



Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Incorporated®



Leadership Seminar

Pathways to SOAR:

Expanding Your Leadership Potential

Best Practices Honoring Our Diamond, Pearl, Golden, Silver (DPGS) and Centenarian Sorors

Soror Danette Anthony Reed, International Supreme Basileus

Soror Phyllis Jones, Chairman

International Diamond, Pearl, Golden, and Silver Soror Committee

Chicago



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Royal Salute CELEBRATION

Diamond



Pearl



Golden



Silver



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AGENDA

- *Royal Salute Celebration*
- Welcome
- Ice Breaker
- Diamond, Pearl, Golden and Silver (DPGS) *The Royal Path*
- Celebration Best Practices
- Centenarian Sorors
- Q&A

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You Get A Crown!



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- Do you need new ideas for honoring sorors reaching milestones of 25, 50, 65, or 75 years of service?
- Learn about successful “Best Practices” celebrating our Precious Jewels...and our Centenarian Sorors.

Let the Royal Celebration Begin!!!!

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Diamond, Pearl, Golden, and Silver (DPGS) *The Royal Path*

- Reigning Royalty
- Regal character or bearing: persons of royal lineage.
- Sisterhood & Service

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Diamond, Pearl, Golden, and Silver (DPGS) Recognition

- Which Supreme Basileus launched the first milestone recognition ?
- What was the first milestone recognition launched?

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- She took equal delight in marking milestone years in Alpha Kappa Alpha as a way to honor members' service.
- She saw the need for doing something for sorors, and under her administration the recognition for 25 years of service was established.
- The first recognition was held in 1976 at the Boule in New York.

Soror Bernice Irene Sumlin
19th Supreme Basileus, 1974-1978

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Diamond, Pearl, Golden, and Silver (DPGS) Recognition

- Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Incorporated® Celebrates Its Royal Lineage
- An active soror may voluntarily seek DPGS recognition by submitting a request to the AKA Corporate Office
- Sorors are honored and crowned in the following majestic categories

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Diamond, Pearl, Golden, and Silver (DPGS) Recognition

Diamond Soror

- 75 Year Member
- Medallion gift is from Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Incorporated®

Pearl Soror

- 65 Year Member
- Medallion gift is from Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Incorporated®

Golden Soror

- 50 Year Member
- Medallion gift is from Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Incorporated®

Silver Soror

- 25 Year Member
- Soror may purchase her silver medallion from Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Incorporated®

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Diamond, Pearl, Golden, and Silver (DPGS) Recognition


Our Royal Path and Royal Lineage shapes a narrative that puts sisterhood and service at its center always championing change to provide Service to all Mankind.

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Diamond, Pearl, Golden, and Silver (DPGS) Recognition Chapter Celebrations



AKA Pearl

In recognition of 65 years of dedication and commitment to the principles of sisterhood and service in Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Incorporated.

February 11, 2023
Theta Omega Chapter

SOROR RAYMONDA JOHNSON
BETA



Pearl



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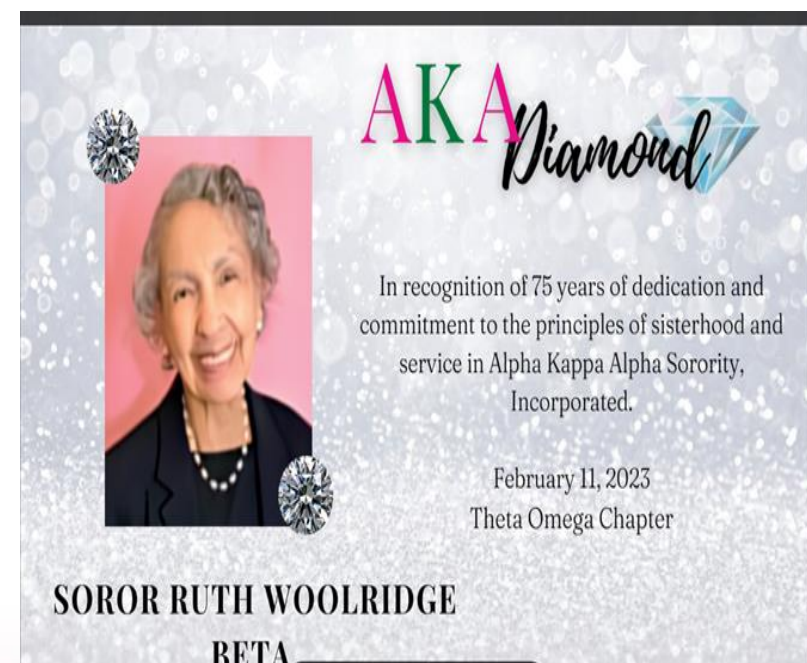
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Diamond, Pearl, Golden, and Silver (DPGS) Recognition Regional Celebrations



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Best Practices

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What are the steps for a new DPGS Soror to be recognized?

- Notify your Basileus
- Obtain the forms from (www.aka1908.com)
- Submit the documents to Corporate office in a timely manner.

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Certificate & Medallion Forms



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5656 S. Stony Island Avenue - Chicago, IL 60637 - (773) 684-1282 - Fax (773) 288-8251

Silver Star® Medallion and Certificate Order Form

Requirements for Silver Star® recognition:

1. Financially active for current year
2. At least 25 years as a member of Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Inc.®

Date: _____

Name: _____

Financial Card No: _____

Chapter: _____

Region: _____

Shipping Address: _____

NO P.O. Box – direct signature required for delivery

City: _____

State: _____

ZIP: _____

Country: _____

Email: _____

Phone: _____

Initiation Chapter: _____

Initiation Year (MM/YY): _____

Note: We will not add nicknames or educational titles to the certificate, and your certificate will print as your name appears in the database. If you wish to update your last name, please update it in the Members Only section or email updates@akalpha.org **prior to** applying for Silver Star® recognition.

Silver Star® Soror Medallion and Certificate with shipping = \$100.00

(Please contact the Corporate Office for international shipping price.)

Mail this completed form with a **money order or certified check** (NO PERSONAL CHECKS) to:

Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Incorporated®

ATTN: Membership Department

5656 S. Stony Island Avenue

Chicago, IL 60637

*Instructions for Silver Star® recognition at Regional Conference are located on your regional website, and instructions for recognition at the Boule will be available in Boule registration materials.

*****Allow 4-6 weeks for processing and delivery.*****

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Alphabetically list the name(s) of the soror(s) seeking recognition.

Name: _____

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Financial Card No: _____

Financial Card No: _____

Initiation Chapter: _____

Initiation Chapter: _____

Initiation Year: _____

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Phone: _____

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Silver Star® Soror Medallion and Certificate with shipping = \$95.00 per soror

(Please contact the Corporate Office for international shipping price.)

Total: \$ _____

Check No.: _____

Report submitted by: _____

Name: _____

Chapter position: _____

Shipping Address: _____

NO P.O. Box – direct signature required for delivery

City: _____

State: _____

ZIP: _____

Country: _____

Email: _____

Phone: _____

Mail completed form with a **chapter check or cashier's check** (NO PERSONAL CHECKS) to:

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Chapter Best Practices

- Identify new DPGS Sorors
- Help DPGS Sorors submit the proper paperwork
- Provide a celebration for New DPGS Soror Recognition
- Provide New Silver Sorors with Life membership information

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Chapter Celebrations

- Founders' Day Recognition of all new DPGS
- Celebration with a Certificate and a Crown/Sash
- Shower of Love Luncheon (Celebration of all Milestones)
- Chapter Meeting (Parades, special seating, luncheons, and Receptions)

How does your Chapter celebrate?

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Centenarian Sorors

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Centenarian Sorors

- Definition: A Centenarian is an individual who lives to the rightful age of 100 or more years.
- The nation's population is growing older with more people living to 100 than in decades past.
- More than 89,739 Centenarians living in the United States (2021)
- How many Centenarians are there presently in Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Incorporated® ?

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Centenarian Sorors

- How many of you have Centenarians in your chapter?
- Membership in Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Inc. is for a lifetime.
- Centenarians have lived twice as long as most of us here.
 - How do we help them continue to S.O.A.R. in service and strengthen sisterhood ties.

***Through Engagement**

***By Formal Acknowledgement**

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How to Help our Centenarians Continue to S.O.A.R.

Engagement:

- Let them know that their membership is valued, and they are needed.
- Offer to cover their membership dues.
- Chapters with Golden, Pearl or Diamond sorors and Millennials, Gen X, etc. are intergenerational chapters.
 - Important to engage all sorors of every age.
 - Plan chapter events and activities accordingly.

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How to Help our Centenarians Continue to S.O.A.R.

Engagement: Recommended Best Practices

- Assign a soror buddy to them to find out what their interests are and confirm limitations.
- Identify doable tasks that will be helpful.
- Assure timely receipt of committee meetings information.
- Plan to recognize members who have reached the ranks of a Centenarian.
- Maintain tradition and give it a little enhancement

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How to Help our Centenarians Continue to S.O.A.R.

Formal Acknowledgement:

- Recognition of members who have reached the ranks of a Centenarian.

Best Practices and Recommendations

- Acknowledge Centenarians at chapter meetings
 - Make a special delivery to them (i.e., flowers, prepared meals, pashmina, etc.) before chapter meetings.
- Research their history and broadcast it to your chapter via the listserv, social media pages, and the newsletter.
 - Record videos of them sharing their history. Post “herstory”. Many Centenarians are history makers or one of the firsts.

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Centenarian Sorors

ARCHIVES
With approval of the Executive Committee



Beloved Pearl
Soror Marian Tyrance
 101 years young
 Initiated Psi Omega Chapter

Soror Marian Taylor Tyrance has had a wonderful and fruitful life during her 101 years on this planet Earth. She has been an active student of history and the lessons learned. Even today she continues to be focused on service and caring for others as her mission in life.

Soror Marian, the eldest of eight children, was born in 1920 in Biggsport, Virginia. She attended and graduated from Virginia State College in June 1940. There, she met and later married the love of her life, Norman James Tyrance, and moved to Allston, Massachusetts. In September 1947, they relocated to Washington D.C. when her husband assumed a teaching position. Soror Marian taught math and science in the D.C. Public School system for many years before retiring in 1980, and received the Teacher of the Year Award in 1979.

Soror Marian has been a member of Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Inc. for 75 years. For financial reasons, she was unable to pledge while at Virginia State, but realized her dream of wearing the pink and green when she was initiated in June 1947 at Psi Omega Chapter in Boston, Massachusetts. Her initial impressions of Alpha Kappa Alpha were formed by Soror Rose Butler Bismore at Virginia State. There, Soror Bismore served as a student advisor and role model who mothered, cared for and aided all those in her charge. Her commitment to justice, fairness, dignity, a sense of community and caring impacted all who knew her. Soror Bismore would go on to serve Alpha Kappa Alpha at the District level as the first Mid-Atlantic Regional Director and as a Supreme Parliamentarian. What better person to introduce an aspiring young college woman to Alpha Kappa Alpha?

Witness to Alpha Kappa Alpha History
 Soror Marian talks about the role of sororities and fraternities and how they fulfilled a vital role for African Americans by providing educational funds, fostering professional opportunities,

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Mrs. Dorothy Boggess, Washington, DC Resident and Diamond Member of Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Inc., Xi Omega Chapter celebrated her 105th birthday with a festive drive-through event!
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#AKAXO #AKA1908 #CentenarianPlusFive
 #Celebration #Birthday



nbcwashington.com

'Feel Like I'm 17': DC Woman Celebrates 105th Birthday

Friends and neighbors walked over, drove by and showed up to celebrate Ms. Dorothy Boggess. She told News4 resting and lots of walking help to keep he...



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How to Help our Centenarians Continue to S.O.A.R.

Best Practices and Recommendations

- Examples:
 - Coordinate a birthday drive by or gathering with the approval of the Centenarian, family members, and when possible, involve the community. Ask chapter's Public relations chairman to assign a soror to cover the planned event. (Post in social media).
 - Request local media coverage. *Utilize your contacts.*
 - Attend the Centenarian's church service during their birth month, or on a day, where they will be acknowledged, or just because
 - Timely share accurate information about upcoming conferences.

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How to Help our Centenarians Continue to S.O.A.R.

Best Practices and Recommendations

- Add a special tribute to the chapter's Royal DPGS Milestone Celebration
- Reach out to their chapter of initiation and help reconnect or connect for historical purposes.
- Prepare a special photo album and print photos from the Centenarian's participation in any of the above

Let's SOAR by celebrating our precious Diamond, Pearl, Golden and Silver Star Sorors and honoring our Stellar Centenarians.

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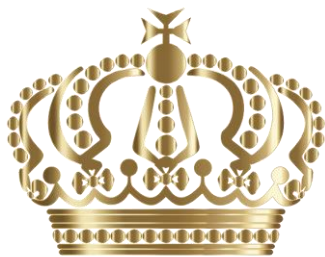
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Questions



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