

AZ Monthly

Alpha Zeta Flight 2023 - May

Soror Dorothy White – National President
Soror Barbara Sharp – Chapter President



Soror Cheryl Watts - Editor

Congratulations, President Sharp!

Top Ladies of Distinction – Area III Confluence Chapter 2023 “Achieving Excellence One Step Beyond” Honoree

On May 6, 2023, Soror Barbara L. Sharp was honored for outstanding community service at the “Achieving Excellence: One Step Beyond” event sponsored by the Top Ladies of Distinction, Inc., Confluence Chapter at the Orlando’s Event Center in Maryland Heights. This awards program gives recognition to awardees for their involvement in the categories Services to Youth, Status of Women, Services to Seniors, Community Beautification, Community Partnerships or Civic Organizations.

“Leadership in action, Working, not shirking”



**The month of May in St. Louis is not complete
without the annual Annie Malone May Day Parade!**

**May 21, 2023 - 113th Annual Annie Malone Children & Family Services May Day Parade.
This year’s theme: Connecting Physical Health to Mental Health and Wellness**

The Annie Malone May Day Parade is one of the oldest and largest parades in the St. Louis area, originating in 1910. The parade for many years was held in north St. Louis City, however as the size of participants and spectators grew, it was moved to Downtown St. Louis. Today, the parade has grown to be the 2nd largest African-American parade in the country with over 3,500 participants and 30,000 spectators. The parade is the agency’s largest fundraiser with proceeds covering both direct program costs and operating expenses not covered by other sources of revenue.



Located in The Ville Neighborhood of North St. Louis near Tandy Park and the Charles Sumner High School, the Annie Malone Children & Family Service Center has provided many much-needed services to families of The Ville since 1888 when the Annie Malone Children's Home was opened.

Although the chapter was hoping to have at least 25 participants in order to have a space with a decorated vehicle in the parade, the ladies of Alpha Zeta Chapter showed up in true Iota Spirit. Next year – new opportunity!



Also in held in May, our Sorors participated in the Nami Walk for Mental Health on May 13th.



May 27th Chapter Meeting and Election of 2023-2024 Officers

The May Chapter Meeting is one of the most important meetings of the Sorority Year: elections will be held for the 2023-2024 Officers and Nominating Committee. In order to vote sorors must be fully financial as well as present either physically or on the Zoom Meeting. The chair of the Nominating Committee, Soror Jacqueline Ploudre, and her committee members are employing electronic voting using the Election Runner platform, and have prepared the slate from the April 22nd Chapter Meeting for the ballot.

Sorors of Alpha Zeta Chapter, are you ready for Founder's Day 2023?



April 2023 -

Sorors of the Alpha Zeta Chapter of Iota Phi Lambda Sorority, Inc:

On June 1st, *Destination Greatness* awaits our arrival.

Please note, this is not your average *US Air* or *American Airlines*. There is no need for baggage...it weighs us down.

Simply bring your sisterly *Spirit* to become more *United*.

We will head *Southwest* towards a new *Frontier* that *JetBlue* hasn't even reached. We are asking every Soror to remain *Allegiant* as we move across the *Continental* terrain into *Alaska*.

This is the first (i.e. *Virgin*) trip of its kind, so please book your seat, encourage others to join you, and arrive early.

May 2023

Have you purchased your ticket for AZ Flight 2023 from IPL Airlines? Don't wait and be left at the gate!

Please purchase your ticket to reserve your seat.

IPL Airlines accepts the following forms of payment:

- \$50 via **Cash/Check** - must be received by 11:59 pm CDT on Friday, May 19th
- \$50 via **Zelle** - must be received by 11:59 pm CDT on Friday, May 26th (note: Founders Day)
 - Email: president@iota-stlouis.org
 - Phone: 618-581-3908
- \$51.40 via **PayPal** (@AZIota) - must be received by 11:59 pm CDT on Friday, May 26th (note: Founders Day)
- \$55.45 via **EventBrite** - closes 11:59 pm CDT on Friday, May 26th

Your flight crew has been hard at work preparing an experience for us to soar to an Amazing new altitude together; greatness is what we're on the brink of!

Celebrate our Sorors:

Congratulations to Soror Tia Murry – certified provider of the President’s Lifetime Achievement Award

Congratulations to Soror **Dr.** Melissa Nash – Maryville University – May 5, 2023

Congratulations to Soror **Dr.** Tjuannia Seals – University of Missouri-St. Louis – May 13th (before Mother’s Day!)

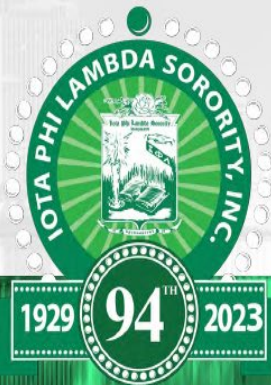
May Birthdays:

Soror J. Elaine DuBose – May 4
Soror Ava Smith – May 19
Soror Lynette Brunson – May 25

Soror Amanda Brinson – May 19
Soror Tammy Davis-Robinson – May 23
Soror Annette Gannaway-Hudson – May 27

If you wish to attend the National Convention and have not yet registered, contact the National Financial Secretary, Soror Lana Samuel (iotanationalfinancialsecretary@gmail.com or 713-205-3585) as soon as possible!

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