



# The Ivy Vine

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## A Message from the Basileus

### Special points of interest:

- **Sisterly Celebration**—December 19th, South Charleston Women's Club.
- **Piedmont Presents**—Bring gifts to December meeting
- **Seasonal Wraps** and backpacks still being accepted by the Program Committee.
- **MLK Day of Service**—January 2016
- **Pink Goes Red** — February 2016

### Thank you!

*As I sit down to work on my last Ivy Vine Newsletter these words are in the forefront of my mind and heart. I have truly considered it a privilege and a labor of love to be your Basileus the last 4 years.*

*We have done extraordinary service in the Charleston/Athens communities and your hard work has not gone unnoticed. I love each of you and pray you continue with greater laurels to win and greater tasks to begin.*

### Our Story

*Alpha Omicron Omega Chapter was chartered in 1929 by one of the beloved founders of Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Incorporated, Sara Meriwether Nutter. Throughout it's 86 years of service to the Charleston area, Alpha Omicron Omega has remained dedicated to the ideals of merit, culture, womanliness, sisterliness, equality, justice for all and service to all mankind.*

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### Welcome Back!

*The Sorors of Alpha Omicron Omega extend a sisterly welcome to Soror Pauline "Squeek" Anderson.*

*and... with a smile.*

## Alpha Omicron Omega Welcomes a New Soror

The Sorors of Alpha Omicron Omega welcomed Jerica Wesley as a new Soror in June. A beautiful ceremony was held at the home of Soror Willie Haynes followed by a luncheon attended by Jerica's aunt and Soror, Dr. Gail Mosby.

**Congratulations Soror Jerica!**



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## Leadership Seminar 2015

Sorors Johnnette Jasper and Kelly Harmon attended Leadership Seminar held July 15th-19th in Chicago, IL. The purpose of the seminar is to provide education and training for those Sorors who have or are interested in leadership positions. The seminar consists of 4

days of workshops and several opportunities to participate in program activities. The Sorors helped to create thousands of healthy meals for the hungry.



## Standards Retreat

Alpha Omicron Omega held it's annual Standards Retreat, Saturday, August 15th at the South Charleston Public Library. The retreat focuses on strategic planning and renewing our commitment to service to all mankind.





## ASCEND Hits its Stride

ASCEND, the signature program of Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Inc. for 2014-2018 had a very successful launch in the spring of 2015. As the leaves of fall started to turn, ASCEND hit its stride. The Sorors sponsored and chaperoned two college tours. The ASCEND students had the opportunity to visit Ohio University in Athens, OH and WV University in Morgantown, WV. The students took part in campus tours, football games and other activities.



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## Back to School

One Million Backpacks! That's the goal of Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Inc. over the next 4 years.

Alpha Omicron Omega Sorors are doing their part by donating backpacks and school supplies to local schools and community centers. The Sorors also volunteer with the distribution .



## Sisters and Soldiers Fight Against Breast Cancer

Alpha Omicron Omega Sponsored it's 2nd Annual Breast Cancer Awareness Event on Sunday October 4th, at Grace Bible Church. This year the Sorors partnered with the WV Chapter of the Buffalo Soldiers for "The Sisters and Soldiers" program. Stacy Metcalf (pictured with the chapter members) was the featured speaker. The program focuses on education and advocacy.



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## Seasons Greetings with Seasonal Wraps

The students of Piedmont Elementary received an early Christmas gift from the Sorors of Alpha Omicron Omega Chapter. The Sorors donated seasonal wraps including jackets, gloves, hats, socks and other items to the school for children in need. Principle Beth Sturgill was very thankful.



We also delivered more backpacks! We're getting closer to our goal of One Million!

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**Happy Birthday !**

*Soror Christy Day—12/29*

*Soror Sandra Woods—1/1*

*Soror Kelly Harmon—1/5*

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*Merry Christmas*

*&*

*A Blessed and Happy New Year*