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President's Message

Cheryl Frazier



"FOUNDATION NEWS"

your monthly foundation newsletter. Each month you will receive this communication which has the sole purpose of keeping foundation members updated on foundation activities. If members have information they wished to be published in Foundation News, they can submit that information to me or Member Tonja Ringgold.

Greetings Foundation members. It is with great pleasure that I introduce to you the first release of

In various issues throughout the year, we will also highlight those persons/organizations that have contributed significantly to the welfare of the Foundation.

In this issue we wish to highlight the philanthropy of foundation Member Beverly Reid for her very generous gift of \$10,000.

Along with our external supporters we need you, the members of Epsilon Omega Foundation, Inc., to become actively involved. You can do this through your participation in one of the Foundation committees. Please connect with the committee chair listed, if you wish to join.

Thank you.

Foundation Committees & Chairs

- Afternoon of Jazz - *Crystal Cotten-Faison*
- Bylaws - *Verna Jackson*
- Capital Campaign - *Patricia Sparrow*
- Card Party - *Carol Robinson*
- Community Advisory - *Janet Williams*
- Finance - *Lisa Foust*
- Grants and Proposals - *Lisa Foust*
- Phase II Renovations - *Tonja L. Ringgold*
- Pink & Green Gala - *Frances Parks*
- Scholarship - *Shirley Hill*
- Strategic Planning - *Tonja L. Ringgold*

Ivy Center Facility Manager's Update

Joann Barber

Reminders

All committee meetings are held on the 4th **Thursday** of each **month**. Epsilon Omega Chapter committee chairs should contact the Anti-Basileus of Operations, Lois Knight-Harrison at 443-848-4481 or via email akacspsp87@aol.com.

Foundation committees should contact Joann Barber at 410-744-8213 or via email, jbjodi@verizon.net.

There are also opportunities for committees to meet during the time the Ivy Center is normally open, such as 1st Monday of the month when the chapter executive board meets and the 4th Monday of the month when the Foundation executive board meets.

Lease Space

If any member is interested in leasing space for personal events, contact Joann Barber at the Ivy Family Support Center Center, 410-367-6750.

Kudos

Much appreciation to Member Norma Scott for offering her son's services to install a peephole in the side door. This addition will provide added safety for those inside who have to open the door for callers.



Foundation Webpage Upgrade...

Tonja L. Ringgold, Webmaster

Foundation members, the Epsilon Omega Foundation, Inc., webpage has a new look! It is also more interactive with downloadable forms you can also fill in online.

Although the landing page of this website has a public face, soon, it will also contain a **"Members Only"** side where foundation members will have access to documents pertinent to Foundation.

Currently, you can download and complete the "Foundation Pledge" form, and the Foundation Scholarship packet. The website address:

<http://www.epsilonomega.org/foundation.html>



Healthy Living
Education News

Foundation Scholarship Packet

The Foundation Pledge Campaign

Click [here](#) to obtain Pledge Form

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BRAVENET Calendars

About the Foundation...

Epsilon Omega Foundation, Inc. is a non-profit and tax exempt, 501 (c) (3), corporation established to acquire resources to support and promote programs and services to meet the changing needs of citizens of the Baltimore metropolitan community and beyond. The Foundation was created and incorporated in 1991.

The Foundation has been supported by contributions from members, friends and grants from public and private sources.

Mission Statement

The mission of the Epsilon Omega Foundation, Inc. is to meet the challenges of the community through service education and cultural development.

Objectives

- To obtain funds and other resources to promote and sustain educational, cultural, health and community programs of the Epsilon Omega Chapter of Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Inc.
- To provide scholarships to qualified and deserving students of the community.
- To do any and all acts, matters and things to perform any and all types of services within the scope of the purposes.

Grants / Proposals / Sponsors

Lisa Foust, Chair

The Foundation is aggressively seeking new grants and proposals to support its initiatives. Members with knowledge of grants/proposals should forward that information on to the Grants/Proposal committee.

Grant writers are also encouraged to utilize their skills in securing funds. The Foundation needs your support and talents. When thinking of grant opportunities consider your place of employment. What programs do you support...does the Foundation meet the criteria? Contact Member Lisa Foust if you have questions 443-310-3669 or via



Capital Campaign The Foundation Pledge Campaign

Patricia Sparrow, Chair

The Foundation needs support from members in order to continue to thrive. Your generous contributions to the Epsilon Omega Foundation, Inc. are a tax deductible investment in showing your support. Financial support that received from members will help to defray operating costs for the Ivy Family Support Center.

Operating costs are not solely limited to utilities, it also includes

floor replacement and communication systems.

Please see Foundation Treasurer and Grant/Proposals Chair Lisa Foust for a Foundation Pledge form. You can also download this form from the Epsilon Omega Foundation website.

Pledge levels and categories are itemized as follows:

PLEDGE LEVEL

\$ 1 - \$ 499	Brenda Moryck
\$ 500 - \$ 999	Annice Credit Woodford
\$ 1,000 - \$ 1,499	Louise Reynolds
\$ 1,500 - \$ 1,999	Mary Miller
\$ 2,000 - \$ 2,499	Georgine Lewis Wilkins
\$ 2,500 - \$ 2,999	Lillian Hughes
\$3,000 - \$ 3,999	Sadye C. Martin
\$ 4,000 - \$5,999	Erma Bruce Davis
\$ 6,000 - \$ 7,999	Miriam Curtiss
\$ 8,000 - \$ 9,000	Vivian J. Cook
\$10,000 - Up	Vivian Carter Mason

Pink & Green Gala 2011

Frances Parks, Chair

The 2011 *Pink & Green Scholarship Gala* is fast approaching and we need your support and patronage. This scholarship event raises needed funds to assist Baltimore high school graduates offset their out of pocket costs for college tuition and books.

The 2011 *Pink & Green Scholarship Gala* will take place on June 18th at Martins West Baltimore, Maryland from 8pm – Midnight. We are asking for your support of this event by either becoming a corporate sponsor, donating a “top notch”

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item to our *Pink & Green Scholarship Gala Silent Auction*, placing an ad in our souvenir journal, or purchase of gala tickets. Select one, two, or all methods for supporting the continual learning opportunities for our local college bound youth.

This academic year, according to the newly released Maryland Higher Education Commission 2010 Data Book, the average cost of tuition for students in the Baltimore Metropolitan area is

\$169 per credit for Community Colleges and \$6,444 for full time students attending public four-year institutions with at least 12 credits. Given these figures, I don't have to tell you of the hardship educational costs place on families already struggling through hard economic times. Please partner with us, in giving these families and students a helping hand. Join us in our continued effort and mission to support eager learners with their educational pursuits by becoming one of our premier *Pink & Green Gala* financial donors. See member Tonja Ringgold for sponsorship packets.

"The best way to find yourself is to lose yourself in the service of others."
Mahatma Gandhi

Strategic Planning 2011-2014

Tonja L. Ringgold, Chair

Strategic planning is an organization's process of defining its strategy, or direction, and making decisions on allocating its resources to pursue this strategy, including its capital and people. It's is the formal consideration of an organization's future course.

All strategic planning deals with at least one of three key questions: "What do we do?" "For whom do we do it?" and "How do we excel?"

The Epsilon Omega Foundation will be

engaging in a strategic planning process that will result in the development of new goals and objectives. For the next three months (February, March & April) foundation members will be asked to provide their feedback on the condition of the foundation by way of a SWOT analysis (Strengths, Weaknesses, Opportunities, and Threats).

In April, the Epsilon Omega Foundation will hold a retreat to consolidate the thoughts of the membership through the

construction of a strategic plan. Anyone interested in serving on the strategic planning retreat committee should contact member Tonja L. Ringgold at 410-627-6743 or by email at aka.lad82f@aol.com.



Scholarship Committee

Shirley Hill, Chair

The Epsilon Omega Foundation Inc. maintains a Scholarship Fund to assist, financially, two young ladies from the Baltimore City public and parochial schools as they pursue a college education. These recipients must live in Baltimore City and must have been accepted by a historically Black college or university. If, however, the recipients' career interest and their intended college major are unavailable at a historically Black college or university, a

non-historically Black college or university will be acceptable.

Foundation scholarships are \$1,500.00 a year and is renewable providing the scholarship recipient has maintained a satisfactory scholastic average, and continues to have financial need. Scholarships are sent to the student and are to be used for purchasing book supplies, or any other charges assessed by the institution. A seven hundred and fifty dollars

(\$750.00) check is issued each semester for four years, upon receipt of an official college transcript indicating satisfactory achievement in the recipient's course of study.





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Upcoming Foundation Meeting Dates:

- March 28th - 6:00 p.m.
- April 25th - 6:00 p.m.
- May 23rd - 6:00 p.m.
- June 27th - 6:00 p.m.

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Ivy Family Support Center

The vision for the Ivy Family Support Center is to become a center of and for the community - a place where family life is supported, recreation and good health encouraged, educational opportunities provided, art and beauty treasured and where intergenerational contact is valued.



2011 Epsilon Omega Foundation Board

Foundation Board Officers

- Cheryl L. Frazier, *President*
- Tonja L. Ringgold, *Vice President*
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- Vacant Position, *Assistant Financial Secretary*
- Lisa Foust, *Treasurer*
- Sylvia L. Johnson, *Assistant Treasurer*

Joann Barber, *Ivy Family Support Center Facility Manager*

Foundation Webmaster & Newsletter Editor: *Tonja L. Ringgold*

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