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Happy 80th Anniversary Sigma Gamma Rho Sorority, Inc.

Soror Sydney J. Stewart

(Bridgeview, Illinois)

On Saturday November 9, 2002 the Elegant Women of Sigma Gamma Rho Sorority, Inc, Eta Xi Sigma Chapter of Oak Lawn, Illinois, presented a night to be remembered. This day was selected in order to honor our Founders and present Educators in our community with accolades for their tremendous efforts. The venue for this festivity was Niko's Restaurant in Bridgeview, Illinois, located at 7600 S. Harlem Avenue. The room was immaculate and spectacular. The program was well planned and reflected the dedication and hard work of the committee members. This event was well attended and our guests truly enjoyed themselves.

The theme for this year's Founders' Day Program was the "Founders' Day Pearl Award Banquet." This theme

was exemplified through the honorees chosen, who represented educational leaders of the past and present. In fact, two of Eta Xi Sigma's very own were honored, Soror Annie Lawrence Brown and Soror Carrie Davis. These two Sorors have been a beacon of light to all women-kind. Their educational and sorority efforts have set trends in the both of these realms. Without their dedication, perseverance, and sisterhood, Sigma and Eta Xi Sigma would not have benefited so grandly.

In addition, the 80th Birthday Celebration for Sigma Gamma Rho Sorority, Inc, hosted by Eta Xi Sigma Chapter would have made the founders proud. The level of expectation and presentation has been increased. Through teamwork, sisterhood, and individual growth, Sigma will be at the forefront, leading the way through excellent examples and Superb Sigma Style.

Sorority Highlights

Save the Date!

Gamma Pi Sigma Alumnae Chapter (Milwaukee, WI) will host the next Central Regional Conference. The conference will be held Friday, May 16 - Sunday, May 18, 2003. Hotel accommodations can be made at the Milwaukee Center Hilton (800-774-1500). For more information about the regional conference, contact Gamma Pi Sigma Chapter at gammapisigma@yahoo.com.

The 50th Biennial Boule will be held in Memphis, Tennessee in July 2004! Dates and times are to be determined.

Grand Basileus Owens Visits Chicago

Grand Basileus Owens visited headquarters in Chicago, Illinois late in 2002 as part of a meeting for the National Education Fund Committee. As a result of Grand Basileus Owens' presence, Eta Xi Sigma Chapter presented the Basileus as well as her immediate reports with gift baskets full of pampering gifts. Grand Basileus Owens and her staff were all grateful of Eta Xi Sigma Chapter's token of welcome and sent appreciative words in return!

Undergraduate Focus: Indiana Love Week at DePaul *Soror Stephanie Spencer*

(Chicago, IL)- Sponsored by Sorors D'Angela Irby, Danley Menard, and Estee Kelly of Xi Lambda Chapter in conjunction with the local undergraduate chapter of Kappa Alpha Psi Fraternity, Indiana Love Week was the first of its kind at DePaul. Having never co-hosted an event with each other, both organizations combined to sponsor a series of successful events held Tuesday, October 22 through Friday, October 25, 2002.

Kicking the week off on Tuesday, "What To Do After Graduation" forum, held in a dormitory hall on DePaul's Campus, gave students insight on the post-graduate world, covering topics of networking to finding employment in their respective field of study.

The "Open Mic Poetry Set" was held the following day in Stuart Academic Center at DePaul's Lincoln Park Campus. Poets, students, and visitors listened to a variety of performers

and were given the opportunity to perform selections themselves.

"Games Night" was held Thursday in the Student Recreation Center. A Xi Lambda Chapter tradition, "Games Night" typically brings sorors and perspective members together to interact, in addition to, providing students a glimpse into the Sigma sisterhood.

Finally, wrapping up Indiana Love Week on Friday, was a "Date Auction" co-hosted with the Black Student Union.

Xi Lambda Chapter is the undergraduate chapter advised by Eta Xi Sigma Alumnae Chapter. Xi Lambda Chapter was chartered on June 3, 1995 by five sorors on DePaul University's Campus.

For more upcoming Xi Lambda events, please visit <http://condor.depaul.edu/~sgrho/Events.html>

Spotlight on Rhoers Soror Trenika Smith

(Oak Lawn, Illinois) - The Rhoer Club of Eta Xi Sigma Chapter is on the move. In the past four months the Rhoers have been very busy. They have hosted three outstanding events: Games Night, a Haunted House Pizza Outing, and Christmas CaRHOLing Social. The main objectives for the Rhoers activities have been club retention, recruitment, and of course Greater Service Greater Progress.

Games Night was held at Soror Victoria Jackson's house. The Rhoers played various interactive games that allowed them to use their young creative minds while building teamwork. The attendance was outstanding with over 20 people interacting with each other. This event proved to be one of great Sigma spirit.

The Rhoers Haunted House and Pizza outing was held on Oct. 28, 2002. The committee, club members and potential club members enjoyed a night of ghosts and goblin's along with some pizza. This event took place at Brookfield Jaycee Haunted House. Five potential members joined the club for the evening.

The Christmas CaRHOLing Social was held on Dec. 20, 2002 at West Suburban Hospital in Oak Park, Illinois. This event was true in not only Sigma spirit but also Eta Xi Sigma spirit as well. The Rhoers and potential Rhoers enjoyed an afternoon of caroling to the Intensive Care Unit. This activity was designed to provide our young Rhoers with community service as well as community visibility. They sang all time favorites such as, "Deck the Halls", "Twelve Days of Christmas", "Rudolph the Red Nose Reindeer", "Joy to the World", "Silent Night", and "We Wish You a Merry Christmas". After caroling, everyone enjoyed good chili, hot cocoa, and rice crispy treats at Soror Sydney Stewart's house.

The Rhoers are on the move again. Till the next time, this is Soror Smith reporting to you live, Rhoer News Chicago!

Making Strides Against Breast Cancer

Soror
Aisha
Akorede



October 20, 2002 (Chicago, IL) - Sorors Raven Lewis and Oriana Kilgore represented Sigma at the annual "Making Strides Against Breast Cancer" walk-a-thon. Several thousand women, men, and children gathered in Chicago's Grant Park with a single purpose in mind: to become a part of the fight against breast cancer. The American Cancer Society, Illinois Division, held the annual event to raise money for research and education on breast cancer. The five-mile, non-competitive walk, which began at 9 a.m., was expected to draw 8,000 participants who collected pledges from family, friends, cowork-

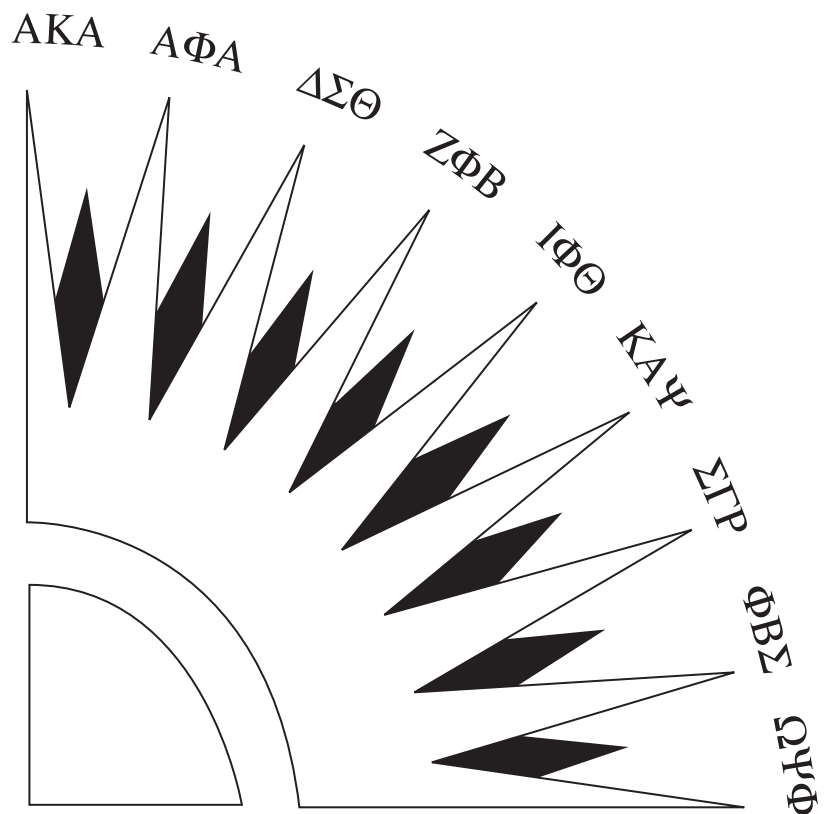
ers and others in an effort to meet the Illinois Division's goal of raising \$750,000.

Participants were provided breakfast and given a pink ribbon, the symbol for Breast Cancer Awareness. Soror Lewis stated "we all received the glory in participating in an event that is a part of history and will definitely benefit the lives of those affected by the cancer."

The American Cancer Society is a nationwide community-based organization dedicated to eliminating cancer through research, education, advocacy, and service.

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National Pan-Hellenic Council

(Chicago, Illinois)-

On Saturday, October 12, 2002, at the Sankofa Breakfast Program presented by Pan-Hellenic Community Action Council of Chicago (PHCACC), Soror Tiffany Hightower presented an original poem and received a standing ovation. The title of the poem is "They Were, We Are." Within Soror Hightower's poem, she encompassed various characteristics, attributes, goals, mottoes, slogans, and unique qualities of each of the Noble Nine Black Greek Letter Organizations. This was a great feat, which mirrored the purpose of Sankofa, which is unity.

The actual symbol for Sankofa is a bird looking behind itself to make sure that those following it can keep up and progress along with the rest of the flock. Soror Hightower's work personified unity through incorporating all of the Noble Nine Organizations. Soror Hightower's goal was to

show how we are similar in that we have a calling and a responsibility to our communities. Fortunately, Soror Hightower was well received because this calling is real and is needed in order for us to progress as individual organizations and as a community.

In addition, because of Soror Hightower's dedication, talent, and hard work, she was sought out to be a committee chair. Thus, she has recently taken the chairmanship of the Community Outreach Committee. This position is an example of the unity that PHCACC is trying to portray. Ultimately, we all must learn that unity is important. Without it we as a people will continue to fall short and not measure up to the measuring sticks of society. We as a Sorority, must embrace unity and utilize its strength to promote and produce stronger, more aware communities. Once we begin to accomplish this goal we will honor our founders by showing them that we are what they were.

Calendar of Events

PLEASE NOTE: Event dates and information may change with future issues.

SEPTEMBER

21 Chapter Meeting

OCTOBER

07 Executive Board Meeting

12 NPHC Sankofa Breakfast

19 Chapter Meeting

26 Sigma Fall Social

NOVEMBER

02 Area Workshop

04 Executive Board Meeting

09 Founder's Day Celebration

10 Day of Worship

16 Chapter Meeting

17 Holiday Baskets

DECEMBER

07 SGRho Party

09 Executive Board Meeting

14 Chapter Meeting

20 Christmas Carolling
Holiday Activity

JANUARY

12 Rhoer Club Informational

18 Chapter Meeting

26 Rhoer Club Inductions

FEBRUARY

02 Rhoer Club Business Meeting

15 Chapter Meeting
Carver Day Celebration

MARCH

02 Rhoer Club Business Meeting

15 Chapter Meeting

22 Youth Symposium

APRIL

12 Chapter Meeting

MAY

03 SGRho Party

16-18 Central Regional Conf.

JUNE

07 Planning Meeting

21 Chapter Meeting
Chapter Awards Banquet

JULY

13 Sigma Round Up Picnic

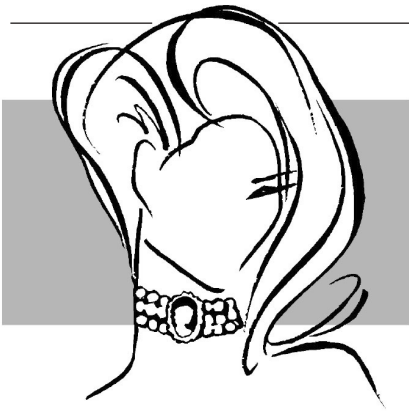
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