

Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Incorporated ®  
Gamma Sigma Omega Chapter  
Chapter Officer/ Committee Reporting Form

Officer: Soror Terri E. Lewis  
Executive Meeting:  
Announcement: X

Committee/Position: Sisterly Relations Committee/Chair  
General Meeting: X  
Report: X

Date: February 11, 2023  
Recommendation:



The Sisterly Relations Committee partnered with Empower Our Families and the Membership Committee to collect wish list donations for Greenbriar Children's Center and the Emmaus House. Each Soror Squad provided paper towels, toilet paper, bleach, laundry detergent, food containers, cutlery sets, and other wish list items to support the children and homeless served at the respective agency. The Sisterly Relations and Membership Committee issued a sisterly challenge. The Soror Squad who brought the most items to the January GSO chapter meeting and the GSO sorors who received donations from inactive or general member would receive special recognition. The Lavinia Norman Soror Squad met the challenge. **Tea roses** to the Lavinia Norman Soror Squad who provided the most items from the wish list. **Tea Roses** to the Anna Easter Brown and Lucy Diggs Slowe Soror Squads who came in a close second and third. Over 4,745 wish list items were received and donated.

For more details on the donations and challenge, review the Program and Membership Committee Reports.



Lavinia Norman Squad members with Soror Nicole Fields, Basileus received a "We Are One" button for their Soror Sach.

**MLK Day Parade:** The Sisterly Relations Committee partnered with Empower Our Families to handout healthy snacks during the observance of Martin Luther King, Jr. Day at the parade.



**AKA Service Day.** After the MLK Day parade, sorors met at Greenbriar Children's Center to present the donations collected at the January chapter meeting. On Tuesday, Emmaus House received their donated wish list items. The staff stated, "we have never received such a large donation from one group." **Tea Roses** to GSO for allowing the blessings to flow.



Above: Donations to Greenbriar Children's Center accepted by Golden Soror Connie Cooper, President, Greenbriar Board of Directors.

Above: Donations to the Emmaus House highlighted the collaborative efforts of Sisterly Relations and Programs. Soror Nicole Williams, Program Chair and Soror Terri Lewis, Sisterly Relations Chair.

**Tea Roses** to those sorors who stayed after chapter meeting and help us pack our cars full of donations. **Tea Roses** to Sorors Nicole Fields, Nicole Williams, April Scott, and Wanda Hobson for transporting those donations and loading and unloading and loading, again. Soror April & Soror Wanda are the chairs for the program initiative, Empower our Families.



Above: Eight sorors stayed after chapter meeting to help pack and load 1 car and 4 SUVs full of GSO donations leaving no room for anything or anyone else. We loaded 414 food containers (hinged and plastic), 2,330 cutlery sets, 600 trash bags, 500 rolls of toilet paper, 283 rolls of paper towels, 39 laundry detergents (liquid, pods, and powder), 16 bleaches (liquid and powder), 8 bars of soap, 2 containers of wipes, 50 bowls, 100 plates, 400 cups, and 3 jumbo packs of napkins. Whew!!!!



## Strengthen Our Sisterhood Areas of Focus

### Soror Squads      Soror Jacqueline Tomlin, Chair

On January 7, 2023, Squad captains and co-captains met and were briefed regarding the emphasis on collaborating with Alpha Kappa Alpha's new program initiative committees. Captains and co-captains discussed "Best Practices" for reaching all squad members, implementing bonding activities, and identifying places to host squad activities. Each Squad is planning Priority One squad bonding activity for February and April.

At the January chapter meeting, every Soror Squad rallied to the sisterly challenge and provided wish list items for Greenbriar Children's Center and the Emmaus House. The Lavinia Norman Soror Squad was recognized for the variety and quantity of their donations.

Squad leaders are tasked with contacting sorors who have not participated with their squad before February Soror Squad activity. In addition, we are discussing ways to assist those squad captains and co-captains that are busy,

#### Soror Support:

- Soror Cora Thompson invited Soror Squads to attend the Savannah State Basketball game on January 21<sup>st</sup>.
- Soror Pat Clark invited Soror Squads to attend the Philharmonic on January 21<sup>st</sup>.

A Sister Squad article was written and submitted for approval for publication.

**ANNOUNCEMENT:** Joseph Conyers will perform with the Dove Quartet at the Savannah Music Festival on Thursday, April 6, 2023, 6:00 p.m. in the Ben Tucker Theatre at the Savannah Cultural Arts Center. There will be reception for sorors and guests who attend with the opportunity to meet Joseph Conyers.

Tickets for GSO members are reduced to \$48 and must be purchased at the February Chapter meeting at the finance table. Please make your check payable to Gamma Sigma Omega Chapter. There are envelopes designated for this event. Tickets will be distributed at the March Chapter Meeting.

**Tea Roses** to Soror Maureen Walker & Soror Kim DuBois for going the extra mile to engage every member of their Soror Squad by personally contacting them, which resulted in more sorors committed to participate. As a result of Soror Kim's sisterly endeavor, 3 more sorors are now participating.

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<b>Anna Easter Brown Soror Squad</b>		Soror Maureen Walker, Captain; Soror Stephanie Winn-Daniels, Co-Captain
February 19, 2023, 1:00 – 3:00 p.m.		“Pretty in Pink, Gorgeous in Green” Winter Tea at Ashford Tea Company at 406 E. Oglethorpe Avenue
<b>Beulah Burke Soror Squad</b>		Soror Kim Dubois, Captain, Soror Jaundalyn Barker, Co-Captain
February 11, 2023, 1:00 – 4:00 p.m.		Partner with Lillian Burke Soror Squad will host a Valentine Party at Riverview Health 7 Rehabilitation Center, 6711 La Roche Avenue. Each member will bring two (2) Valentine’s Day inspired gift (no candy), which includes small hand cream, small teddy bears, fuzzy socks, crossword puzzles, Uno cards, etc. Great fun service day.
<b>Lillian Burke Soror Squad</b>		Soror Grace Albright, Captain, Soror Tenishelah Berry, Co-Captain
February 11, 2023, 1:00 – 4:00 p.m.		Partner with Beulah Burke Soror Squad will host a Valentine Party at Riverview Health 7 Rehabilitation Center, 6711 La Roche Avenue. Each member will bring two (2) Valentine’s Day inspired gift (no candy), which includes small hand cream, small teddy bears, fuzzy socks, crossword puzzles, Uno cards, etc. Great fun service day.
March		The Squad will purchase children’s books by African American Authors and read them to the Wendy’s Day Care preschool children.
<b>Lavinia Norman Soror Squad</b>		Soror Neldra Stevens, Captain; Soror Wanda Hopkins, Co-Captain
February 18, 2023 11:00 a.m.		Crochet Class with Soror Eunice Washington. Partner with AKA Care to provide love basket for non-mobile sorors. Location: 1094 Eisenhower Dr. (A2Z Defensive Driving School). Baskets will be delivered in February & March.
<b>Lucy Diggs Slowe Soror Squad</b>		Soror Sherone Hubbard, Captain; Soror Cassandra Thompson, Co-Captain
February 25, 2023 5:00 – 7:00 p.m.		Game Night at Soror Jacqueline Tomlin’s home, 112 Hickory Grove Lane. Squad will bring snacks and additional games.
<b>Marie Woolfolk Taylor Soror Squad</b>		Soror Terri Lewis, Captain; Soror Sheila Hutcherson, Co-Captain
February 18, 2023, 9:00 a.m.		“A Healthy Step” In recognition of American Heart Month the Squad will walk Forsyth Park loop and then shop at the Forsyth Farmers’ Market for healthy options.
<b>Marjorie Hill Soror Squad</b>		Soror LaShanda Reid, Captain; Soror Kimberly Nixon, Co-Captain
February 10, 2023, 6:30 p.m.		Potluck Fellowship at Butler Presbyterian Church. The squad will discuss plans for activities and service projects for the year.
<b>Margaret Flagg Holmes Soror Squad</b>		Soror Silviller Watson, Captain; Soror Tommie Bateman, Co-Captain
February (TBD)		Soror Squad is planning to attend the movie, “I Wanna Dance with Somebody” which is about singer, Whitney Houston. Plans are being developed.
<b>Ethel Hedgemon Lyle Soror Squad</b>		Soror Cora Thompson, Captain; Soror Carol Bell & Soror Johnnie Holmes, Co-Captain
February 4, 2023, 7:00 p.m.		Soror Squad will attend Broken Wings II- “Devine Intervention” at Savannah Cultural Arts Center. The event is sponsored by 100 Black Men.

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**AKA Pals** Soror S. Renee Grant, Chair

The following is for information on AKA Pals Activity Timeline, only.

Date	Activity and Timeline
March 11, 2023, Saturday GSO Chapter meeting	Provide AKA Pals cards! Cards will be completed by GSO Sorors to submit one completed card. Example - Sorors can identify a new soror at the Regional Conference in Orlando, Florida in April. Due date for cards – May Chapter Meeting: <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Submit at the meeting, text a copy or email a copy</li></ul>
May 24, 2023, Wednesday	List of AKA Pals created. List will be created based on the cards collected in May.
June 7, 2023, Wednesday 7:00 p.m. to 8:30 p.m.	First “Meet and Greet” via Zoom Provide AKA Pals with 2023 GSO AKA Pals events
September 6, 2023 Friendship Month	“Read a Book Day” <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Book Discussion via Zoom and create breakout rooms based on book topics.</li></ul>
November 2023	Send shopping list for Christmas Ornament supplies to AKA Pals’ list
December 4, 2023, Monday 6:30pm National Cookie Day	Create a Christmas Ornament while eating Christmas cookies and listening to Holiday music. <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Event via Zoom</li></ul>

**Leadership Development** Soror Chiquetta Thompson, Chair

**ANNOUNCEMENT:** How can we be sisterly during our chapter business meetings? How can we show respect for our leadership and sorors? Leadership Development will give the framework for members' continued growth as we show our support and love for one another. At the March Chapter meeting, Leadership Development will have a mini presentation on “Meeting Etiquette” to highlight the “do’s” of chapter meetings.

**Random Acts of Sisterliness** Soror Carol Bell, Chair

**INFORMATION:** On January 29, 2023, Golden Soror Lolita L. Hickmon, pastor of Trinity Baptist Church gave her final message to this congregation, sorors, and friends. At 2:00 p.m., a farewell reception was held at Jonesville Baptist Church in her honor as GSO members showed their love through various expressions of Soror Lolita. The video presentation highlighting Soror Lolita's farewell celebration will be presented in March 2023.

On January 14, 2023, at the GSO Chapter meeting, 37 sorors signed up to participate Sisterly Relations Committee and be the model of sisterhood. Each of those who signed up and sub-committee chairs received a welcome letter and a link to a survey so we could start establishing our bond.

Our Sisterly Relations committee is comprised of...

- Sorors initiated into Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority from 1959 to 2018.
- They are identified as caring, life learners, service oriented, teachable, travel lovers, and brave.
- When asked who has a positive impact on their lives, they shared their love and admiration of their grandparents, parents, especially mothers, teachers, mentors, friends, and people in our chapter.

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- They are an eclectic group of sorors who like to eat out, walk with purpose, while humming or singing a tune, & their proudest moments will make you smile.
- If they hit the lottery, a lot of churches will be happy, and a lot of debt would vanish.
- In the last year, they have learned new and exciting skills, such as voice over projects, home renovations, and pickle ball; and some are still working on them for more proficiency.
- They have great ideas of growing our sisterhood in love and service as part of the Sisterly Relations Committee.

Thank you, committee members, for sharing your part of your story with us.

If you missed your opportunity to sign up to serve with these awesome sorors, it is never too late. Please contact me via email, [telewis11@comcast.net](mailto:telewis11@comcast.net) or text me 412-657-2037.

Meeting Date & Time: The Sisterly Relations Committee meets via Zoom the 2<sup>nd</sup> Thursday, monthly at 7:30 p.m., except for December 7, 2023, which is the first Thursday and during the summer months. Our next meeting is February 9, 2023. The link and agenda will be sent prior to this committee meeting.

Submitted by Soror Terri E. Lewis  
Chair, Sisterly Relations Committee