

Iota Phi Lambda Sorority, Incorporated

“Business and Professional Women: Building the Foundation for Generational Financial Empowerment”



Alpha Zeta Chapter News – Special Edition

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2021-2022 Chapter Officers

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Greetings,

It is amazing that in Early 1929, Mrs. Lola M. Parker of Chicago Illinois, was stimulated by the need and a great vision of an organization which would off-set the effects caused by the Great Depression. The country was in disarray. The Great Depression caused people to lose their jobs and had a great effect on African American Women. Life in general was not as it had always been.

The Coronavirus disease (COVID-19) has also caused not only the USA, but the whole world to be in disarray. The COVID-19 virus has caused life in this Country and the world to be a Global new normal. People all over the world are sick and dying. Everyday movement is different; businesses are being closed. Obeying CDC guidelines and orders, including wearing masks and practicing social distancing are a must. Even though people are getting vaccinated every day, we must remain vigilant and continue practices to keep ourselves, family and friends safe even as restaurants, schools and businesses re-open and people begin to travel once again:

- a) Maintain social distancing – at least six feet.
- b) Wear a mask except while eating or drinking in public.
- c) Wash your hands with soap and water and use hand sanitizer frequently.
- d) Gather with family and friends outdoors with plenty of space around you, if possible.

Our Sorority members are on the front-line working in many capacities as they continue making worthwhile and healthy contributions to protect ourselves and others. Stay safe; stay healthy; help protect others; help sorors in need.

Sincerely,

Ophelia Troupe
Alpha Zeta Chapter President

“Together we will get through COVID-19”

**New Sorority Year
New Chapter Officers**



**New: Chapter Logo
92nd National Convention**

IT'S A NEW SORORITY YEAR!

Sorors of Alpha Zeta Chapter, a new Sorority year has begun – as of July 1, 2021. Please remit or arrange payments of your chapter dues to the Financial Secretary, Soror Paula Sams. Chapter dues for 2021-2022 are \$220 and must be paid in full *no later* than **October 31, 2021**. The Chapter Summit is coming soon to your Zoom Meetings; please watch for news of the date!

In the meantime, it's time to think about which committees you will serve on this sorority year, improvements that can be made to previous projects or programs, new projects, programs and partnerships that can be forged in the community, etc.

NEW CHAPTER OFFICERS

Congratulations to the elected officers and Nominating Committee members for the 2021-2022 sorority year. With this being a National Convention year, our new officers will have officially begun their duties with the conclusion of the 92nd Virtual National Convention (July 28-July31). The financial records and reports from the previous Treasurer have been turned in for audit, and the previous Treasurer, Danielle DeLoatch, has graciously extended her assistance for orienting the new Treasurer, Cheryl Watts, to the duties of Treasurer. Cheryl Watts, previous Journalist, has extended her assistance as well as files to Ke'Ira Lewis, our new Journalist.

Elected Officers for the 2021-2022 Sorority Year:	
Ophelia Troupe - Chapter President	Paula Sams – Financial Secretary
Cynthia Warren – First Vice-President	Cheryl Watts – Treasurer
Barbara Sharp – Second Vice-President	Vanetta Cobbs – Dean of Intake
Paula Carey-Moore – Recording Secretary	Ke'Ira Lewis - Journalist
Shirley Cabbs – Corresponding Secretary	
Nominating Committee for 2021-2022:	
Jane Ward	Elaine Dubose
DeJeanette Williams	Valda Haywood
Monique McKinney	



NEW: CHAPTER LOGO



A requisite for chapters of Iota Phi Lambda Sorority, Inc. for the 92nd Virtual Convention was the creation and display of a chapter logo in the convention programming app, *Whova*. Alpha Zeta's logo is composed of the pearls, colors, sorority name, sorority flower, chapter name, a backdrop of St. Louis, and Alpha Zeta's charter date. The logo is now displayed on the chapter website, iota-stlouis.org, and on Facebook, [Iota_Alpha_Zeta](https://www.facebook.com/Iota_Alpha_Zeta). And take a look at the chapter video, too, on the website or in the *Whova* app!

92ND VIRTUAL CONVENTION



Due to the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic, the 92nd National Convention was held virtually July 28-July 31 via Zoom Meetings for the safety of all participants, and offered at a discounted price in a successful attempt to drive registrations up to the maximum of 500. This year, the sorority used a new convention and meetings platform called *Whova* that enabled sorors to keep track of and enter convention sessions, meet and greet each other, set up get-togethers, learn more about other chapters from the Central Region and other regions, shop the convention vendors, and explore Iota History in a virtual museum.

Alpha Zeta Chapter was excited to have so many things going on for this year's convention:

- ✿ Two Alpha Zeta sorors on the national Technology Support Team.
- ✿ **Three** lines of new Sorors, many of whom were attending as First-Timers.
- ✿ **Eleven** Sorors registered as First-Timers for the National Convention.
- ✿ The Central Regional Outstanding Business Woman of the Year, new Soror Deletra Hudson.
- ✿ The Central Regional Soror of the Year, Soror Cheryl Watts.



Wednesday, July 28th featured, for sorors:

- the opening of the virtual vendors' marketplace, open 24/7 to all attendees of the convention
- a virtual photo booth
- the opening of the virtual Iota History Museum
- a Youth Summit
- the Delegates' Forum, which presented information about motions and parliamentary procedure to Voting Delegates (Soror Cheryl Watts was a presenter);
- a meeting of the Past National Officers with convention First-Timers (11 from Alpha Zeta!)
- pre-convention workshops (Conducting Iota Business Post-COVID-19, Own Your Campus – The Business of the Undergraduate Experience
- the Youth Entrepreneur Elevator Pitch Tournament

The host chapter, Rho, of Raleigh-Durham, North Carolina, started the convention off on Thursday, July 29th with a wonderful greeting and invitation to all sorors to come visit when they can, and a powerful address from Kristi Jones, Chief of Staff for the Office of the Governor of North Carolina – the first Black Woman to hold that position. That speech was followed, of course, by the normal business of the convention, the Leadership Institute, the Educational Forum, and awards carried out over the next two days. You will read much more about the convention activities in the reports of our delegates, Sorors Ophelia Troupe, Barbara Sharp, and Cheryl Watts.

Sorors, if you thought Alpha Zeta rocked at the Regional Conference, you should be even prouder of the awards the Chapter received at the National Convention! Although Soror Deletra Hudson did not win the national Outstanding Business Woman of the Year and Soror Cheryl Watts did not win the national Soror of the Year titles, their credentials were highly-regarded in the competition. One of 9 Central Region awardees, Soror Paula Sams received a Legacy Award for the induction of her daughter, Ada, as a new Soror into Alpha Zeta Chapter. Certificates of Merit were received by Sorors Cheryl Watts (Iota.Talks, 92nd Pre-Convention presenter) and Miranda Avant-Elliott (92nd Convention presenter). Alpha Zeta was awarded for convention attendance AND chapter growth in the Central Region. Ophelia Troupe was named Regional Outstanding Chapter President for 2020-2021. Alpha Zeta was cited as the 2020-2021 Outstanding Chapter of the Central Region.

Calendar

July

No Executive Committee Meeting!

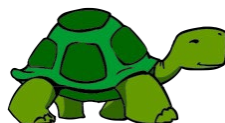
1 New Sorority Year begins!. Please plan to pay your annual dues on time!

28 – Aug 1 Virtual 92nd National Convention

August

2 New Chapter Officers' Duties begin

TBA Annual Chapter Summit



SISTERLY REMINDERS:

- Some of our Sorors do not use email; please call one or print a copy to share the chapter newsletter you receive via email to keep them informed of what is happening in our chapter, especially if they do not have Internet access.
- Some of our older Sorors would love to be involved and attend our meetings and events but may not be able to drive themselves. Consider showing a little Turtle 🐢 ❤️ Love and offering a ride to one!

Sorors of Alpha Zeta Chapter, it has been an honor to serve as your Journalist for these past several years. I hope that the newsletters have been informative as well as uplifting. I now turn the presses over to our newly-elected Chapter Journalist (and songbird, and entrepreneur), Soror Ke'Ira Lewis!

