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## District Representative Marvin Dillard Message



Brothers,

It is my hope that this writing finds you and your families in good health, as we approach our Founders' Day and the holidays. Regardless of your station in life--whether fulfilling your academic requirements or pursuing your professional

endeavors--we must cherish the time we spend with family and friends during the holiday season.

This year has been tremendous, but not without some detours and speed bumps. I am intensely attentive to the feedback you have provided and am focused on improving communications across our district. I am committed to utilizing all mediums to improve the flow of information to the Brotherhood. I promise you to be concise, direct, and informative in disseminating news about our many activities. We will continue improving our website and distributing our newsletter, but more importantly,

I will address your specific issues. Please continue to provide your feedback for key improvements required.

Our Shirtsleeve Conference provided a forum to discuss some key concerns and we will continue an open dialog moving forward. There is much work to do for Omega and it is best accomplished with all of us working toward the same goal. When we communicate effectively, we can achieve our goals and conquer any issues! I appreciate your support and active participation towards

*"Building a Stronger Omega!"*

Yours in Omega,

Marv

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## First Vice District Representatives Message



**Brothers of the Mighty Second District,**

### Happy New Year!

I hope everyone had a joyous and restful holiday season. It is now time to continue the work of Omega. Highlights of the current fiscal year include a successful Undergraduate Summit in Philadelphia, PA, and an even more successful Shirtsleeve Conference, hosted by Omicron Chi Chapter. These two events prove

that when Omega men put their minds to a task, there is no limit to what can be accomplished.

District Representative Marvin Dillard continues to successfully steer the Second District ship of state. As we move into 2007, much work remains to be done. The National Undergraduate Summit will be held in Atlanta, GA, January 26-27, 2007. Per the 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice Grand Basileus all active undergraduate chapters are mandated to attend. For more details contact our 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice District Representative, Bro. Tarik Tidwell.

Preparations continue for the 59<sup>th</sup> Second District Conference, which will be held in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania and hosted by Iota Phi Chapter. The conference will take place at the Westin Convention Center from May 3rd through May 6th, 2007. District Marshall Bro. Keith Clark encourages all

members of the Second District to attend. Registration for the conference can be handled via the district's web site [opp2d.org](http://opp2d.org), where provisions have been made to accept either paper or credit card registrations. Be advised the early bird registration rate of \$150 expires on January 31, 2007. Starting February 1 the rate increases to \$175. The on-site registration fee increases to \$205, effective April 28, 2007.

Please set aside the middle two weeks in July 2007. The Second District will host the 2007 National Leadership Conference in Philadelphia, PA. The exact dates for the conference have not been established as of this publication. As the host district, we need to show in strong numbers to continue our reputation as the district that leads the Fraternity.

The Districts committees continue to do the work of Omega. Any brother inter-

ested in joining a committee please contact me at [rrichard@umd.edu](mailto:rrichard@umd.edu).

Finally, during the Thanksgiving holiday, while in Charlotte, NC, I broke my right wrist. The break was severe enough that it required surgery on December 6<sup>th</sup>. Because I am right handed, this whole experience has been quite humbling. As I write this I am a few weeks away from removal of my cast and the beginning of therapy. I tell everyone this because I don't want anyone to think I have ignored their email correspondence. As my condition improves, I will be getting around to answering those emails and visiting chapters.

**Long live the Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, Inc.**

**Fraternally Submitted,**

**Roderick E. Richardson**

**1<sup>st</sup> Vice District Representative**

## Old Oracle - New Omega Clarion Call

### Brother District Public Relations Directors:

Please be advised that Brother Troy Moore, a very capable and outstanding brother is the Managing Editor for the **Omega Clarion Call** formerly known as **The Oracle**. This publication will feature the articles you formerly submitted to me. Please contact Brother Moore @ [Mooret01@ccsholdings.com](mailto:Mooret01@ccsholdings.com) for further directions on submission of articles to

him. I will be working diligently with Brother Moore and other Editors on their publications.

Please also be aware that Brother Dr. Rev. Walter Richardson also an outstanding and very capable brother is the Managing Editor for the **ORACLE**, a publication that will feature essays and other writings from the Brotherhood. He will be sending out shortly a "Call for papers" so please assist him in every way based

on the criteria for submission. Brother Charles Bruce our Grand Keeper of Records and Seal will be the Managing Editor for the Omega Bulletin, he too is well capable and outstanding. Finally, Brother Ben Holbert is the Director of Communications and outstanding Brother as well and I too will be working with him to ensure quality productions and communication to the Brotherhood. We look forward to our continuing working together and I ask that we all

work as a valuable and contributing team for Omega.

Our Grand Basileus, Brother Lee has given us directions as we work diligently to make the lives of Black folk better and to establish an "aristocracy of literacy" among all of us.

Thank you for your excellent cooperation and assistance.

**Dr. Isaiah Robinson**  
National Editorial Director  
for Omega Publications

## New Oracle - "An Aristocracy of Literacy"

### *The ORACLE*

#### *Mission*

*The ORACLE*, published quarterly, solicits manuscripts that challenge existing ideological and theoretical boundaries on national and international fraternity issues, particularly our organization's Cardinal Principles. Through the inclusion of compelling, thought-provoking perspectives, *The ORACLE* intends to serve as a catalyst for stimulating and encouraging dialogue, for presenting the high standards of our organization, and for transforming any negative thoughts about our beloved fraternity. Brother Samuel Shepard, one of the outstanding editors of the ORACLE, stated in 1974 "the ORACLE optimizes our philosophy, our way of life – depicting in words and pictures our present, past and prospects for the future; our dedication to the perpetuation of our four cardinal principles and our desire to guide and keep our brotherhood in the path hewn out of a wilderness by our four Founders; the need to face the world of reality with dignity and a sense of direction."

#### *Call for Manuscripts*

*The ORACLE* solicits manuscripts that challenge existing ideological and theoretical boundaries on national and international fraternity issues. While themes are outlined periodically for upcoming issues, the editorial board of *The ORACLE* welcomes, at any time, submissions on diverse, substantive topics that contribute to the advancement of our fraternity.

#### *Author Guidelines*

Manuscripts submitted to *The ORACLE* should not be submitted simultaneously to another publication, nor be under consideration by other publishers at the time of submission. Manuscripts should be original material and preferably not published previously.

To help facilitate the review and communication process, only electronic submissions are accepted. They should be in IBM-compatible Microsoft Word format and sent as an e-mail attachment or on a CD. The e-mail address for submissions is [wtrichardson@cs.com](mailto:wtrichardson@cs.com)

All manuscripts must be formatted for blind re-

viewing. A separate title page with the author's name, affiliation, preferred mailing address, telephone number, fax number, and e-mail address should be provided to ensure anonymity in the review process. If more than one person has authored the manuscript, please provide contact information for all authors and indicate which person is the corresponding author.

An abstract of no more than 75 words must accompany the manuscript. Submissions should be typed double-spaced for 8½" x 11" paper. Article length should not exceed 4,000 words, including quotations and references. Pages should be numbered. *The Chicago Manual of Style*, 15th edition, should be used as a guide for formatting manuscripts and reference style. To preserve the advantages of blind reviewing, authors should avoid identifying themselves in the manuscript.

It is the author's responsibility to quote accurately and provide complete reference information, as well as secure necessary permissions. Authors of accepted papers will be requested to

assign all rights to copyright to *The ORACLE* by means of a standard form.

#### *Deadlines for Submissions*

*The ORACLE* is published in April, July, October, and January. For consideration in specific issues, manuscripts should be received two months prior to the publication date. This may be suspended for our first *new* publication.

#### *Book Reviews*

*The ORACLE* also accepts unsolicited reviews on recent books. Submissions should include a brief summary of the content of the book, provide its bibliographic information (including ISBN number and total page count), and discuss its strengths and weaknesses and its contribution to the subject of fraternal life, emerging leadership, entrepreneurship, community and economic growth, and education.

**All submissions should be addressed to:**

**Dr. (Bro.) Walter T. Richardson , 17201 SW 103<sup>rd</sup> Avenue, Miami, FL 33157**



## Pi Omega Chapter Hosts Annual Achievement Week and Founder's Day Observance

**Baltimore MD.** – Pi Omega Chapter, Graduate Chapter of Baltimore, MD, Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, Inc., hosted its Annual Achievement Week and Founder's Day Observance on **Saturday November 18, 2006**. Achievement Week was originally designed to promote the study of Negro life and history. The celebration is observed in November of each year and is designed to seek out and give due recognition to those individuals at the local and international levels who have made a noteworthy contribution towards improving the quality of life for black Americans.

This year's program was held at The Forum Caterers in Baltimore. Bro. C. Donald Bowser, Jr. Achievement Week Chairman had everyone on point as the guests and honorees arrived. Bro. Arthur Lambert served as the Master of Ceremony for the event. Bro. Danard Smith, Pi

Omega Basileus, offered welcoming remarks informing the audience about the purpose of the event, the history of Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, Inc. (celebrating its 95<sup>th</sup> Anniversary), and the history of Pi Omega Chapter which is celebrating its 85<sup>th</sup> year of service to the Baltimore community.

Greetings were also offered by Bro. Marvin Dillard, 30<sup>th</sup> Second District Representative for Omega Psi Phi, and Bro. Roderick Richardson, First Vice Second District Representative and member of Pi Omega Chapter.

Bro. Terrel Parris, Immediate Past Grand Keeper of Records and Seal was the guest speaker. He encouraged the brothers to continue to develop programs that uplifted and enriched young people, to maintain their integrity and personal courage, and to always con-

duct themselves in the best interest of the fraternity.

**Achievement Award winners for 2006 were:**

**Howard L. Cornish Humanitarian Award:**

**Rosa Pryor Music Scholarship Fund, Suited To Succeed, Bro. Ozzie Newsome, Bro. Steve McNair, and Lenny Moore**

**National Superior Service Award: Bro. Eric West**

**Founder's Award: Bro. Melvin Fossett**

**Outstanding Citizen of the Year: Eric Scott and Antonio West**

**Omega Man of the Year: Bro. C. Donald Bowser, Jr.**

**Undergraduate Omega Man of the Year:**

**Bro. Tarrance Green, Morgan State University**

A special tribute was given to those members of Pi Omega Chapter who have served as Second District Representative.

The Second District of Omega Psi Phi includes New York, New Jersey, Pennsylvania, Delaware, and Maryland.

Since its formation in 1947 there have been 30 Second District Representatives, and 5 have come from Pi Omega Chapter.

Those brothers are: Bro. Robert Johnson (10<sup>th</sup> Second District Representative), Bro. James Grant (13<sup>th</sup> deceased), Bro. Dr. Walter Amprey (17<sup>th</sup>), Hon. Bro. George McKinney (22<sup>nd</sup>), and Bro. Dr. Michael Freeman (25<sup>th</sup>).



*Seven of the Thirty Second District Representatives in Attendance*

*l-r 30th & Current - Marvin Dillard, 25th Dr. Michael Freeman, 17th & Past Grand KRS - Dr. Walter Amprey, 23rd and Immediate Past Grand KRS - Terrel Parris, 10th Robert Johnson, 22nd Hon. George McKinney, 24th Calvin Zellers,*



*l-r Pi Omega Basileus D. Danard Smith presents the Howard L. Cornish Humanitarian Award to Brother Ozzie Newsome, General Manager for the Baltimore Ravens, with Brother J. Michael Breeden*

**Brother C. Donald Bowser, Jr. - Pi Omega Chapter Man of the Year**

Brother C. Donald Bowser, Jr. was initiated into the Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, Inc. on December 6, 1973 at Pi Chapter, Morgan State College. During his tenure at Pi Chapter, he served as an officer in various positions including Keeper of Finance, Keeper of Records and Seal, Neophyte Commandant and Delegate to several Second District Conferences and a Grand Conclave in Atlanta, GA. At the District level, he served as an Undergraduate Representative to the Second District Council of the Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, Inc. for two terms. He graduated from Morgan State University in June 1977.

Brother Bowser was a founder and charter member of Chi Kappa Chapter in 1979 an intermediate chapter located in Baltimore, MD at the time. He served as an officer in several positions during his membership in Chi Kappa including Keeper of Records and Seal and Keeper of Finance. He was also a delegate to several Second District Conferences and the Grand Conclave.

After several years as a



*l-r Pi Omega Basileus D. Danard Smith presents Pi Omega Chapter Man of the Year Award to Brother C. Donald Bowser, Jr. with Brother Oliver Askew*

member in Chi Kappa, he joined Pi Omega Chapter continuing his dedicated service to the fraternity and community. He served on the Membership and Fundraising Committees. In 1984 Brother Bowser transferred to Mu Nu Chapter in Montgomery County as a result of accepting a new position with National Headquarters of the Internal Revenue Service in Washington, DC. After completion of his Masters degree in Taxation at Southeastern University in Washington, DC, Brother Bowser rejoined Pi Omega Chapter in 1987. Since that time he has served on various committees including Membership, Social Action, Reclamation, Mardi Gras, Audit, Nominating, Special

Activities, Fundraising and Achievement Week/ Founders Day. He has served as a delegate to the Grand Conclave several times for Pi Omega.

He has chaired the Audit, Reclamation and Achievement Week/ Founders Day Committees.

He has been elected and served as the Keeper of Finance and Assistant Keeper of Finance.

He has served on election campaign committees of District Representatives Walter Amprey, George McKinney, Michael Freeman and Gregory Ackles.

He recently served on the campaign committee for First Vice District Representative Roderick Richardson and was deeply honored to serve

on the campaign committee of Brother Terrell Parris for Grand Keeper of Records and Seal and First Vice Grand Basileus.

At the District level he has Chaired the Budget & Audit, United Negro College Fund and Site Selection Committees. He was elected and served as the District Keeper of Finance and Assistant District Keeper of Finance.

At the International level he has served on the Budget Committee and currently chairs that committee.

Brother Bowser is currently the Director of Equal Employment Opportunity for the Information Technology and Mission Assurance Divisions at the National Headquarters of Internal Revenue Service where he has been employed for the past 31 years.

He is the proud father of his beautiful daughter, Nia, of whom he enjoys spending time with and loves unconditionally.

For his dedication to Omega Dear - C. Donald Bowser, Jr. has been selected as Pi Omega Chapter's Man of the Year.



## Mu Omega Ques Celebrate Achievement Week

**Philadelphia, PA November 19, 2006** - What began in 1920 as a call by Bro. Carter G. Woodson to recognize and honor Negro history and achievement in 1920, now serves as the catalyst for Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, Inc.'s National Achievement Week program.

The keynote address was delivered by Mu Omega's Rev. Dr. G. Daniel Jones, who serves as Senior Pastor at Grace Baptist Church of Germantown, where the Achievement Week observance was held.

Chaired by Bro. Martin J. Whitaker, the program seeks to recognize members of Mu Omega, and citizens of the Delaware

Valley who have made a substantial contribution to the lives both locally and nationally.

The program comes at the end of a series of week long events held by Mu Omega to help foster awareness of the contribution of African-Americans.

The honorees for this year's awards were:

**Dr. Charles Blockson** (*Mu Omega Citizen of the Year*) for his work to help preserve one of the most extensive collections of African-American memorabilia and history in the United States at Sullivan Hall on Temple University's main campus;

**Bro. Millard Coker** (*Basileus Award*) for his

exemplary service, commitment and dedication to Mu Omega Chapter;

**Parnell Place Block Association** (*PANA Community Service Award*) for their street cleaning and neighborhood beautification efforts; and

**Bro. Frank "Tick" Coleman** (*Mu Omega Man of the Year*) for his lifetime of achievement and service to Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, Inc.

The Achievement Week program began in 1920 as Negro History and Literature Week by Bro. Dr. Carter G. Woodson, considered by many as the father of Black History. The name was changed to National Negro Achieve-

ment Week in 1925, and was the primary means of recognizing the importance of black history. In 1948, the program changed to its current name, National Achievement Week.

"On behalf of the members of the Achievement Week Committee, I would like to thank our honorees for their desire to improve the lives of all of us," said Bro. Martin J. Whitaker, Achievement Week chairperson.

"I would also like to thank the members of the Achievement Week Committee for their hard work, devotion and passion for bringing together such a wonderful and spiritually uplifting program," continued Bro. Whitaker.

## Grand Basileus Warren G. Lee Visits Mu Omega

**Philadelphia, PA** - It is truly a rare occasion to have the President of an organization visit and speak to its membership.

That occasion occurred when, Bro. Warren G. Lee, Grand Basileus of Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, Inc., visited Mu Omega Chapter on **November 9th**.

The visit served as an opportunity to announce that the City of Philadelphia will serve as the location for Omega Psi Phi's Leadership Conference in July of 2007. In addition, Mu Omega will serve as the host chapter.

During his speech Bro. Lee, announced several initiatives being implemented in Philadelphia. One of those is an initiative entitled the Next Generation of Leaders.

The goal of the Next Generation program, which is being spearheaded by Mu Omega Brother and former Grand Keeper of Records & Seal, Terrel Parris, is to help develop young African-American



*l-r Mu Omega Basileus with the Grand Basileus*

males into men of character who will have a positive impact on our society.

"In our communities today," said Bro. Lee, "many of our young men do not have a standard of excellence to follow, or have aspirations of greatness."

The vision of the Grand Basileus is to couple the Next Generation of Leaders program with the efforts of the Omega Development Corporation, a program

aimed at rebuilding homes within large areas of neighborhoods to help foster economic development and growth within those areas.

"By bringing these two programs together in Philadelphia," continued Bro. Lee, "we're able to build better communities, and, in turn, help build better men."

Although it is still in the planning stages, the 2007 Leadership Conference will be held the weekend of Friday, July 13th through Sun-

day, July 15<sup>th</sup>, 2007.

"Mu Omega is honored to serve as host of Omega Psi Phi's National Leadership Conference," said Mu Omega Basileus Bro. Alan W. Junius. "We look forward to welcoming our Brothers from across the country to Philadelphia."

"It is my goal, and that of Mu Omega's, to make this one of the best Leadership Conferences ever."



*Grand Basileus with the DR & Temple Undergrads*

## Mu Omega Names Legendary Bro. "Tick" Coleman Man of the Year

### Philadelphia, PA

The Brothers of Mu Omega Chapter of Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, Inc. named Bro. Frank "Tick" Coleman as *Mu Omega Man of the Year* during a program that concluded their observance of National Achievement Week.

The program, which was held at Grace Baptist Church of Germantown on November 19th, was the conclusion of a week long series of activities held by the chapter to celebrate Achievement Week.

Bro. Coleman's selection as *Man of the Year* came as little surprise to those who know the level of commitment and dedication to Omega that Bro. Coleman has shown.

To list all of Bro. Coleman's accomplishments, would be a major undertaking for anyone who was assigned that task. Instead, here are just a few of his accomplishments:

The first black high school quarterback in the Philadelphia Public League and lead Central High School to a City Championship in 1929.

Initiated into Omega Psi Phi at Beta Chapter (Lincoln University), 1932.

One of the first African-Americans to achieve Ea-



*l-r Achievement Week Chairman Martin Whitaker, 2nd District Representative Marvin Dillard, Mu Omega Basileus Alan Junius present Mu Omega Man of the Year Award to Legendary Brother Frank "Tick" Coleman*

gle Scout in the Boy Scouts, and is currently the oldest living Eagle Scout.

"Bro. Frank "Tick" Coleman is not only an Omega legacy, but a Philadelphia legacy as well," said Bro. Allan W. Junius, Basileus of Mu Omega.

"His lifetime achievements began in grade school and continue throughout today. The challenges he faced in his life have allowed many of us to walk through doors that were once closed to our people," continued Bro. Junius.

Bro. Coleman's love of

education made it possible for hundreds of men who have come in contact with him, to achieve academic success.

Through his efforts, Bro. Coleman helped to make a college education a reality for hundreds of black men throughout the Philadelphia area. Bro. Coleman oversaw the progress of the young men he helped send to Lincoln University, and helped finance their education through scholarships that he funded.

You would be hard pressed to find a graduate of Lincoln whose life was not touched in

some way by Bro. Coleman.

In attendance were many of the Lincoln University graduates who were guided by Bro. Coleman.

After the ceremonies, Bro. Coleman was surrounded and congratulated by many Brothers of Omega Psi Phi who wanted an opportunity to take a picture with and shake the hand of a Brother who represents so much of the history of Omega Psi Phi.

An attendee of the program quickly noted that Omega Psi Phi celebrated the 95th Anniversary of its founding two days prior to Bro. Coleman receiving his award, and that Bro. Coleman is 94 years old.

When asked to describe what Bro. Coleman means to Mu Omega and Omega Psi Phi, Bro. Junius said the following:

"He has set an extraordinary example of Perseverance and Uplift through his career achievements. He is truly an inspiration for all who have had an opportunity to be graced by his presence and have been afforded the occasion to sit in his wise counsel."

## Lambda Gamma Gamma Chapter “Celebration of a True Year of Achievement”

**Greenbelt, MD** – LGG, the home of “The Capital Region Ques”, ended a magnificent week of the celebration of achievements at the Greenbelt Marriott on **November 18, 2006**. The Achievement Week Celebration was chaired by Brother Phillip T. Edmonds, (LGG, 2002), who lead his committee to execute it’s duties with excellence and fidelity.

This year’s Achievement Week Celebration was truly inspiring. LGG was honored to host two past Grand Basili during the celebration. The keynote speaker for the annual Brotherhood Luncheon was our 36th Grand Basileus, Brother Lloyd J. Jordan. The keynote speaker for this year’s Purple & Gold Ball was our 28<sup>th</sup> Grand Basileus, Brother James S. Avery.

The Purple and Gold Ball began with a short cocktail hour after which Brother Dwain Harrell, the Master of Ceremonies, welcomed the brotherhood and distinguished guests. LGG Chaplain Brother Ronnie Winston delivered the invocation. As dinner was finished, Brother Reginald E. Vance, the outgoing Editor to The Oracle, gave a very informative rendering of the evolution of the history of our Achievement Week Celebration, past and present.

Basileus James W. Whitehead had the distinguished honor of introducing of the keynote speaker Brother Avery. Brother Avery stressed the fraternity’s new theme of “Three Looks, One Focus; Family, Fraternity & Friendship”, (piggy-backing on the Fraternity’s most recent theme). Brother Avery elaborated on the fact that our family of Omega Men, sharing one common goal, with a mutual understanding of the



*Basileus James Whitehead with Brother Avery and wife, and the Omega Man of The Year Brother Sherman Charles at the Purple & Gold Ball.*

objectives, needs to work fraternally as men of irrefutable character and with a consistent and unflagging commitment to do more to meet the challenges of our youth in today’s world. Brother Avery challenged LGG to do more break the malaise of low standards and under achievement in many of our schools and other areas in lives of our people.

Notwithstanding the nationally mandated programs, LGG has over 45 active committees. Additionally, LGG awarded over \$21,000 in scholarship money to deserving college bound students during the past year.

This years Achievement Week Celebration fittingly started on Sunday, November 12<sup>th</sup> in prayer at Varick Memorial A.M.E. Church, 255 Anacostia Ave, NE Washington DC. Pastor, Brother Heath Cheek (LGG). Brother Cheek spoke powerfully on the subject of submitting yourself to the will of GOD. The service was truly, spiritually inspiring.

On Monday, November 13<sup>th</sup>, brothers were encouraged to find an inactive or non-financial brother and bring that brother to our reclamation night event. Brothers enjoyed the company of other men with like-minded ideals while watching Monday Night Football, playing friendly games of poker and telling inspiring stories about Omega life.

Wednesday evening, November 15<sup>th</sup>, the brothers of LGG hosted their annual Achievement Week Family Night. The event took place at the DC Therapeutic Recreation Center in Washington, DC. Children participated in activities basketball, pool, jump rope, cards, relay races, and freeze tag. The participants were treated to pizza and cake and enjoyed fellowshiping with the brotherhood.

The annual Brotherhood Luncheon was held Thursday, November 16<sup>th</sup>, at Bolling Air Force Base in Washington DC. Our 36<sup>th</sup> Grand Basileus and keynote speaker, Brother Lloyd J. Jordan, another example of outstanding

achievement elaborated on our new Fraternity theme, Three Looks, One Focus. Brother Jordan emphasized the focus of our beloved Fraternity by stating, “Far too many of our youth are falling for the snares and stereotypes that we see on TV.” The brotherhood was reminded to individually and collectively become beacons of achievement on the behalf of our people in the modern, post civil rights era of our great fraternity.

On Friday, November 17<sup>th</sup>, LGG held its annual Birthday Bash at the Crystal City Hilton, in Arlington VA. The Capital Region Ques hosted this event in the typical LGG style.

The celebration ended Saturday evening, November 18<sup>th</sup>, with the annual Purple & Gold Ball at the Greenbelt Marriott in Greenbelt, Maryland. The presentation of awards for the achievements of brothers and citizens in the community for 2006 included the following: Brother Sherman Charles, Omega Man of The Year; Brother Phillip Edmonds, Superior Service; Citizen of the Year, Brother Reginald Woods and Mr. Richard Knight; Brother John Archfield, Colonel Charles Young Award; Segrid Archfield, Essay Contest.

The Achievement Week Celebration for 2006 was capped with the installation of officers, with Brother Avery presiding; closing remarks by the Achievement Week Chairman, Brother Philip Edmonds, and the singing of the Omega Hymn. Dancing and fellowship proceeded well past midnight. The brothers all gave testimony to an outstanding week of the Celebration of Achievement.



## Lambda Gamma Gamma Chapter “Hits the Links for Scholarship Fundraiser”

**Andrews Air Force Base, MD - August 25, 2006,** On this magnificent August day, 80 golfers enjoyed the beautiful west course at Andrews AFB, seven miles east of the District of Columbia. The 2006 fundraiser netted \$5,000 for Lambda Gamma Gamma's annual Scholarship fundraiser. The Lambda Gamma Gamma Annual Scholarship Golf Tournament has awarded over \$40,000 to deserving students seeking funds to continue their education.

Lambda Gamma Gamma's, Basileus James Whitehead, kicked off the shotgun start. The two person, captains choice format provided for scores in the 60's for some of our most talented teams. The

teams represented friends, sponsors and numerous undergraduate and graduate chapters in the middle Atlantic area and beyond. Fellow Omega men from more than 5 states and 20 undergraduate and graduate chapters gave their support.

Teams represented the following chapters: Pi Gamma (Norfolk State University), Gamma Epsilon (Hampton University), Nu Psi (Virginia State University), Pi Lambda Lambda (Prince William County, VA) and Gamma Pi (Prince Georges' County, MD).

Committee chairman Anthony Nesbitt did an outstanding job in organizing the scholarship fund raiser for 80 golfers of all skill levels with the goal of providing much needed funds for high school seniors entering

college this year. The golfers included businesses owners and politicians who participated and provided sponsorship for the fundraiser.

After the outing participants were treated to a first class catered luncheon, awards presentations and prize giveaways at the clubhouse. The participants had opportunities to win prizes beyond their wildest imaginations. The hole-in one contest on the beautiful par 3, hole #9 provided the opportunity to win a 2006 Ford Mustang 5.0 liter. The longest driver winners won free rounds of golf at one of the exclusive golf clubs in the area. The lowest score winners won \$300 in cash and prizes. The 2nd and 3rd place winners

won \$200 and \$100 dollars respectively.

The committee members for the annual fundraiser were: Chairman-Anthony Nesbitt, Deputy Chairman – Carl Gardner, Sponsorship – Keith Forney, Logistics – Vince Gordon and Prizes – Michael Lett. The committee was lauded by Brother James Whitehead and applauded by the participants for their hard work and tireless attention to detail in the hosting of another first class Lambda Gamma Gamma event. The participants had a wonderful time and look forward to another outstanding scholarship fundraiser next year.



*Golf Tournament Participants preparing for the shotgun start.*



*LGG Annual Golf Tournament 1<sup>st</sup> Place Award Winners with Basileus James Whitehead*



## Bro. Demaune Millard Appointed to Direct Baltimore City Office of Government Relations



**Brother Demaune Millard, Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, Inc. Pi Omega Chapter**

**Chosen by incoming Baltimore City Mayor Sheila Dixon to Direct the Office of Government Relations**

*Excerpts from the Public Relations Announcement*

### Incoming Mayor Sheila Dixon

#### Announces More

#### Senior Positions for her New Administration

Baltimore, MD (December 20, 2006) – City Council President and incoming Mayor Sheila Dixon announced today four more Cabinet-level appointments to help her implement the priorities and initiatives of her new Administration. Mayor-designee Dixon has chosen Chris Thomaskutty to direct the CitiStat Office and **Demaune Millard** to direct her Office of Government Relations. Dixon also tapped Mary Pat Fannon from *Baltimore Main Streets* to serve as deputy director of Government Relations. Finally, Mayor-designee Dixon announced that Edward

J. Gallagher, the City's Director of Finance for the past two years, would remain with her new Administration.

"These appointments reflect the energy and optimism that people have for Baltimore right now. Like Ed Gallagher, Chris, **Demaune** and Mary Pat could easily do well in the private sector. But I think it says something about their commitment and passion for their City, that they each chose to join me in keeping Baltimore moving forward," said Mayor-designee Dixon.

Currently with the American Public Transportation Association, based in Washington, DC, when **Demaune Millard** was made a Special Assistant with the Glendening Administration in 2002, he organized the environmental community to restore \$10 million in budget cuts by the General

Assembly. As a legislative analyst for the Maryland Dept of Transportation, Millard worked directly with the General Assembly to advance the Administration's \$502 million State Transit Initiative. Millard also staffed the workgroup charged with the reauthorization of the Minority Business Enterprise (MBE) program resulting in legislation that increased Maryland's MBE participation goals from 14% to 25%.

"Having spent the past 10 years working on both the state and federal levels, both in Annapolis and Washington, **Demaune** brings a special combination of established relationships and first-hand experience that should prove valuable as the City strengthens its partnerships with the State and the federal government" commented Dixon.

## Omega's Son takes Command of the United States Army Medical Materiel Agency at Ft Detrick, MD.

22 September 2006

Brother (Colonel) Timothy Lamb (Pi Gamma 80) took command of the United States Army Medical Materiel Agency (USAMMA) located at Ft Detrick, Maryland.

USAMMA serves as the Army Medical Departments strategic level organization whose mission is to enhance military readiness by providing medical materiel life cycle management and logistics solutions to the warfighter across the full spectrum of healthcare missions worldwide.

Colonel Lamb's distinguished career began in 1994 where he was assigned to the 101<sup>st</sup> Airborne Air Assault Division, Ft



**Bro. Col. Timothy Lamb and wife Congratulated by Alpha Lambda Lambda Chapter Brothers**

Campbell, Ky., as a medical platoon leader. Follow on assignments included Deputy Chief of Staff for logistics, Pentagon, Washington DC and Commander, 32<sup>nd</sup> Medical Logistics Battalion, Fort Bragg, NC. COL Lamb was last assigned as the Chief of Staff, 30<sup>th</sup> Medical Brigade (Germany) and as Deputy Commander, TF 30<sup>th</sup> Medical Brigade supporting Operation Iraqi Freedom.

Brother Lamb is married to the former Janet Marie Newman and they have two children, Jordan and Jarrett. Tim comes from very humble beginnings and his humble beginnings, keeps him humble. Congratulations to Omega's son following the path of many other distinguished military men of this Fraternity.



## Alpha Lambda Lambda Celebrates 6 years.

19 October 2006, Alpha Lambda Lambda affectionately known as the “ALL” Chapter celebrated 6 years of service to the Fraternity, District and particularly the Frederick community. During these productive 6 years the chapter has provided over \$6000 in scholarships to youth in the Frederick Community, sponsored field trips to historically black colleges and university’s, hosted talent hunts to showcase the gifts of our children, men-

tored minority and disadvantaged students, and provided food, clothing and toys during the holiday season. Alpha Lambda Lambda has also hosted and supported voter registration and education forums, health initiative activities and the efforts of our fellow Greek and other social based organizations. The chapter in conjunction with the International Headquarters donated food, clothing and financial assis-

tance to those affected by the devastating effects of Hurricane Katrina. The chapter has received accolades and awards from the Frederick County Chapter of the National Negro Business and Professional Women’s Club, Frederick Community College Mentoring Program, the Kappa Alpha Psi Fraternity, Inc., and the Maryland Department of Education

## Alpha Lambda Lambda Hosts the Frederick County Political Action Forum

On September 23<sup>rd</sup>, 2006, the Brothers of Alpha Lambda Lambda hosted a political action forum which focused on the candidates running for seats on the Board of Education. Brothers Thaddious Goodman and Marcus Williams spearheaded this very important event which would have a direct impact on the youth attending Frederick County public schools. Questions ranged from the

“No Child Left Behind Act” to “English Language Learners” encompassing minority children whose primary language is something other than English. Brother Goodman moderated the event which allowed Frederick county residents the opportunity glean a perspective on funding issues and child safety in light of recent events involving school shootings.

Brother Williams, the Political Action Committee Chairman states this is one of the most important things we can do for this community. “This forum is one of the last chances a voter has before a ballot is cast on a particular candidate”. The forum is one a series of events hosted by the chapter which also encompasses voter education and registration.



Frederick County, MD. participants at the Political Action Forum



Brother Marcus Williams moderates the Political Action Forum

## Brother Barry G. Smith – Omega Chapter

Brother Barry G. Smith died June 24, 2006, at Vassar Medical Center in Poughkeepsie, New York. He was born March 2, 1946, the older of two sons to Rachel Norcom Smith, Portsmouth, Virginia, and the late Dr. Arthur D. Smith, Jr. He was the great-grandson of I. C. Norcom, Sr.

Brother Smith attended St. James Episcopal Church, Portsmouth, as a child and was confirmed there in 1957, and served as an acolyte until he graduated from high school.

He was educated in Portsmouth Public Schools and graduated from I.C. Norcom High

School as valedictorian of his class, at age 15. Brother Smith was a graduate of Hampton University (formally Hampton Institute) with a Bachelor of Science degree in Chemistry. He did further study at State College, New York.

Upon graduating from Hampton University, he received a commission with the rank of 2<sup>nd</sup> Lieutenant, he served two years in the military with one year being spent in Vietnam where he was awarded the Bronze Star. Brother Smith was promoted to the rank of 1<sup>st</sup> Lieutenant while serving in Vietnam.

Following his service career, he joined IBM Corporation in Poughkeepsie, New York as a Chemical Engineer. Brother Smith retired in 1995, from IBM as a Service Project Manager.

Brother Smith was active in Upsilon Tau Chapter, Poughkeepsie, New York for over 25 years. At time of death he was the Keeper of Records and Seals.

Known for his kindness, devotion, and loyalty to family, friends and fraternity, his impact on them has been indelible. Quietly and unassumingly, he has left a profound effect on those he touched.



## Upsilon Phi Achievement Week Awards Program

Newark, N.J. -- Upsilon Phi Chapter presented eight awards as part of their Annual Achievement Week Awards Program conducted at New Jersey Institute of Technology on Saturday, December 9, 2006. Past Grand Basileus James Avery and District Representative Marvin Dillard were two of the 187 persons in attendance who heard keynote speaker the Honorable Cory Booker, Mayor of Newark, NJ challenge those in attendance to become involved in community and public service.

The Brothers of Upsilon Phi were especially pleased to recognize the work of the Educational Opportunity Fund of New Jersey. The Educational Opportunity Fund (EOF) is one of the nation's most comprehensive and successful state-supported efforts to provide access to higher education for economically and educationally disadvantaged students. Past Grand Basileus James Avery has been a Board Member of the EOF for a number of years and received the

Uplift Award along with Dr. Glenn Land, Executive Director of the Fund.

This year's awardees included: Rev. Dr. M. William Howard, Jr, Citizen of the Year; The Schoor DePalma Community Foundation, Corporate Citizenship Award; The Education Opportunity Fund (EOF), the Uplift Award; Steven Browne, Student of the Year; Charlotte DeFilippo, Outstanding Public Service Award; Brother Charles Watts, Superior Service Award; Brother William H.L. Oliver, Basileus/Founders Award; and Brother Bruce D. Harman, Omega Man of the Year



*Bro. James Avery, Bro. Bruce Harman, Mayor Cory Booker, 2nd District Representative Marvin Dillard.*



*Bro. Renard Barnes, Bro. William H L Oliver, Student Steve Browne, Dr. Lang, Bro. Bruce Harman, Bro. Charles Watts, Bro James Avery, 2nd District Representative Marvin Dillard*



*Bro. Bruce Harman, Mayor Cory Booker, Bro. William H.L. Oliver*



*Brother Steven Cooper congratulates Bro. James Avery*

## Brother Rudolph Wellington Powell - Omega Chapter



**Brother Rudolph Wellington Powell** was initiated into the Omega Psi Phi Fraternity through Nu Psi Chapter at Virginia State University on December 6, 1940.

"Rudy" as he was affectionately known by his Brothers in Omega, was a devoted life member of the Fraternity who served faithfully and with distinction for over 66 years. He was active with Kappa Omicron Chapter in New York City for more than 30 years. Prior to that, he was an active member with Epsilon Chapter in New York City, and Nu Omicron Chapter in Jamaica, NY. He was elected as Basileus (Chapter President) for

four different chapters: Nu Psi Chapter, Epsilon Chapter, Nu Omicron Chapter, and Kappa Omicron Chapter. Rudy was appointed as the 2<sup>nd</sup> District Corridor Five Representative. This was a position he would hold for nearly 30 years. In his role as a Corridor Representative he oversaw the activities and administrative duties for the 14 local chapters in New York City, Long Island, Westchester, and Albany. He was later appointed Corridor Five Representative Emeritus.

Rudy's professional career began when he enrolled in the New York School of Social Work in 1950 and in 1952 became certified in Social Services by the State of New York. He worked in the capacity of Supervisor of Social Work until his retirement.

Rudy was always willing to share his experiences and knowledge of Omega with his Brothers. He invited many of the newly initiated Brothers in the New York City area to his home and encouraged them to remain financial and active, become working members on chapter committees, run for chapter leadership positions, and attend other local chapter meetings. He also encouraged them to do the same on the District and National

level. Rudy also provided counsel to many of the local chapter Basileus as well as District and National Officers.

Rudy received many honors and accolades for his service in Omega. On a local level he was selected as the Omega Man of the Year, the highest award to be bestowed by a Chapter, four times. He received this award from Nu Omicron Chapter in 1966, Xi Phi Chapter in 1972, Omicron Iota Chapter in 1992, and Kappa Omicron Chapter in 1993. He was also honored as the Citizen of the Year by Iota Xi Chapter in 1980. On the district level he was selected as the 2<sup>nd</sup> District Citizen of the Year in 1981. On the National level he received National Service Awards for 25, 40, 50, and 60 years of continuous service.

Rudy was also a member of the following organizations:

**Life Member - NAACP  
Veterans of Foreign Wars  
Alpha Lodge #116 FAM. of New Jersey  
Life Senior Member of Alpha Chapter #62 Royal Arch Mason of Valley Northern New Jersey**

## Nu Omicron hosts Annual Achievement Week Program

On November 8, 2006, Nu Omicron Chapter of the Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, Inc. held its annual Achievement Week Program at York College in Jamaica, NY. The event was very successful as 3 dozen brothers as well as many friends and family were in attendance to celebrate the Achievement of their chapter Brothers and other award winners.

**Ms. Cynthia Sumay-Eaton** was selected as the 2006 "Citizen of the Year" and the keynote speaker. She gave a riveting speech about the importance of education for the African-American youth in our communities. In her speech, she mentioned her own story of how some of her own teachers left a mark in her life today. She also spoke of how we as mentors and teachers should approach teaching our youngsters today.

Ms. Sumay-Eaton received a Bachelor's of Arts Degree and a Master's of Science De-

gree from Queens College in Media Communications. She then received a Master's of Science Degree in Elementary Education from C.W. Post and a Master's of Science Degree in Supervision and Administration from Queens College. She began her working career at Metropolitan Life Insurance Company in the payroll division of the Human Resources Department. She then changed careers after fifteen years and began teaching. Ms. Sumay-Eaton began as a substitute teacher at PS 134 in Hollis, and then acquired a full-time position as a first grade teacher at the same school. She next taught fourth grade for eight years at PS 36 in St. Albans before moving on to a position in the District 29 office. In 2000, she became the Assistant Principal of PS 52 in Springfield Gardens and remained there for five years. She became Principal of PS 123 in South Ozone Park in November 2005.

There was also another important presentation at the event. The scholarship committee

awarded two college freshmen in Queens with \$1,000 scholarships for their academic Achievements. The two recipients were **Emmanuel Thelusma** of York College and **Chester Wilkerson** of St. John's University.

Nu Omicron Chapter's 2006 award recipients were:

**Dr. James Bethea – Omega Man of the Year**

**Bro. Cedric Gaddy – Superior Service Award**

**Bro. Phillip Walters – Edgar A. Love Award**

Congratulations to these brothers for their outstanding service to the chapter and community in the past year.



## Southern Maryland Ques Founders' Day Banquet and Achievement Week Celebration

**November 11, 2006 Waldorf, MD.** Tau Lambda Lambda Chapter continued the Omega tradition by hosting its second annual internationally mandated Founders' Day Banquet and Achievement Week Program. This event would leave an unforgettable impression for those in attendance and it prepared the Brothers of TLL for the week to follow.

The activities of the evening were eloquently performed. Brother H. Gareth Taylor, Sr. served as the Chairman for the event. Brother Taylor and his committee worked relentlessly over the past year to showcase the prestige that is associated with Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, Inc. The 204 individuals in attendance for the celebration were amazed as the program unfolded and honored local citizens and outstanding men of Omega. In the beginning, our great Founders' stamina and dedication were tested by strong official university resistance. They persevered and the inevitable occurred. Their high ideals, intellect, and the inculcation of each resulted in Manhood, Scholarship, Perseverance and Uplift becoming the four cardinal principles of the Fraternity.

Before recognition and awards were given, TLL gave tribute to our Founders. Brothers Harold Fagan, Ronald Watley, Sr., Joseph Parran, and Floyd Barnes had the honor of standing for the Honorable Edgar A. Love, Oscar J. Copper, Frank Coleman, and Ernest E. Just, respectively.



In order for the Fraternity to continue to flourish, Men of Omega have to exhibit high ideals of the cardinal principles. As the Chapter focused on outstanding achievements and giving appropriate recognition, members of TLL were also honored during this event.

Brother Irving Copeland received the National Superior Service, Brother Cecil Short received the Founder's Award, Brother Michael Harrison received the

Colonel Young Award, Brother Patrick Lafontant received the Basileus award, and Brother Luther Clark received the Omega Man of the Year award.

TLL also awarded three members of the community, who have had a direct quality of life impact on the community, with a "Citizen of the Year" Award for their respective county.

## Tau Lambda Lambda Chapter - Get Ready, Get Set, Vote

**October 14, 2006 Indian Head, MD –** Tau Lambda Lambda completed the last phase of its Voter Registration Drive from the Potomac Library in Indian Head.

In preparation for the General Election in November 2006, TLL Social Action Chairman, Brother Patrick Lafontant, worked tirelessly to coordinate efforts to have members properly trained and able to secure locations throughout the community for Voter Registration.

In America, we live in a Democracy, which means the citizens run the government. Since we all cannot all make the rules, we must elect representatives who make the laws and govern our country based on the beliefs of the people. These elected officials help pass laws that reflect the interests of their constituents, the people who live within the areas they represent.

Since all levels of the Fraternity are expected to facilitate, participate, and coordinate activities that will uplift their communities, TLL believes it is imperative that citizens register and get out and vote. This is one of the best opportunities for citizens to uplift the community by first registering and then casting a vote for the representative that will best serve them.



## 2006 Kappa Omega Achievement Week Observance



*Bro Kevin L. Washington, Mr. Calobe Jackson Jr., Corey Black, Bro. Dr. George H. Love, Mr. Halbert Leftridge, Bro. Forrest Hunter, Bro. Jesse Rawls, Bro. Dr. Donald Clark, Basileus Arthur Dickinson*

November 2006, Harrisburg, PA Kappa Omega Chapter of Harrisburg PA chose to observe Achievement Week in conjunction with Founders Day Weekend. The 95<sup>th</sup> year of our illustrious fraternity reveals the strength of the Fraternity Motto "Friendship is Essential to the Soul". Under the direction of this year's Achievement Week Chairperson, Brother Dr. George H. Love, the chapter enjoyed an event filled weekend. Recognizing the remarkable achievements of Omega Men and exceptional citizens of Harrisburg is the cornerstone of why Omega Men observe Achievement Week.

On the evening of Friday November 17, 2006, Kappa Omega brothers dedicated the opening of the Kappa Omega Chapter's "Brotherhood Lounge". Many hours of hard work and sweat were expended in transforming the seldom-used second floor of the fraternity house into a room to be envied by others. Kappa Omega House Board Chairman, Brother Warren Enoch and Brother LCMD Jerome White were instrumental in rallying the brothers in an effort of cleaning, patching, painting, refurbishing and acquiring furnishings for the social lounge. A plaque adorns the lounge threshold with an inscription, which reads, "BROTHERHOOD LOUNGE 'dedicated to the men who uphold the standards of Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, Inc'". Light refreshments were enjoyed as the brothers

socialized, played pool and relaxed.

The Achievement Week Dinner held on Saturday November 18, 2006, embraced the Theme "Three Looks, One Focus: Family/Fraternity/Friendship...How can we as individuals make a difference in the lives of Black People?" Our Keynote Speaker, Brother Dr. Donald Clark presented a fitting analogy of the Four Cardinal Principles converging his thought upon Scholarship.

The Chapter recognized Mr. Halbert Leftridge as the Entrepreneur of the Year. Mr. Leftridge owned and operated a pharmacy and convenience store servicing the needs of Harrisburg citizens for over 48 years. He received his formal education from Harrisburg Public Schools and continued his education at Tuskegee Institute prior to his induction into the armed forces in 1941. The Citizen of the Year award was bestowed upon Mr. Calobe Jackson Jr. in recognition of many of his life accomplishments. Mr. Jackson served two terms on the Harrisburg School Board and was recently appointed to the Harrisburg School District Board of Control. Mr. Jackson's historical knowledge, particularly about historical African-American athletes and

citizens of Central Pennsylvania, makes him a unique source for historical information. The Student of the Year award was presented to Corey Black. Corey is a senior at Harrisburg Science and Technology High School and is ranked in the top 10 percent of his class. He plans to further his education at Howard University majoring in pre-medical studies.

Kappa Omega Chapter chose to honor as their 2006 Omega Man of the Year, Brother Kevin L. Washington. Brother Washington graduated third in his class from University City High School Philadelphia in 1995. Brother Washington matriculated to Shippensburg University receiving his BS/BA degree in 2000. While attending college, Brother Washington served as captain of the football team. After graduation, he continued his education at Shippensburg University and in 2005 earned an MBA degree in Business Administration.

Brother Washington was initiated into Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, Inc. in 1999 and currently serves as the Chapter's Keeper of Records and Seal. He serves on the Membership Selection Committee and was the Chapter's representative at the International Fraternity Conclave in Little Rock, Arkansas and was also a

delegate at the 2<sup>nd</sup> District Conference in Philadelphia.

A special Lifetime Achievement Award was presented to Brother Jesse Rawls Sr. in recognition of his direct involvement in implementing a commemorative United States Postal Stamp honoring one of our beloved founders Brother Ernest E. Just. Brother Rawls was instrumental in obtaining the Chapter's club catering license - the last issued in Pennsylvania. Brother Rawls is a Life Member of Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, Inc, a graduate of University of Michigan, a four time College All America Wrestling Champion and an inductee into the State and NCAA Hall of Fame.

A special Meritorious Service Award was presented to Brother Forrest Hunter for his steadfast dedication to the operation and performance of the Bingo enterprise and for his past service as the Chapter's Keeper of Finance.

On Sunday, November 19, 2006, the brothers of Kappa Omega chapter worshipped at St. Paul Episcopal Church. The Rev. Victor J. Thomas, Priest extended his worship services to allow the Men of Omega to present the respective plaques to this year's honorees. The Chapter's Basileus, Arthur C. Dickinson, extended his compliments to the Achievement Week Chairman, Brother Dr. George H. Love and the committee members for another successful Achievement Week Observance

## Dr. Curtis L. Walker - Omega Chapter



**Pittsburgh, PA.** – Dr. Curtis L. Walker entered Omega Chapter on Sunday, October 8, 2006 with a fatal heart attack at Sewickley Valley Hospital. The public and 19 organizations in which he was active recognized the great loss of this strong Omega man. He is survived by a devoted and loving immediate family including his wife, Margie Byrd Walker, and three daughters – Curtistine Suzette Walker, Anita Blanche Walker, and Cara Laurette Walker. He was 73 years of age. “Dr” Walker is synonymous to brotherhood.

The extent of his loss is evident in the two-column tribute in the Pittsburgh Post-Gazette noting that Brother Walker was “An advocate for civil rights, minority business development, equal rights, and higher education”. His shadow is also widely cast as a pioneering administrator in Pittsburgh’s School District, scouting and youth programs, Pittsburgh Pan-Hellenic Association, and of course - Omega Psi Phi Fraternity.

Born in Moultrie, GA. to Willie Blanche Walker and Laura Lewis Walker Reed on October 15, 1932, he was raised in Aliquippa, Pennsylvania by his uncle and aunt, Edward and Mary Tyler since the age of 7. The virtues of hard work, dedica-

tion, and compassion they taught or inspired would mold him into a devoted family man and strong leader. He was a boy scout and good student at Aliquippa High School who ran track, played football, and aspired to become a doctor. His family could not afford medical school so he opted to become a teacher.

**Manhood:** About a month before his death, he confided to myself that he worked full-time in the mill while taking a full course load at the University of Pittsburgh. There he earned three degrees – AB, M. Ed., Ph D. In August 2006, Bro. Walker and Margie celebrated their 50<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary – who herself in 1954 became the first black graduate at Slippery Rock University. While raising three daughters, Bro. Walker worked extra jobs to take them on family vacations.

**Scholarship:** Dr. Walker began his teaching career in Aliquippa School District where he taught at the elementary, junior high, and senior high school levels. He became

Director at **the first University Desegregation Center in the north** which happened to be at the University of Pittsburgh (Consultative Resource Center on School Desegregation and Conflict). Dr Walker was founding member of the Urban Emphasis Committee

spearheading development of In School/Learning for Life Program **which taught skills to more than 3,000 area youth, kindergarten through fifth grade.** This program was successfully administered by the Greater Pittsburgh Council, Boy Scouts of America, and Girl Scouts of Southwestern Pennsylvania. After serving on Pitt’s faculty as Assistant Professor and Adjunct Associate Professor for five years, he be-

came Deputy Superintendent, Associate Superintendent, and Executive Officer of Pittsburgh School District’s Equity, Compliance, and Community Relations in 1975.

**Perseverance:** In his long tenure with the Pittsburgh School District, Dr. Walker tried to assure minority and female representations throughout the district’s facilities and

purchasing . . . no easy task. He hooded many Ques who persevered through their own doctorate program including Bro. Cordell Richardson (1967 Basileus of Beta). Bro. Walker gave 100% of his leadership skills to 18 social, educational, and fraternal organizations as well as his church.

**Uplift:** His leadership extended over 18 organizations and his church. Some of these included American School Curriculum Development, Minority Business Resources Center Board of Directors, Boy Scouts of America, President of Pittsburgh Pan-Hellenic Association, United Negro College Fund Pittsburgh Committee, and Omega Psi Phi. He was also an Elder at the Bidwell Presbyterian Church in Pittsburgh. ***Yet the brothers of Iota Phi will always remember him for his wit, humor, laughter, and reassuring manner at events and meetings; personally organizing/leading the annual Football Trips; guidance in coordinating the Pan-Hellenic’s annual Community Day and events; chairing many Talent Hunts; and many personal moments he would share with any brother.*** This was the measure of a true Omega man – husband and father first, Manhood, Scholarship, Perseverance, and Uplift.

## Tau Lambda Lambda Ques Assist Mens Shelter

**November 16, 2006 Waldorf, MD -**

Tau Lambda Lambda Chapter provided assistance to the Fuller House Men’s Shelter for a second year. Brother Patrick Lafontant serves as the Chapter’s Social Action Committee Chairman.

Brother Patrick contacted the Men’s Shelter and to asked how TLL could be of assis-

tance. The shelter’s representative stated the greatest need would be winter gear donations, which would help the men of the shelter prepare for the upcoming Winter Season. The Brothers of TLL were generous as coats, scarves, gloves, and hats were collected for presentation to the Fuller House Men’s Shelter.

The Brothers were very generous in their giving and once again the Superintendent and men of the shelter were very appreciative. Social Action projects are critical in raising the prestige of Omega. Whenever our Fraternity is able to direct its energy toward a worthwhile project, these united efforts will continue to stimulate and enrich the communities where Omega Chapters are present.

## Assault on Illiteracy Success: Mu Nu Celebrates GBTLA's 20<sup>th</sup> Anniversary



**Mu Nu Chapter, Montgomery County, Maryland** celebrated the 20<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the *George B. Thomas Sr. Learning Academy, Inc.* (GBTLA), on **October 17, 2006**, at the Marriott North Bethesda Hotel & Conference Center in Bethesda, Maryland, with some 300 family, friends and supporters of the acclaimed assault on illiteracy program in attendance. The highly successful and accomplished program was the vision of Mu Nu Chapter's own Bro. George B. Thomas Sr., PhD. Ed (Xi Psi, 1950, South Carolina State University).

Mu Nu Chapter founded a tutorial and mentoring program it called the "Saturday School" program in 1986 out of a single room at the Housing Opportunities Commission (HOC) in Olney, Maryland. It was established to help address the achievement gap that existed among African American students in the county compared to other county students. Through the enthusiasm and perseverance of Mu Nu Brothers, as well as

key support from African American leaders in the community, the Saturday School program continued to grow. The programs success led Mu Nu to incorporate the initiative as a non-profit organization under the GBTLA name in recognition of and high esteem for Bro. Thomas' vision and dedication.

GBTLA's 20 years of service is without question a significant milestone when considering all of the predecessor and successor tutorial and mentoring programs that have tried and failed to take hold in the county – none lasted more than two years. And yet, the humble beginnings of GBTLA can perhaps best be measured in terms of its contributions to the academic and social well being of the students it served and continues to serve, as well as to the parents and guardians of those students that it uplifts. What began in a single room of a small building in 1986, with approximately 20 volunteers and 20 students, has since managed to take root and thrive where it now serves more than 3500 students in grades one through 12, from more than 130 area schools, and in centers established at 12 county high schools. GBTLA's 2005 program budget was just over \$1.5M in grant money, which enabled parents to secure tutorial services during the school year at a rate of \$15 per student. Each center also has its own dedicated Center Director and staff of volunteer tutors and

professionals. And further still, many of the former GBTLA students who are now in college or who have since graduated are now bridge builders providing their volunteer time back to GBTLA as tutors and mentors to those who follow.

GBTLA's accolades include recognition from the County's Board of Education and the Superintendent of Schools, the County Executive, the Maryland Governor, and even the White House. Notable attendees at the GBTLA 20<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Gala included the Superintendent of Schools, the County Executive-elect, as well as Rep. Chris Van Hollen of the U.S. House of Representatives (Maryland). The program continues to be recognized for its success in focusing on core academic subject areas with low tutor-to-student ratios and mentors that achieve results. The free program is aligned with County curriculum, includes all materials, and even employs certified and experienced teachers who have contributed to a 70 percent success rate for students who meet or exceed their math and reading levels upon finishing the program. As Bro. Thomas was quoted as saying in an October 2006 *Gazette* interview (*Gazette.com*, October 27<sup>th</sup>, by M.J. Brachfeld), "If we can plant that seed and nurture it through to fruition, then we have achieved a mighty thing for humanity." GBTLA has indeed done that over the past 20 years as it pursues the next 20 years.

## 2006 "Walk for Diabetes": Mu Nu Again Exceeds Fundraising Goal

**Mu Nu Chapter, Montgomery County, Maryland** again participated in the annual American Diabetes Association's "Walk for Diabetes" on **November 4, 2006**, in Washington, D.C. The Social Action Chairman, Bro. Dante Mayo (Mu Nu, 2005, Montgomery County, MD), returned to lead the event planning this year and did his duty....that is best.

This year's fund raising effort again exceeded the goal. The goals for 2004 (\$1200) and 2005 (\$1500) were humble targets that the Chapter did very well with. However, Mu Nu sought to raise even more in 2006 and set high aspirations toward raising \$2500 after raising just over \$2000 in 2005. While it was an ambitious goal, it was not impossible, and the Brothers of Mu Nu rallied behind the leadership and enthusiasm

Bro. Mayo. In the end, the dogged determination of the Brothers lead to receipts totaling more than \$3200 dollars in donations. The year's top fund raisers were Bro. Jerry Jones (Nu Psi, 1972, Virginia State University) with nearly \$600, and the 4-time, consecutive, "top dog" award going to Bro. Troy Manigault (Mu Nu, 1994) with more than \$1200 for the cause.

Representing Mu Nu were Bros. Eddie Black (Xi Psi, 1977, South Carolina State University), Bobby Jewett (Nu Beta, 1980, Marshall University), Skip Bland (Mu Nu, 1982), Greg Boykin (Mu Nu, 1987), Thomas Abernathy Jr. (Nu Nu, 1995, Willingboro, NJ), Anthony Proctor (Mu Nu, 2002), and Jones, Manigault and Mayo.

Mu Nu Chapter was chartered May 23, 1970, in Rockville (Montgomery County), Maryland.



*Mu Nu Chapter Brothers participating in the 2006 Walk for Diabetes*



## Omicron Iota Chapter Turkey Drive - A Huge Success

### New Rochelle, NY.

On November 21<sup>st</sup> 2006, the men of Omega Psi Phi Omicron Iota Chapter of New Rochelle, N.Y. kicked off their 6<sup>th</sup> Annual Thanksgiving Turkey Drive. The chapter provided thanksgiving meals to 25 surprised families in the cities of Mount Vernon and New Rochelle, N.Y. In addition, the chapter sponsored the Thanksgiving Feast for the Grimes Elementary School in Mount Vernon. The children and staff expressed their gratitude for the donation. The families were selected from

various resources within the communities. The brother's hand delivered the meals to the families.

The 2006 Turkey Drive was a great success and a wonderful way to support and promote the spirit of Omega and give back to the communities. The members of the 2006 Turkey Drive committee are: Brother Peter Wynn (Chairman, KRS), Brother Matthew Marrow (KOF), Brother Edward White, Brother Curtis Woods, and Brother John E. Kittrell.



From L to R: (Dinorah Woods, Bro. Curtis Woods, Jamal Woods, Bro. Matthew Marrow, Bro. Ed Kittrell, Principal Francis Lightsey, Bro. Edward White, Bro. Peter Wynn)

## Bro. Stephen R. Cox and Philadelphia AMP Nominated for Benjamin Banneker Legacy Award

Stephen R. Cox, co-principle investigator and project director of the Greater Philadelphia Louis Stokes Alliance for Minority Participation (Philadelphia AMP), and the Alliance have been nominated for the Benjamin Banneker Legacy Award.

The award is presented by the Benjamin Banneker Institute for Science and Technology in Washington D.C., a congressionally-mandated organization charged with increasing the number of African Americans involved in science, technology, engineering, and mathematics (STEM) fields of study and professions. The Philadelphia

AMP is a nine university consortium, funded by the National Science Foundation (NSF), whose mission is to double the number of underrepresented students receiving bachelors degrees in STEM disciplines and to encourage enrollment in graduate school.

During its 13-year history, the Philadelphia AMP has graduated more than 6000 minority engineers and scientist and produced 17 PhD's. In addition to Drexel, the members of the Philadelphia AMP are Cheney University of Pennsylvania, College of Philadelphia, Delaware State University, Lincoln University, New Jersey Institute of Technology, Temple Univer-

sity, and University of Pennsylvania.

Cox and the Philadelphia AMP joint candidates from the University of Maryland, University of North Carolina, Johns Hopkins, U.S. Department of Energy, the Mathematics Association of America, NASA, NSF, and Thurman Jones Patriot Technology Center as nominees for the Banneker Legacy Award. The award will be presented at a gala at the National Academies of Science in Washington D.C. on November 17.

Brother Stephen R. Cox is a distinguished member of Mu Omega Chapter.

## Nu Omicron Chapter Hosts Annual Bowling Party/Toy Drive

Nu Omicron Chapter held two parties for the holidays. The first was their 4th Annual Benevolence Bowling Party on Friday, Dec 15<sup>th</sup>, 2005 at AMF Van Wyck Lanes in Queens, New York. There were over 250 guests in attendance including several

brothers from chapters throughout the corridor as well and members of other organizations and supporters, friends and families of Nu Omicron brothers. The chapter collected clothing and toys for those in need in the Queens Community. This year the majority went to children

attending PS 40 and PS 123 in Queens as well as the children of the Nu Omicron Early Childhood Education Center. On Sat., Dec 16<sup>th</sup>, before their monthly general meeting, Nu Omicron held its annual Holiday Party for the children and family of the Nu Omicron Chapter's Early Childhood Education Center

## Nu Omicron Chapter Elects New Officers

The Nu Omicron Chapter of Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, Inc elected its new officers during a recent chapter meeting. Brother Robert Stevens was elected Basileus of the chapter. Brother Stevens recently served as Vice-Basileus and spearheaded many chapter events throughout the year. He is a leader by example and his vision is to continue to uphold the storied tradition of the chapter. Brother Gerald Levy is the newly

elected Vice-Basileus. Brother Levy recently served as Keeper-of-Peace in addition to serving on many committees. Brother Randall Joseph is the new Keeper of Records and Seal. Brother Joseph was the former chaplain and served on a number of committees as well. Brother Cedric Gaddy was elected Keeper of Finance. Brother Gaddy served on a number of committees prior to being elected to KF and brings extensive knowledge and experience to this position. Brother Will

Cooper is the new Chaplain. Brother Cooper recently and continues to serve as chair of the Black History Month Program. Brother Dr. James Bethea is the new Keeper-of-Peace. Brother Bethea served on many committees and is the current Editor-to-the-Oracle. Congratulations to the new officers! The officers promises that great things will happen for the chapter as well as the Greater NYC community because it's a Nu world Order

## Brother Darrin K. Wynn – Omega Chapter



Brother Darrin K Wynn entered Omega Chapter on December 2, 2006 Born in Baltimore, Maryland on August 29<sup>th</sup>, 1965, Brother Darrin Keith Wynn began his life of service as an Omega Man on April 24<sup>th</sup>, 1986.

Following a brief absence, the Chi Delta Chapter returned to University of Maryland College Park campus with Darrin as the eighth on his line of the “8 Sons of Geronimo”. The period of absence and return is often referred to as the break between Old Chi “D” and New Chi “D”, and Darrin, also known, as “Thick Dog” is easily one of the most recognized figures of New Chi “D”. He was always willing to step up and do whatever needed to be done. A trait that all of you

know did not only pertain to his life in Omega. His leadership and enthusiasm for the Omega Psi Phi Fraternity Inc. had an immediate impact on the chapter and the University of Maryland community. His efforts in planning and fundraising helped the Chi Delta chapter to sponsor events that served to stimulate the campus from both a community service and social perspective.

During his time on campus, Brother Wynn was involved with the R.O.P.E.S program, which in 1986, was a program organized to retain minority students at Maryland. He was also an active member of the University’s Pan-Hellenic Council, representing Omega among the other Greek letter organizations on campus. Because he was such a visible and hard working Omega Man, he was chosen by Black Entertainment Television (BET) to represent the Omega Psi Phi Fraternity Inc. on a nationally televised group forum, discussing Black Greek letter organizations.

“Thick Dog” was an avid stepper, performing in multiple step shows at the University’s Cole Field House, and though the University shows were planned and organized, “Thick” rarely resisted the opportunity to “set out a hop”. Darrin’s display of LOVE for OMEGA was deep. He always provided UPLIFT to the brotherhood and the campus community.

In an official capacity, Brother Wynn served on Chi Delta’s Membership Committee, acting as the Assistant Dean of Pledges for the spring 1987 Lampados Club. He also served as the chapter’s Sergeant at Arms, keeping the peace during official chapter meetings.

Upon returning to Baltimore, Brother Wynn chose to work and fellowship with the Pi Omega Chapter. His work included service on Pi Omega’s Social Action Committee, serving as a mentor for the Principle Achievers Program. This mentoring and tutoring program sought to provide an outlet and guidance to school aged youths in Baltimore City and Baltimore County. Darrin felt very strongly about affecting the lives of the young men in his community. He wanted to make a difference. It was obvious that he was able to do so with these young men, who often sought his counsel to overcome both “everyday” and sometimes more difficult situations.

Most recently, Brother Wynn chose to serve Omega by meeting and educating new Brothers. Providing information, guidance, and leading by example, has helped many Omega men in upholding the 4 Cardinal Principles of the Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, Inc.: Manhood, Scholarship, Perseverance, and Uplift.

## Tau Pi Chapter Holiday Social Action Project

**December 24, 2006**, The Brothers of Tau Pi Chapter in Columbia, Maryland in partnership with the St. Johns Baptist Church, came out on Christmas Eve to spread a little holiday spirit.

On a cool, clear evening almost 30 brothers ventured out for the “Community Service Initiative” (C.S.I.) and enjoyed fellowship with members of St. Johns Baptist Church, while remembering the reason for the season and giving back to the community. On this occasion Tau Pi Chapter supported the St. Johns Baptist Church’s annual holiday gift baskets program for less fortunate families of the Howard

County, MD. The Brothers served as drivers and ambassadors of goodwill while delivering the baskets to family homes and sharing a word of prayer with each family.

C.S.I. was created at the behest of Brother Shawn Lamb, the Spring 2006 Neophyte Line and the overwhelming support of Tau Pi Chapter desire to serve Howard County Community Service Organizations. Whether it's to chaperone a school dance or delivering Christmas presents during the holidays, the Brothers of Tau Pi Chapter are available to help whenever possible. Congratulations to the Brother of Tau Pi on an impressive show of support to the community.



*The Tau Pi Chapter C.S.I. Committee*

## KAPPA CHAPTER - Schedule of Events Fall 2006

**September 16<sup>th</sup>, 2007**, the Brothers Of The Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, Inc., Kappa Chapter hosted a carwash with the Ladies of Omega Phi Beta Sorority, Inc., Theta Chapter. The event was held on South Campus of Syracuse University at the Skybarn and the profit that was made from the carwash was donated to the Dunbar Community Center in the Syracuse Area.

**November 10<sup>th</sup>, 2007**, Kappa Chapter in conjunction with the National Pan-Hellenic Council and University Union co-sponsored a comedy event featuring Brother Bill Cosby. The event was held at the Landmark theatre which is downtown Syracuse. The Brothers also did a special tribute step routine for Brother Bill Cosby before the actual comedy show

**November 13<sup>th</sup>, 2007**, Kappa Chapter in conjunction with the Ladies of Lambda Sigma Upsilon Sorority, Inc., Eta Chapter, Alpha Omega Epsilon Sorority, Alpha XI Sigma Fraternity and Theta Tau Fraternity hosted the Charles R. Drew Blood Drive. The blood was donated to The American Red Cross.

**November 14<sup>th</sup>, 2007**, Kappa Chapter in conjunction with the Ladies of the National Association of Negro Business and Professional Woman's Club held a Financial Literacy Workshop. The workshop concentrated on the keys to building wealth and included guest speakers Anthony Kofi Osei-Tutu, Finance Professor Boyce Watkins and Brother James Jordan (Beta Chapter Fall 86). The turnout for the event was good and the people that attended the event definitely left with valuable information.

**November 15<sup>th</sup>, 2007**, Kappa Chapter hosted a forum entitled "What Makes a Successful Black Man?" The forum included a panel with a History Professor, Counselor of Justice, Single Father, and Executive directors from the Syracuse Campus as well as the Syracuse Community.

**November 17<sup>th</sup>, 2007**, Kappa Chapter were part of the welcoming committee to Brother Jesse Jackson as he came to speak at the African American Male Congress Bachelorette.

**November 19<sup>th</sup>, 2007**, Kappa Chapter held its Annual Canned Food Drive. The Brothers went around Syracuse University

and collected canned food and non-perishable items, not to mention that there were boxes placed in the dorms as well to collect clothes/canned food. In all we collected 723 pounds of food. The food was donated to the Food Bank of Central New York and the clothes were donated to the Salvation Army.

**December 11<sup>th</sup>, 2007**, Kappa Chapter had its accreditation process with Syracuse Universities Office of Student Life. This process is used to evaluate all recognized social or service fraternities and sororities during the fall semester for the calendar year. The evaluation included a review of the respective chapter's progress in meeting the expectations outlined in the Statement of Relationship and the goals identified in the Chapter Development Plan. We received an overall grade of 96% which qualifies us as a Chapter in Good Standing which means that the chapter has satisfactorily achieved or maintained all standards required.



*Kappa Chapter Brother with Bro. Bill Cosby at the Kappa Chapter Sponsored Comedy Event held at the Landmark Theater in Syracuse, NY*



*Kappa Chapter Brothers with Bro. Jesse Jackson at the African Male Congress Bachelorette*



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The following men have been **EXPELLED** from the Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, Inc. and no longer have any rights or privileges afforded to the "Men Of Omega".

Allron Monsanto, Psi Iota

The Brothers listed below are currently **SUSPENDED** from the Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, Inc. pending further investigation. (*If you're suspended, you're the reason!!!*)

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 Edward Murray, Nu Nu  
 Ezra Naughton, Rho Lambda Lambda

Kelvin Robinson, Chi Delta  
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These men should not be admitted into any formal fraternity meetings. Failure to adhere to these directives of the District Representative will result in the **SUSPENSION** of the Brother or Chapter who is in violation of the same. **THIS IS SERIOUS BUSINESS!!!**





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**May 3<sup>rd</sup> – May 6<sup>th</sup>, 2007**

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