Donny Hathaway/Johnny Gill
- 3rd place winner receiving \$100 was Jordan Jefferson performing a tap dance presentation

The purpose of the event is to highlight the talents of area youth and promote appreciation of the arts. All contestants received a certificate of achievement. The first place winners will represent Epsilon Kappa Kappa and Rho Epsilon in the Omega Psi Phi State of MS Talent Hunt to be held in Cleveland, MS, August of 2015.



EKK Talent Hunt Program, Cont.



EKK Easter Egg Hunt

Members of Epsilon Kappa Kappa Chapter of Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, Inc., in conjunction with the City of Canton and the Greeks of Madison County held it annual Easter Egg Hunt for the community on April 4, 2015, in Canton, MS. The event was held at SAAB Park. Children participated in egg coloring, the hunt for eggs and basketball shooting contests. Special prizes were given to children who found golden eggs.

The EKK Easter Egg Hunt is a social action program administered by the Fraternity to uplift members of the local community. Other activities held by EKK include voter registration, Assault on Illiteracy, and mentoring programs.



EKK Easter Egg Hunt, Cont.



EKK Mentoring Program

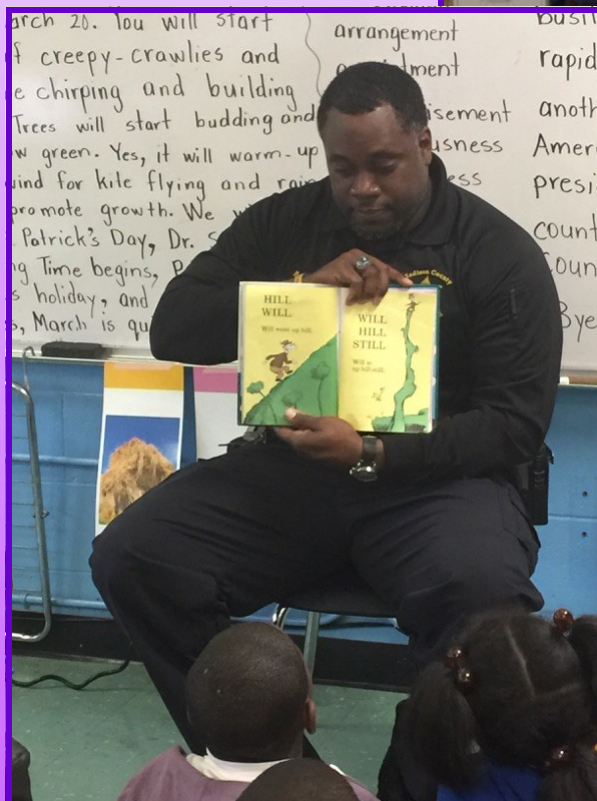
Epsilon Kappa Kappa Chapter continues its effort with Mentoring/Fatherhood initiative by working with the Ambassadors of the Evers Academy for African-American Males Initiative (A-TEAAM) at Porter and Nichols Middle School. This innovative program is an intense eight week mentoring program for male students designed to amplify abilities and ultimately result in producing extraordinary male students that demonstrate lasting academic excellence and achievement. The ATEEAM mentorship program's purpose is to inspire young Black males to honor the life and live the legacy of Medgar Evers, an African American hero, whose murder on June 12, 1963, by evil racist in Mississippi, helped to advance the cause of civil rights throughout America in a positive way.



EKK Read Across America

Brothers of Epsilon Kappa Kappa Chapter of Omega Psi Phi, Fraternity Inc. participated in "Read Across America Day" activities at Reuben B. Myers School of Arts and Sciences in Canton, MS on March 2, 2015.

The National Educational Association's "Read Across America Day" is an annual reading motivation and awareness program that calls for every child in every community to celebrate reading before the birthday of famous children's author Dr. Theodore Seuss Geisel on March 2, 2015. During the event, members of EKK read stories to students, discussed their professional careers and educational backgrounds. They also encouraged the students to be successful academic scholars



Rho Epsilon Chapter School Flag Presentation

Tougaloo, MS – On Thursday, April 9, 2015, members of the Rho Epsilon Chapter of Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, Inc. along with employees of Tougaloo College that are also members of Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, Inc. presented a school flag to Dr. Beverly Wade Hogan, College President. This presentation was a momentous occasion considering it has been over 12 years since such a gift has been given. Bro. James C. Coleman III, Rho Epsilon Chapter Basileus, presented the flag and commended President Hogan on her extraordinary leadership and love shown towards this institution. Bro. Edward Blackmon, Jr. who is also a member of the Mississippi House of Representatives, played a very important role in making this event possible. Brother Blackmon was initiated into the Rho Epsilon Chapter in the fall of 1969. This initiative was an opportunity for the chapter to give back to their school that has given so much to them.



Featured from left to right: Bro. Dr. James C. Coleman, Sr., Bro. Jarrell Carter, Bro. Alvin Carter, Dr. Beverly Wade Hogan, Bro. James Reed, IV, Bro. James C. Coleman, III.

Beta Alpha Chapter's Fundraising Event

"God placed it on my heart to do something for someone in need," according to Bro. Darrell Stubbs. That someone in need turned out to be an Omega brother, Shaun Bridgeman who was recently diagnosed with leukemia. Although, Bridgeman had not been financially active with Beta Alpha, Stubbs was convicted to make a request to assist Bro. Bridgeman. During the March Beta Alpha Chapter meeting, Bro. Stubbs stood boldly to state his case on behalf of Bro. Bridgeman. As Stubbs spoke, one of the statements that resonated among chapter members was, "This could easily happen to any one of us, you never know when tragedy will strike us." Bro. Stubbs received overwhelming support from the chapter and the community. Two fundraising events were organized. During the month of April, Beta Alpha Chapter sponsored a blood drive with all donations benefiting Bro. Bridgeman. Twenty-two donations were received through Mississippi Blood Services to help defray the cost of blood transfusions for Bro. Bridgeman.

In May, the chapter sponsored a pancake breakfast with all proceeds benefiting Bro. Bridgeman. These fundraising efforts resulted in a \$8000.00 check presented to Bro. Shaun Bridgeman and his family on May 23. Additional donations will pay for Bro. Bridgeman's dues for the upcoming fiscal year. Beta Alpha Chapter is grateful to Mississippi Blood Services and Applebee's restaurant in Ridgeland, MS for assisting with the fundraising projects. While in the hospital Bro. Bridgeman expressed these words, "I would like to thank everyone who donated blood, came out to the pancake breakfast, and purchased a ticket and anyone who has said a prayer for me and my family. Words can't describe how touched I am. Thank you for allowing me to feel God's love through your words and actions. Special thanks to the brothers of Omega Psi Phi fraternity, specifically the brothers of Beta Alpha Chapter, to all the Bruhz...to my friends and family...I love you all! Continue to pray for me as I fight this cancer, and I will pray for you." This all happened because of one brother's boldness. To God Be the Glory!!!



Nu Xi Chapter Participates In African American Read In

As part of its Assault on Illiteracy, the Nu Xi Chapter of Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, Inc. organized an African American Poetry Read-In on Saturday, February 21, 2015. The event brought together members of various BGLO's to read poetry authored by African Americans to local middle and high school students. Attending youth also participated in a literacy lesson on "voice" in reading. African American authors showcased included: Langston Hughes, Paul Lawrence Dunbar, Nikki Giovanni, Maya Angelou, and Countee Cullen among others.



Nu Xi Chapter Black History Challenge

The Brothers of Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, Inc., Nu Xi Chapter completed its 2015 Carter G. Woodson Black History Challenge on Saturday, February 21, 2015. The event was held at the Natchez Association for the Preservation of Afro-American Culture Museum. The chapter hosted three teams of elementary students who answered questions concerning African American culture, arts, politics, sports, and history. Each of the four members of the winning team received \$25. All contestants received a certificate of participation. In addition, the chapter honored Ser Seshsh Ab Heter-CM Boxley with its 2015 Living Black History Award for having a continued commitment to the preservation and promotion of local African American history.



Nu Xi Chapter Scholarship Award

On April 19, 2015 the Nu Xi Chapter of Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, Inc. awarded two students at Natchez High School \$1250 in scholarship funds. The students were selected from a number of applicants who submitted essays to the chapter. Allison Sullivan received the first place scholarship award of \$750. E'Keria Williams received the second place scholarship award of \$500.



Psi Mu Mu Fatherhood and Mentoring

The Omega Psi Phi, Inc. "Fatherhood & Mentoring" committee of Psi Mu Mu chapter has been working together with "The Stop the Violence" committee of Psi Mu Mu this year at our adopt a school (Lake Cormorant High School). This year has been a huge success. We currently have 18 young men on our mentor list with 7 to 8 boys faithfully attending mentoring sessions each Friday which last from 1 to 1 ½ hours. We speak with the young men on various subjects and give them the best advice we have to offer. This year we were able to take the young men to RUST COLLEGE for the second annual Save Our Sons seminar, co founded by our own Basileus, Bro. Mike Smith. Each young man had to attend three different sessions of their choice. They received tons of valuable information which should provide their lives with uplift.

Both committees have been able to work together in the community on behalf of the young men we mentor. Omega brothers are attending sporting events, giving out shoes and socks to less fortunate young boys and also giving back to the school staff at (L.C.H.S.) for all their help and generosity while we help the young men of their school. Although school is out, we plan to keep in touch with the young men this summer. We will get them odd jobs to keep them busy so they can stay out of trouble. Also, we plan to take some of the boys to different colleges so they will have a chance to see more, so they will want to do more.



Psi Mu Mu Fatherhood and Mentoring, Cont.



Sigma Alpha Alpha Easter Egg Hunt

The Sigma Alpha Alpha Chapter partnered with the St. Charles Masonic Order of Moss Point, MS to convene the 10th annual Easter Egg Hunt on Saturday, April 4, 2015. The event was a success as over 100 children participated despite weather that required part of the event move indoors. Bro. Terrence Packer was the chapter's driving force in making this event happen as in previous years. The event illustrated the chapter's commitment to providing positive leadership to our children and parents in bringing city leaders to address the gathering and convey information on what is important for our community for the future.

The recently appointed police chief for the city of Moss Point was invited to inform the gathering of children and adults on several aspects of policing that would improve the environment for community policing in light of the recent negative interactions of police officers with the citizenry nationwide. Bro. Packer is a Master Sargent in the Mississippi Highway Patrol and used this platform to discuss the topics of bullying, public safety and positive parenting. The event was enjoyed by young and old with gifts for each child, a community cookout and a positive and informative message.



Sigma Alpha Alpha Honors A Mother's Day Brunch

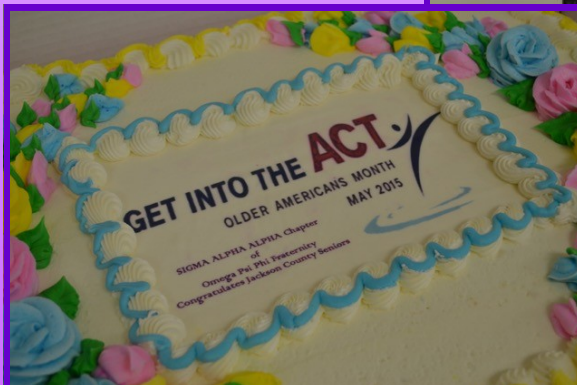
The Sigma Alpha Alpha Chapter recently honored our Mothers and Quettes on the Saturday before Mother's Day, May 10, 2015 in Pascagoula, MS. The event was organized by our esteemed, Brother J. B Carter Jr. The recognition of our mothers was the main topic and Bro. Carter used this event to express the Chapter's love and admiration of the contributions that our wives and mothers make to our lives everyday. Along with delicious food, the setting was designed to present our ladies of the day with gifts for all that they do for the Omega Brotherhood of Omega Psi Phi Fraternity. Truly we would be incomplete without our mothers and companions in accomplishing the goals of Omega and in this setting we wanted to show our appreciation for all that they do to help us be successful in our endeavors.



Sigma Slpah Alpha Scholarship In Action

The Sigma Alpha Alpha is fortunate to recently have Brother Jerry Pittman to transfer to our chapter. He has taken a prominent role in the administration of the Moss Point School District and has used his influence to bring about a scholarship award for deserving Moss Point students. Bro. Pittman used his association with the St. Charles Masonic Order and his influence with the business community to get funds for a scholarship for a deserving high school student aspiring to go to college. Brother Pittman encourages our chapter and all in the state to cultivate a relationship with the local school districts and business community to bring about positive outcomes for our youth. Brother Pittman had identified our role as Omega Men in seeking out these opportunities of awarding Scholarship and providing Uplift for individuals who may not normally have the chance to move to higher levels of academic achievement.

The chapter is seeking to bring about a positive change to communities in academic achievement and recognizes that the lift is a heavy one; but we persevere to develop a template for an all-out community effort to assist our youth in this development. Brother Pittman will also assist Brother Essix J. Miskel in his effort to develop a community tutoring effort template to assist in early intervention into our children's academic development. The aim is to present a template for using the technological tools available to encourage our churches and community groups to fully participate in this effort. The stakes are high for our youth as politics and conflicting views of educational methodology has a potential to stall the educational experience in some of our communities. The aim is to be alert and ready to complement and enhance the learning experience for our children.



Sigma Alpha Alpha Participates In Senior Field Day

Sigma Alpha Alpha recently participated in the Senior Field Day for the seniors of Jackson County on Friday, May 22, 2015. This is an annual labor of love for our chapter as we have partnered with the Jackson County Civic Action Committee on an ongoing basis to help spearhead this event. The theme for 2015 was to “Get Into The Act” and May has been designated as Older Americans Month. This year the chapter was fortunate to have several of our newest chapter brothers to help guide this event. Brothers Robert Bradshaw and Clifford Ellerby were present to complement the annual participation of Bro. JB Carter Jr. in kicking off this event. The chapter donated a cake, with the Seniors’ theme and logo, and supplied food, gifts and entertainment for the senior participants. As always, Brother Carter led the participants in prayer to initiate a day of fun and appreciation for the continued health and viability of our seniors.



Sigma Alpha Alpha Honors NAACP Banquet

The Sigma Alpha Alpha Chapter participated in the annual banquet for the Jackson County Chapter of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People on Friday, April 10, 2015. The keynote speaker for this year's event was the Honorable Bro. Johnny Dupree, who is the current Mayor of Hattiesburg, MS. Bro. Dupree delivered a profound message of experience and triumph in leadership in his 4 terms as mayor of Hattiesburg, MS, his run for governor of our state and the civil rights climate in Mississippi both past, present and future. Bro. Dupree captured the crowd with his profound oratorical skill and his intimate knowledge of the Mississippi political climate. Bro. Dupree spoke to the gathering on the failures and triumphs of our state in delivering a balanced assessment of where we are, where we have been and where we have to go as a state. Bro. Dupree sought not to divide the crowd of mixed ethnic background but to enlighten the audience of how we can all work together to bring about positive outcomes in our communities and in our state.

The Sigma Alpha Alpha chapter made a special presentation to Brother Dupree and the chapter was particularly pleased to have the gift presented to the mayor by its three newest members, Bro. Irving Spikes, Bro. Mitchell Ellerby, Jr. and Bro. Clifford Ellerby. These young men were initiated into our chapter and quickly indoctrinated in public service as they spoke eloquently to welcome our fraternity brother to our community and make a statement of our Chapter's commitment to the betterment of our neighborhoods, our cities and our overall communities.



Upcoming Event:

**State Picnic
Bovina Clear Creek
Vicksburg, MS
June 27, 2015**

**International Leadership Conference
Jacksonville, FL
July 8-12, 2015**

**State Meeting
Delta State University
Cleveland, MS
August 28-30, 2015**

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