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**Congratulations Second District on a Successful  
2009 District-Wide Charles Drew Blood Drive  
Special Thanks goes out to Bro. Kendall Smalls, the District  
Blood Drive Committee & the Chapters that participated in  
this mandated event. Over 500 pints were donated.**



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August 20, 2009

Mr. J. Kendall Smalls, MSc  
2<sup>nd</sup> District Social Action Chairman  
Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, Inc.  
885 Greene Avenue  
Brooklyn, NY 11221

Dear Mr. Smalls:

On behalf of the Penn-Jersey Region of the American Red Cross, I would like to extend my most sincere appreciation for the thoughtful and life-saving contributions you and the Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, Inc. have extended to the children in our community with Sickle Cell Disease who have a continuous need for blood.

Sickle Cell Disease is a devastating disease that affects our country's most valued and loved assets ... our children. It is enormously important for healthy adults to reflect on the needs of these children and most importantly, to make consistent blood donations for their care.

By taking the time to manage and engage your fraternity's awareness of the need and by collecting 522 donations from your generous membership, you have indeed demonstrated your commitment to the health of our community. This is particularly true when the donations originate from the African American population, to help support and fight Sickle Cell Disease.

We salute your noble and gallant effort and celebrate the many lives your fraternity has saved.

Thank you for your most wonderful and generous gift.

Best regards,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Brigid O'Neill-LaGier".

Brigid O'Neill-LaGier  
CEO

**Please Give Blood.**

## Gamma Pi - Brother Teddy Taylor Confirmed US Ambassador to the South Pacific



*Brother Teddy Taylor*

Prince George's County, Md.  
September 2009.

Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, Inc. is an international Fraternity with chapters and Brothers spread around the globe. For the Gamma Pi chapter in Prince George's County, Md., the boundaries of the globe have spread out a bit farther recently with the announcement that Brother Teddy B. Taylor, Immediate Past Basileus of the chapter who served three terms at the helm, is heading to the South Pacific as a United States Ambassador. The career State Department Foreign Service official was named by President Obama as Ambassador to Papua New Guinea, the Solomon Islands and the Republic of Vanuatu, an area also known as Melanesia.

Brother Taylor and his wife Antoinette Corbin Taylor, also a State Department official, are heading overseas in mid-October. A swearing-in ceremony was held on September 21 in an elaborate setting at the State Department in Washington. More than 20 Brothers from Gamma Pi and other chapters attended the ceremony to show support for Brother Taylor. The White House announced the appointment in June along with a handful of other key ambassadorial selections.

A graduate of Florida A&M University, Brother Taylor is a Washington, D.C. native. He has served in several

overseas posts including in Cuba, Hungary, Honduras, Panama and Guatemala. From 2006 until his appointment he has served as a Deputy Assistant Secretary of State in the Bureau Human Resources division where he oversaw the daily bureau operations, Foreign Service assignments and employee assistance programs for the department.

In his new role as Ambassador, which is the highest level a Foreign Service officer can attain, Brother Taylor will be the senior U.S. diplomat resident "in country," serving as a personal representative of the U.S. president. Brother Taylor is responsible for protecting the welfare and interests of American citizens and businesses in those countries as well as interpreting local political and economic events and decisions for policy makers back in Washington. Ambassadors broadly promote free trade, open markets, freely elected governments and American culture. Brother Taylor, soon to be known as His Excellency, in diplomatic parlance, will serve a three-year assignment. "In our service, this represents the pinnacle of one's career. To be nominated by the President to represent the American people is a high honor," Brother Taylor said in a recent interview.

Aside from the historical significance, Brother Taylor is believed to

be one of just a handful of Omega men to serve at the rank of U.S. Ambassador. Brother Taylor's Omega resume is just as impressive as his diplomatic credentials. In his three terms as Gamma Pi Basileus, the chapter was named Graduate Chapter of the year for the Second District three times – in 2003, 2005 and 2006. The chapter active rolls grew significantly as many Omega Brothers throughout the area were reclaimed in the Gamma Pi fold. In addition to serving as Basileus, Brother Taylor also served as Vice Basileus, Chapter Editor and as the chairman of the Social Action and Public Relations Committees. He was Gamma Pi chapter Omega Man of the Year for 2008. Brother Taylor also served at the Second District level as chairman of the Political Action Committee and as a Second District Founders Stand-In Honoree in 2008.

"I will miss the opportunity to enjoy the fellowship with my Omega Brothers and participating in the activities of the Fraternity," Brother Taylor said in an interview. "This is also home. I am a native Washingtonian and therefore have a number of friends and family in the area. But this is a once in a lifetime opportunity that makes it worthwhile and I have told my Omega Brothers as well as my family and friends that I am just an e-mail away."



*Brother Teddy Taylor  
Swearing-In as  
US Ambassador to  
Papua, New Guinea,  
The Solomon Islands  
and the Republic of  
Vanuatu*



## 2nd District, Psi Iota & Nu Upsilon Chapters Honored for Participation in Domestic Violence Initiative

*From Darkness to Light... Domestic Violence Stops Here!*

Quincy A. Lucas, M.A.  
President / Founder  
[quincy@witneyslights.com](mailto:quincy@witneyslights.com)



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November 2, 2009

Tragically, Domestic Violence is the number one killer of African American Females between the ages of 15-34.

Mr. Kenny Smalls, 2<sup>nd</sup> District Social Action Chairman  
Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, Inc.  
21106 Camomile Court  
Germantown, MD 20876

Greetings Mr. Smalls!

On behalf of Witney's Lights, Inc. and the thousands of victims worldwide who experience domestic violence every 15 seconds, thank you for your very generous donation of \$2,130.00! The men of Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, Inc. have long been known as the pioneers for change, leaders who have stood firmly as advocates for safe communities and most often known as men of excellence who pave the way for others. Omega Psi Phi's sponsorship will allow for our organization to develop more domestic violence awareness workshops, aide in our youth ambassador teen dating violence program, distribute W.I.T. Kits (Well Informed Teen), and help to potentially save the lives of many as we move toward eradicating domestic violence.

I particularly want to recognize the Men of the Psi Iota chapter (Dover, DE), the Nu Upsilon chapter (Wilmington, DE), and the 2<sup>nd</sup> District Social Action Committee for their phenomenal efforts to make this event a huge success. Through the support of Omega Psi Phi and a host of other civic minded organizations our 2009 5K Walk/Run to End Domestic Violence on October 3 was a huge success. We are pleased to report that we had 623 participants and raised over \$31,000.00 and still counting! Witney's Lights looks forward to a long productive partnership with the men of Omega Ps Phi Fraternity, Inc.

Continuing the Mission

Mrs. Quincy A Lucas,  
Founder and President  
Witney's Lights, Inc.



# Whitey's Lights 5K Walk Photos





## Second District Scholars Recognized as Top Three International Scholars



*Brother Y'hoshua Murray*

### International Scholar of the Year:

Bro. Y'hoshua Murray was initiated into Zeta Pi Chapter in Spring 2008. He just completed his junior year at Edinboro University of Pennsylvania where he is seeking a BA in History and Education. He currently has a cumulative GPA of 3.89, all while also excelling as a student athlete in varsity football and a Resident Assistant.

The International Scholar of the Year is the Fraternity's top scholar. This award recognizes an applicant not only for his academic excellence, but also for his overall involvement in the Fraternity, along with his contributions to the advancement of this organization.



*Brother Kevin Purcell*

### Ronald E. McNair Scientific Achievement Award Recipient:

Bro. Kevin Purcell was initiated into Zeta Psi Chapter in Spring 2007. He just completed his Junior year at SUNY College at New Paltz where he is seeking a BS in Cell Molecular Biology and Black Studies. He currently has a cumulative GPA of 3.5. Bro. Purcell was also selected as a participant in the Omega4Life Leadership Program with General Electric for 2009-10

The Ronald E. McNair Scientific Achievement Award was established to recognize the scholastic achievements of undergraduate brothers who pursue degrees in the fields of science and engineering. The award was established in honor of Bro. Dr. Ronald E. McNair, a renowned American physicist and NASA Astronaut.



*Brother Brandon Zimmerman*

### The Grand Basileus Award Recipient:

Bro. Brandon Zimmerman was initiated into Theta Omicron Chapter in the Fall of 2008. He just graduated from the University of Rochester with a BS in Engineering and Optics, with a cumulative GPA of 3.37. He will continue his graduate studies having obtained the university's prestigious Provost's Fellow, pursuing a Ph.D. in Optics at the University of Rochester.

The inaugural Grand Basileus Award is in recognition of the former Grand Basilei of the Fraternity, the Grand Basileus Award was established to provide financial assistance to graduating seniors who have demonstrated academic excellence and are seeking post-graduate degrees immediately after the completion of undergraduate studies.

## James S. Avery Shirtsleeve Conference an Overwhelming Success

**Hanover, MD** - On Friday, September 11, 2009, the Brothers of the Second District, representing Maryland, Delaware, New Jersey, Pennsylvania, and New York held the James S. Avery Shirtsleeve Conference at the BWI Airport Ramada Inn. This event was hosted by Tau Pi Chapter of Columbia MD and Brother Arthur Colbert was the Conference Marshal.

The two day conference is just what the name states, it is a tool for the brothers of the Second District to come together and roll up there sleeves relax have conversations and discussions, about the status of the Fraternity, the goals and objectives of the Mighty Second District and provide workshops and leadership training.

Brother James Hicks, 2nd District Keeper of Finance opened with remarks for the conference on Friday night and Brother Dr. Christopher Curry, 2<sup>nd</sup> District Chaplain provided the opening prayer. The Friday night event was the official Kick-Off for the 2<sup>nd</sup> District Candidates for National Office. The Second District introduced its support for the following candidates:

Brother James Hicks introduced the 24<sup>th</sup> Second District Representative **Brother Calvin Zellers as the Candidate for Grand Keeper of Finance.**

Brother James Jordan 2<sup>nd</sup> District Representative made remarks and introduced 20<sup>th</sup> Second District Representative **Brother Andrew Ray as the Candidate for Grand Basileus.**

After remarks from the candidates the brothers and conference were adjourn for the evening. Brothers attending the conference fellowshiped and discussed the events of the evening while enjoying the hospitality of the host chapter Tau Pi.

Saturday September 12, 2009 was truly a treat for the brothers of the Second District both young and old. The morning agenda was the same as Friday with opening remarks, prayer and the welcome from the conference marshal. Brother Rodgers provided the instructions for the program. The treat the name sake of the event give remarks Brother James S. Avery, 28<sup>th</sup> Grand Basileus and Founder of the Shirtsleeve.

Brother Avery gave a moving speech on the current status of the Fraternity and the needed direction our beloved Omega must take to survive the many obstacles that threaten Omega's very existence. He addressed the undergraduate and graduate status in the Fraternity with the situation with the numbers of financial brothers and the culture and attitude of Omega Men

today. The speech prompted a standing ovation as the former Grand Basileus challenged and charged each brother in attendance to do their part in forming Omega Psi Phi Fraternity's future.

The conference continued with Brother Joseph T. Williams Immediate Past 7<sup>th</sup> District representative gave dialogue on the topic of Brotherhood. After a question and answer period on the topic for Brother Williams, Brother Lewis Anderson Grand Keeper of Records and Seal gave dialogue on the topic of the Vision of the Founders followed by question and answers.

The conference included breakout Omega workshops with topics of: What is the difference between Brotherhood and Friendship? Is every Brother my Friend? The workshops were conducted by Brothers James H. Hicks, Second District Keeper of Finance, Brother Lewis Anderson GKRS, Brother Carlton Lampkins 2<sup>nd</sup> District Talent Hunt Chairman, and Brother Joseph T. Williams, IP7<sup>th</sup> DR

*Written by Brother Victor Gee  
LGG Chapter  
Director of Public Relations*



*28th Grand Basileus James S. Avery address Conference*



*IP7th DR Bro. Joseph Williams (left) and Grand KRS Bro. Lewis Anderson (right) receiving gifts from 2nd DKF Bro. James Hicks*



*Brothers in Attendance at the James S. Avery Shirtsleeve Conference*

## 61st Second District Conference Honors Outstanding Achievement

### Tarrytown, New York – June 5, 2009

The 61<sup>st</sup> Annual Second District Conference was an overwhelming success and the weekend closed with the traditional Founders' Banquet. The Brothers and their wives gathered for a formal dinner in remembrance of our honored founders. The Second District also took time out to acknowledge outstanding service to the community by members of the District as well as members of the community at large.

The Second District presented the following awards:

Superior Service Award,  
*Kyle Plant, Alpha Upsilon Chapter*

Colonel Charles Young Military Leadership Award, *Lt. Col. Lee M. Packnett*

Founder's Award, *James W. Whitehead, Lambda Gamma Gamma Chapter*

Citizen of the Year, *Gil Noble, Nominated by Alpha Upsilon Chapter*

Undergraduate Omega Man of the Year, *Norwood Dennis IV*

Graduate Omega Man of the Year, *Phillip Edmonds, Lambda Gamma Gamma Chapter*

Undergraduate Chapter of the Year, *Omicron Delta Delta and Epsilon Sigma*

Chapter of the Year,  
*Lambda Gamma Gamma Chapter*

In addition four members were honored for their service to Omega Psi Phi by being chosen to represent the founders of the fraternity as Founders' Stand-Ins. The stand-ins were:

**Founder Oscar J. Cooper**  
*Brother Sherman Charles*

**Founder Frank Coleman**  
*Brother Derrick Carr*

**Founder Edgar A. Love**  
*Brother Kenneth Rodgers*

**Founder Ernest E. Just**  
*Brother Ashley Turnbull*

## LGG'S "Annual Youth Day at the Wizards"

**Washington, DC** - On Monday, April 13, 2009, the Capital Region Ques of Lambda Gamma Gamma (LGG) Chapter held its annual Youth Day at the Wizards. The event was hosted by Brother Andre Debose, Committee Chairman, and held at the Verizon Center home court for our own Washington Wizards. This event hosted by LGG provides an opportunity for kids from the Metropolitan area to be exposed to the thrill of professional sports in the DC area and the commitment to the community from the brothers of Omega Psi Phi Fraternity.

This year's event was led by brother Debose. LGG escorted 37 youth of all ages both male and female to observe the Washington Wizards face the Toronto Raptors. The pool of youth represented all three areas of the Chapter - Maryland, Washington DC, and Northern Virginia.

The youth in attendance represented established youth based programs that Brother Stan King and Brother Bleu Colquitt work with. Brother King attends this event every year with his Northern Virginia youth basketball team in which he serves as both coach and a mentor. Brother Colquitt provided

youth from the Omega Center in Suitland Maryland, where he also serves as a mentor.

In attendance were 8 enthusiastic brothers from the chapter who came to help with the logistics and provide support of the event. Several of the brothers also brought their own kids to share in the event. All were treated to an exciting game with the Wizards losing to the Raptors 97-96.

In recognition of the efforts of the Uplift Foundation Youth Based Program and the youth, the Verizon Center acknowledged them through an announcement made over the intercom system at the beginning of the game and again at half time. The group location was also recognized with a flash on the Jumbo-tron HD screen.

LGG hopes this exposure and show of commitment from the brothers of the chapter will leave an everlasting impression on the hearts and minds of each and every one of the youth in attendance.

The Lambda Gamma Gamma Chapter of Omega Psi Phi would like to thank the Omega Center Youth and the Northern Virginia basketball team members for their continued participation with this program. Brother Debose and the Capital Region Ques are looking to expand our philanthropic relationship next year.



*Brother Stan King on the right and Brother Samuel Davis far left stand with the youth before the Wizards game.*



## Lambda Gamma Gamma “Capital Region Ques 2<sup>nd</sup> District Graduate Chapter of the Year”

**Tarrytown, New York** - Friday, Saturday, and Sunday May 1-3, 2009, The Capital Region Ques of Lambda Gamma Gamma (LGG) Chapter participated in the 61<sup>st</sup> Second District Conference at the Westchester Marriott located in Tarrytown, New York. The conference was hosted by Omega Psi Phi chapters Omicron Iota and Beta Alpha Alpha.

Brothers from LGG that registered and participated in the conference were Basileus Sherman Charles (delegate), John Archield KRS (delegate), Victor Gee (delegate), Dwain Harrell, Michael Smith, Frank Wright, Phillip Edmonds, James Whitehead, and James Hicks 2<sup>nd</sup> D KF. The brothers attended meetings, forums, lectures, shows, and parties. All brothers attended the church service on Sunday for worship and fellowship with the many brothers of the second District.

This was an outstanding and professional event put on by the second district and its host chapters. Throughout all the events and enjoyment was an emphasis on the work of Omega. The district meetings consisted of the direction of Omega Psi Phi and the stance of the second district. Many reports were presented on the status of Omega and

protecting and elevating Omega’s Brand. The conference was truly an enlightening event for all and particularly for the younger brothers and brothers just returning to the fold. The second district is about doing Omega’s Work and upholding our beloved fraternity’s good name - The Omega Psi Phi Fraternity.

Lambda Gamma Gamma Chapter, a strong supporter and force in the second district again let its work and deeds speak for the chapter. Last year at the 60<sup>th</sup> Second District conference, LGG had members win several awards for their accomplishments and work for Omega. This year at the 61<sup>st</sup> Second District Conference, the chapter’s hard work and due diligence was rewarded with the Second District Chapter of the Year Award. There were also several individual awards and recognition presented by the 2<sup>nd</sup> District Representative James W. Jordan, including: 2<sup>nd</sup> District Omega Man of the Year - Brother Phillip Edmonds; 2<sup>nd</sup> District Colonel Charles Young Leadership Award - Brother LTC Lee M. Packnett; 2<sup>nd</sup> District Founders Lifelong Service Award - Brother James Whitehead Jr.; and 2<sup>nd</sup> District Graduate Chapter of the Year

Brother John Archield represented for Brother LTC Lee M. Packnett and accepted the award in his absence. Our Basileus, Brother Sherman Charles, was bestowed a special honor and award receiving the founder’s award for the honorable Edgar A. Love (Represented).

The Second District Talent Hunt overflowing with a strong pool of quality talent, proved to be very exciting. Brother Michael Smith, LGG Talent Hunt committee chair, escorted two talent hunt winners to the districts to represent our chapter. LGG’s talent hunt winners Ms. Kayla Harley received 1<sup>st</sup> Place Performing Arts – Dance Category and Ms. Johnetta Queen received 2<sup>nd</sup> Place Visual Arts.

The Executive Council and Brothers of Lambda Gamma Gamma extend special congratulations to the Epsilon Sigma Chapter, Bowie State University for winning the 2<sup>nd</sup> District Undergraduate Chapter of the Year Award. LGG will continue to be a force and contributor to the second district, and will continue to do Omega’s work and promote Omega Psi Phi Fraternity’s brand.



*LGG’s Talent Hunt Winners Ms. Kayla Harley received 1<sup>st</sup> Place Performing Arts – Dance Category and Ms. Johnetta Queen received 2<sup>nd</sup> Place Visual Arts*



*Awards Banquet (L-R) Sitting James Whitehead, Sherman Charles, John Archield. (L-R) Standing Phillip Edmonds, Frank Wright, Michael Smith, and Victor Gee*

## Lambda Gamma Gamma's Spring 2009 Line "11 Men Thoroughly Immersed in True Omega Spirit"

**Baltimore, Maryland** - On Friday, May 15, 2009, the District Chapter of the Year Lambda Gamma Gamma (LGG) combined with Pi Omega at the Pi Omega Fraternity house in Baltimore, MD conducted a joint initiation ceremony of Omega Psi Phi Fraternity Inc. The inductees included 11 men of LGG and 13 men of Pi Omega. The ceremony was the first joint initiation ever conducted in LGG history.

Brother George McKinney presided over the ceremony which was coordinated by Corridor Representative Brother Edward High. During the event more than 35 brothers of LGG got to meet and fellowship with the brothers of Pi Omega who extended a hand of hospitality and friendship. The Capital Region Ques would like to thank The Charm City Ques for their strong show of brotherhood and professionalism.

The new brothers of LGG were guided into the light of Omega through MSP by Brother Phillip Edmonds and Brother Garvey Wright. The program was strong and heavily supported by the body in teaching the gentlemen the ways of Omega. The men learned fraternity history, poems, songs, and LGG chapter history during their journey. With a hint of Ole School activities in the MSP program, the brothers conducted social action projects, fellowshiped together at different churches within the metropolitan area, and developed a bond to carry them through life. During their process, the brothers displayed enthusiasm, joy, love for Omega, and their common goal to cross the burning sands together - never backwards always forward. At the ceremony, the new members of LGG pledged themselves to live by the



*"Eleven Enthusiastic Injections to the Bloodline"  
Spring 2009 Line of the Lambda Gamma Gamma, Capital Region Ques*

four cardinal principles -Manhood, Scholarship, Perseverance and Uplift.

The new members (Phil's boys) came from many different backgrounds, professions, and ages (youngest 28 – oldest 42). On behalf of LGG Chapter of Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, I introduce to you the "Eleven Enthusiastic Injections to the Bloodline" Spring 2009 line: 1. John Henry 2. Darrell Harris 3. Lonnie McAllister 4. Chris Metz 5. Sam Thomas 6. Darrell Morrison 7. Jamaal Carter 8. Robert Clark 9. Gorman Brown 10. Maurice Holmes, and 11. Theo Plummer.

The most special moment of the ceremony was the opportunity of 2 Legacy fathers and 1 Uncle to speak of the joy and love in

being present to see their son's and nephew take the same walk they took many years ago. Brother Edmonds guided the inductees through the MSP program but the family member's guided their sons and nephew through the burning sands into Omega land. The family members Brother Lonnie McAllister Sr, Beta Chi Spring 87, Brother John Metz Omicron Chi Spring 64, and LGG chapter member Brother Sam Davis Fall 84 Mu Omega spoke to their sons and to the body about this touching moment in their family history, LGG history, and now Omega history.

## Bro. Thabitti Boone Speaks at National Mall

**Washington D.C. Saturday June 20, 2009** Bro. Thabitti Boone speaking on steps of Lincoln Memorial where historic March on Washington/Martin Luther King "I have a Dream" Speech and Million Man March took place as guest speaker "Celebrating 100 years of Father's Day in America" National Rally. President Obama addressed the rally on the joys and importance of fatherhood





## Nu Lambda Lambda host 1st Annual William “Count” Basie Jazz Brunch

**Jersey City, NJ. April 26, 2009.** Members of Nu Lambda Lambda Chapter and the NLL Uplift Corporation hosted the first annual William “Count” Basie Jazz Brunch. This event was held at the Culinary Arts Center at Hudson County Community College in Jersey City, NJ. The purpose of this event was to recognize notable members of Jersey City who have unselfishly given of themselves to improve the community which they serve. This event is also organized to raise money toward scholarships for students seeking college attendance. The Honorable Shirley A. Tolentino (NJ Superior Court Judge) was recognized as The Jersey City Citizen of the Year. Dr. Haig Rickerby, DMD, was awarded the Exemplary Community Service

award. Omega’s own, Brother Ennis Winston (Beta Chapter, 1957) was presented the chapter’s Founders Award for 52 years of service to the fraternity and the community of Jersey City. Miss Nicole Johnson, Director of Castleberry Youth Academy, was presented the Community Service Award for her tireless efforts in providing an after school program and an environment for growth and development for children who face various obstacles both at home and at school. Most importantly, three Jersey City High School Seniors (Lincoln and two from McNair) were each awarded a \$1,000.00 book scholarship toward the purchase of required books for college.



*Presentation of scholarships to Jersey City HS students by Chapter Basileus (Bro. Bakari Lee) and Committee Chairmen (Bro. Tyrone Rose and Bro. RaShawn Adams)*

## Nu Lambda Lambda 2009 Breast Cancer Awareness Walk

**Jersey City, NJ. May 30, 2009,** Members of the Nu Lambda Lambda (NLL) chapter participated in the 2009 Breast Cancer Awareness Walk at Lincoln Park, Jersey City, New Jersey. This event was hosted by local grade schools in the Hudson County School District. The purpose of this event was to bring about breast cancer awareness and to extend support to loved ones battling this disease everyday. NLL volunteered their services by operating a table along with the Jersey City chapter of the Urban League. Brothers passed out health and safety related information to participants of this event. Not only did Brothers volunteer, they also walked along with participants to show their support. The event concluded with some live music and balloon sculptures for the children. Indeed, the gold boots came out, and the Brothers left the crowd with some ‘hops’. NLL extends their thanks to the Rho Lambda Lambda chapter for supporting the chapter in this event. This was a fun filled event but most importantly, a worthy cause that supports many women who are battling this type of cancer. We did it, to show our support; We did it because we care!



*Nu Lambda Lambda Brothers walking for Breast Cancer Awareness*



## Brother Guy Gilliard - Omega Chapter



*Brother Guy Gilliard*

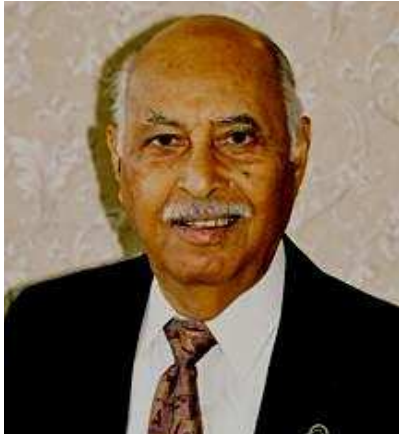
Brother Guy Gilliard entered Omega Chapter on July 29, 2009. He was initiated into the Omega Psi Phi Fraternity through the Pi Omega Graduate Chapter in Baltimore City in 1977. He was Line Brother # 5, on the line known as "Ten Who Dared". He received his undergraduate honors at Towson State University, Towson, Maryland and was awarded his BS Degree in Education in 1972.

Guy was a physical education specialist and worked as an educator until he ran to steal second base one Sunday morning while playing softball with his Omega brothers'.

Guy was an excellent baseball player and should have played professionally. The slide into second base left him almost wholly paralyzed. However with determination and hard work Guy moved himself from only being able to blink his eyes to the road of recovery and a new career.

Guy was an avid gun collector and enjoyed hunting and fishing. He was an active member of the Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, Inc and the American Legion. He leaves a legacy of Brotherhood and eternal Friendship.

## Brother Hubert Simmons - Omega Chapter



*Brother Hubert Simmons*

Brother Bert Simmons entered Omega Chapter on July 9, 2009. He was a member of Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, Inc. for 23 years. He was initiated into our organization through Pi Omega Graduate Chapter of Baltimore, MD on December 2<sup>nd</sup> 1986. He was line Brother number 5 on the pledge line known as "The Stressful Nine"

He was a fun loving and ideal role model of an Omega Man exemplifying the fraternity's motto, creed, ethic and Omega's four cardinal principles of Manhood, Scholarship, Perseverance, and Uplift.

Brother Hubert "Bert" Simmons was a member of the legendary Negro Baseball League, from 1941-1952. He was an outstanding star baseball player; Pitcher and

Outfielder. Brother Bert played for the Baltimore Elite Giants in 1950. Bro. Simmons earned All-Conference honors from 1946-49 at North Carolina AT&T State University, and was inducted into the University's Sports Hall of Fame in 1978. Brother Simmons stint as a player ended without the opportunity to compete at the Major League level. But he continued his love for the game as a Teacher and Baseball coach in two High Schools of the Baltimore City Schools System. He also organized community Little League Teams. Including the James Mosher Little League of Baltimore. Today it is one of the oldest little Leagues in the Nation.

In recent time, Bro Simmons, became involved with helping to develop and form the Negro Leagues Baseball Museum of Maryland, Inc. This work was to help further recognize the valuable contributions and Unsung recognition of so many of the Negro Ball Players of Maryland and through out the Country.

In fact, the Baltimore Orioles paid special tribute to Bro. Simmons when he was honored by the Team in a symbolic and commemorative draft of former Negro Baseball League Players into the major leagues. Just as his active times with Baseball, so too did our Brother extend himself in the active work of Omega. He was a long time member of the Social Action Committee. Bro. Bert was recognized on many occasions for his work with our Omega Acad-

emy, which is dedicated to improving the lives of pre teens and young boys from the community through counseling and guidance. Saturday life lesson classes, and community outings to ball games and other recreational activities. Brother Simmons also worked as a Que Mentor giving and support to faculty and students at The Matthew Henson Elementary School.

Almost one year to the day, in July 2008 at the Omega Psi Phi Fraternity 75<sup>th</sup> Grand Conclave in Montgomery Alabama a proclamation was placed in the records for all eternity of our beloved Fraternity the Resolution, approval and acknowledgement of the accomplishments and adulations of Bro. Bert Simmons, member of the Baltimore Elite Giants in keeping the history and spirit of the Negro Baseball League alive.





## Brother Paul M. Johnson - Omega Chapter



*Brother Paul Mifflin Johnson*

Brother Paul Mifflin Johnson entered Omega Chapter on June 10, 2009. He was a member of Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, Inc. for 23 years. He was initiated into our organization through Pi Omega Graduate Chapter of Baltimore, MD on December 2<sup>nd</sup> 1986. He was line Brother number 4

on the pledge line known as “The Stressful Nine”.

Brother Johnson was Pi Omega Chapter’s Keeper of Finance for many years and was willing to work on any committee.

A very pleasant quite well spoken Brother who famous quote was always “just tell me what you want me to do.” He was always willing to serve Omega.

Brother Johnson earned bachelors and masters degrees from Morgan State University and studied at University of Maryland, Boston College and at institutes provided by the National Science Foundation.

A dedicated professional educator, he taught mathematics at the junior and senior high school levels and in alternative and adult education programs. Paul held several positions at the central office of Baltimore City Public Schools including Mathematics Curriculum Coordinator and Budget Analyst. After a long and distinguished career in the Baltimore City Public

Schools, Paul retired and continued to share his professional skills and expertise as an educator and administrator serving as Principle at the Rosa Parks School. Under his leadership the school’s academic program was strengthened, financial situation improved and enrollment increased.

Allied with many civic and professional organizations, he was a member of the National Council of Mathematics and the National Association of School Business Officers. He served as Trustee for the N.M. Carroll Home for the Elderly and a member of For-Win Ash Garden Club, the Templars and Los Pecos Investment Club.

Brother Johnson was married for over 50 years to his wife, Muriel Davis Johnson and were the First African America couple to be married at St Cecilia’s Roman Catholic Church. They are parents to Cecilia Johnson Simms. Paul was a person whose life exemplified true Christian brotherhood in service to God, Church, Family and Fraternity.

## Brother Dr. Gossie Harold Hudson - Omega Chapter



*Brother Dr. Gossie Harold Hudson*

Brother Dr. Gossie Harold Hudson entered Omega Chapter on September 20, 2009. He was 79 years old. He became an Omega Man in 1972 at Tau Upsilon Chapter while studying Southern Illinois University

After completing high school, Gossie attended Morgan State College (now Morgan State University). While at Morgan, he joined the United States Army and served our country for two years. He spent 18 months of his TDY stationed in Germany.

After finishing his tenure with the Army, Gossie transferred to North Carolina Central University. While attending North Carolina Central University, Gossie met the love of his life Ms Florence Delores McCall. In May of 1956, Gossie and Florence gradated; they united in holy matrimony on June 30, 1956. From this union, Mr. Gossie Harold Hudson, Jr., who preceded him in death and Mrs. Florence Elizabeth Hudson-McPherson. Earlier in life, Gossie became a father to Mrs. Cassandra Hodges.

In his spare time, Gossie enjoyed playing his saxophone, clarinet and a bit of piano. He also enjoyed writing poetry. He became an authority on Paul Laurence Dunbar and William Florville, Abraham Lincoln’s barber. One of his most memorable moments was meeting a granddaughter of Paul Laurence Dunbar, in her home in Delaware. She was so delighted to meet one who had written so many books and articles and had conducted an extensive research into her grandfather’s history. She was so moved she gave him a trunk load of her grandfather’s possessions.

His first teaching job was in Sarasota, Florida at Butler-Baker High School. Gossie taught and lived in several other states.

His most notable move was to Columbus, Ohio, where he received his doctoral degree in History. His doctoral dissertation was on Paul Laurence Dunbar. One of the last stops in his academic career was his move to Baltimore, Maryland. There he accepted the position as full professor and chairman of the Department of History at Morgan State University. Gossie remained at Morgan for 20 years, retiring in 1999. Also in 1999, Gossie received the Doctor Of Human Letters Honorary Degree, conferred by Sojourner Douglass College. While at Morgan, Gossie initiated a two-way talk show, named “Just You and Me”. This show enlightened the community concerning little known facts about black people. The show aired through WEAA at Morgan State University and was successfully aired for 27 years. Gossie has published 7 books: “The Paul Laurence Dunbar Reader”; “Forward for Freedom: Abraham Lincoln and the Negroes”; “My Soul Sings”; “A Biography of Paul Laurence Dunbar”; “My Favorite Dunbar Poems”; “Abraham Lincoln and Blacks During the Civil War, with special reference to William Florence”; “A Directory of Black Historians, Essays and Commentaries” and over 75 articles.

## NEW JERSEY STATE HIGHER EDUCATION AUTHORITY HONORS FORMER GRAND BASILEUS BROTHER JAMES S. AVERY



*28th Grand Basileus  
Brother James S. Avery*

The New Jersey Higher Education Student Assistance Authority (HESAA) honored Former Grand Basileus Jim Avery for his many years of devoted voluntary service and leadership in New Jersey State higher education activities. Appointed to HESAA by the various governors starting with Governor Jim Florio through Governor Jon S. Corzine, Brother Jim Avery, Omega's 28<sup>th</sup> Grand Basileus, was an active member of the agency from 1992 to 2009. HESAA, one of the most comprehensive student assistance programs in the nation, provides thousands of New Jersey students and families with the financial and informational resources necessary to pursue their higher education objectives. During Brother Avery's tenure on the Authority Board, he supported assistance for more

than 900,000 students totaling over \$2.4 billion dollars.

New Jersey Governor Jon S. Corzine issued a state proclamation commending Brother Avery for his numerous personal and professional endeavors promoting quality education and participation in higher education for all residents of New Jersey.

Also, at its 75<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Program, Union County (NJ) Community College named a scholarship in honor of Former Grand Basileus Avery. Brother Avery was chairman of the county's higher education agency from its inception in 1968 to 1981 that was responsible for the creation of Union County (NJ) Community College.

## Kappa Omicron Chapter Conducts Successful Food Pantry Drive

**April 15, 2009 New York, NY** Whole families are now living in shelters than ever recorded. Kappa Omicron Chapter and Omega Psi Phi saw an opportunity to aid these families through our canned Food Drive. Our Food Pantry Drive started January 15 and ended April 15, 2009. Our Committee named 5,000 Plus Can Food Drive is made up of Kappa Omicron Chapter, Brothers Ray Haskins, Thomas Wallace, Orlando Columbus, Charles Johnson and Percy Lambert have organized to feed as many families as possible. Thomas Wallace and Ray Haskins jointly Co-Chair the committee. With the help of our chapter Brothers and friends of Omega Psi Phi, we collected cash and checks donations of totaling \$3,500 in order to purchase approximately 5000 cans of fruit, vegetables, canned meats, canned fish and cereals from a Grocer Wholesaler located here in New York City. The selected Food Pantry's were recommended by either a chapter member or community at large. Kappa Omicron Chapter brothers thought it would be a great feat to be able to deliver a 5000 plus cans of canned food to at Five Food Pantry's



*Kappa Omicron Chapter Food Pantry Drive Participants*

one in each Borough of New York City. Each food Pantry would receive approximately 1000 cans each of vegetables, fruits, meats, canned fish and cereals. This food pantry drive was the very first drive Five Borough drive ever conducted in New York City by any fraternity or sorority. The selected Food Pantry's are as follows:

Because We Care Food Pantry, St Albans Congregational, Church, St Albans, Queens, N.Y., Salvation Army Food Pantry, Bronx, N.Y. Cathedral Community Cares Food Pantry, St John's Divine

Church, Manhattan, Stapleton U AME Church Food Pantry, Staten Island, N.Y. Hanson Place Seventh Day Adventist Church, Brooklyn, N.Y. On Saturday May 9, 2009, Representatives of each Food Pantry attended a awards Ceremony at Kappa Omicron Chapter, Fraternity House Located at 528 West 150<sup>th</sup> street, New York, N.Y. where each Food Pantry representative received a fully paid invoice of canned foods from a Grocer Wholesaler paid in full by Kappa Omicron .



## Nu Upsilon Social Action Programs

### Breaking the Silence of Domestic Violence

On March 14, 2009, the Brothers of Nu Upsilon Chapter of Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, Inc. joined forces with Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc., Wilmington (DE) Alumnae Chapter; Delaware Coalition Against Domestic Violence; and Chi Eta Phi Sorority, Inc. (professional African American nursing organization), Tau Eta Chapter to host "Breaking the Silence of Domestic Violence."

The seminar was held in Wilmington, Delaware at Shortlidge Elementary School and included interactive workshops and one-on-one counseling ses-

sions. More than 155 adults and teens were in attendance, and more than half of the attendees were teenagers. Snacks, lunch and giveaways were provided to all participants. The keynote speaker, Domestic Violence Awareness/Victim's Right Advocate, Quincy A. Lucas, delivered a powerful speech on domestic violence and how it touched her family. Ms. Lucas lost her sister, Witney, to domestic violence and went on to form Witney's Lights, Inc. Witney's Lights is a grassroots, non-profit organization committed to eliminating domestic violence through awareness, education, prevention, and advocacy.

According to the Domestic Violence Resource Center, one in four women has experienced domestic violence in her lifetime. "Domestic violence is a serious issue in our community", said Vandell Hampton, Jr., Vice Basileus, Nu Upsilon Chapter. "The more awareness and education we can bring around this issue, the more people we can help and lives we can save", Hampton further noted. The work of this team is not complete. Ongoing plans are being made for participation in a variety of activities to promote the eradication of domestic violence



*The Domestic Violence Coordinating Team*

### Praise Academy Visit and Feeding the Homeless

The month of June 2009, was a particularly busy month for the Nu Upsilon Chapter, as providing services for those in need was a priority - the chapter had three Social Actions activities!

On June 24, 2009, Brothers of Nu Upsilon visited the Prestige Academy, the state of Delaware's first and only all-male middle school, where Bro. Jack Perry serves as the principal. This school, located in Wilmington, is in its first year, and was select to be the target school for Nu Upsilon's Adopt-a-School project. The brothers had the opportunity to visit with the students and staff during their Community Day period, where members of the community tour the facility and observe the young men engaged in an awards ceremony for academics and attendance. Brothers introduced themselves and fielded questions

that the youngsters had about their careers and background. At the end of the Q & A session, Basileus J. Gregory Scudder presented the school with a donation of \$250 for supplies, incentives, etc. The students and staff expressed their gratitude to the Nu Upsilon Chapter and extended an open invitation for our return.

On June 28, 2009, the brothers of Nu Upsilon engaged in two activities to uplift our community - worship and feeding the homeless. We began the day by worshipping at the Tabernacle Full Gospel Baptist Cathedral of Wilmington, DE. The service was spirit-filled, and the pastor delivered a rousing sermon, Glory - The Physical Manifestation of the Power of God! The key message in the pastor's delivery was that we have the "glory" in us and we must learn to give God the praise for his bless-

ings. When the chapter was acknowledged, Bro. J. Gregory Scudder presented a donation for \$200 for the church's capital and/or spiritual programs. The service was powerful and spiritually uplifting for the brothers and the other parishioners.

At mid-afternoon on June 28, 2009, brothers converged on the Sunday Breakfast Mission of Wilmington, DE to feed the homeless and downtrodden. This annual project for Nu Upsilon was again successful, as we bought the food, delivered it to the Mission for preparation, and served more than 213 children, women, and men. As always, the residents and staff of the facility and the community members expressed their appreciation for the good deeds of the brothers, and extended a hearty invitation for us to return the next day!

## Nu Nu Chapter and Omega Community Development Inc. Sponsors Health Pavilion at the Burlington City Black Family Heritage Festival

**Willingboro/ Burlington , NJ . July 18, 2009** The mission of Nu Nu Chapter, Omega Community Development, Inc. (OCDI), and the Arthur F. Brown Community Center located at 525 York Street in Burlington, NJ, is to provide for the betterment of the Burlington City community through our commitment to address emerging or worsening community concerns and problems.

It is our goal to offer needed services and mentoring on behalf of troubled, minority, low income, and otherwise at-risk youth. We strive to meet this goal by providing a positive influence for these youth and heightening their awareness of constructive lifestyles and economic and educational opportunities. One of the programs supported by OCDI and the Brothers of Nu Nu Chapter is the Annual Health Fair.

For the 2009 Health Fair, OCDI sponsored a Health Pavilion as part of the 7<sup>th</sup> Annual Black Family Heritage Festival, which was held on Saturday July 18, 2009 from 12:00PM – 5:00PM on the Burlington City Riverfront Promenade in Burlington City, New Jersey. The Black Family

Heritage is a day filled with music, lots of activities for children, food, vendors and special presentations. This year's festival attracted approximately 11,000 people.

Medical and Dental Professionals affiliated with the Chapter volunteered their time and energy to support this worthwhile cause. Dental screenings were provided by Bro. Dr. Al Dennis. AmeriChoice of New Jersey HMO provided Blood Pressure, Body Mass Index, Cholesterol and Blood Sugar screenings, Dental Screenings, and dispensed health education literature, water bottles, coloring books, refreshments and other free gifts to the adults and children in attendance.

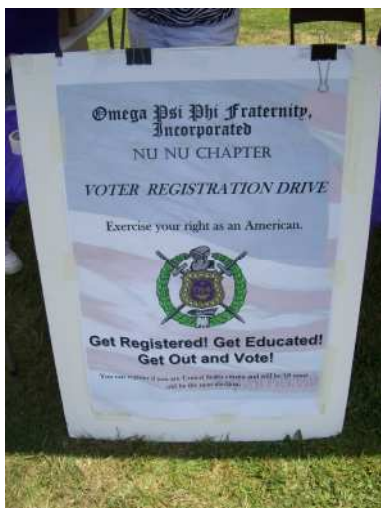
South Jersey Family Medical Center provided Blood Pressure, Body Mass Index, Cholesterol and Blood Sugar screenings. New Jersey Family Care provided Health Insurance information and signed up eligible families for State funded health insurance programs. Stroke education and outreach, and heart health and nutrition information was provided by the American Heart Association and American Stroke Association. Prevention Plus of Burlington County provided education and out-

reach services aimed at promoting healthy, safe and drug free lifestyles. Sisterhood, Inc. provided information on their wide range of community outreach programs covering drug and alcohol abuse, domestic violence, child advocacy, HIV/AIDS awareness, and various training programs.

The Burlington County Health Department dispensed information regarding infectious diseases, influenza, lead poisoning, HIV/AIDS awareness and other health issues of great importance to our community, and the Southern New Jersey Prenatal Consortium provided information concerning the dangers of lead exposure, which is of great concern to the residents of Burlington County.

Many thanks to Bro. Dr. Al Dennis, AmeriChoice of New Jersey, South Jersey Family Medical Center, American Heart Association, American Stroke Association, Prevention Plus, Sisterhood Inc., the Burlington County Health Department, New Jersey Family Care and the Southern New Jersey Prenatal Consortium for making this event a huge success!

The Brothers of Nu Nu Chapter of the Mighty Second District forever striving to UPLIFT the community which we serve.



*Nu Nu Voter Registration Drive at Festival*



*Brothers Michael Brown ('03 Nu Nu) and Kevin Waters ('00 Nu Nu) man the Health Information Booth*



## Nu Nu Chapter Social Action Projects

### The Brady L. Mixon Memorial Tutorial Program

**Willingboro, NJ** - The Nu Nu Chapter sponsors the Brady L. Mixon Memorial Tutorial Program. The program is named after Bro. Brady L. Mixon, Nu Psi, Virginia State University, December 1950 (Omega Chapter), who was truly dedicated to the program and put in tireless effort and energy to make the program successful. The program offers tutoring to students in all grades, and is held on Thursday nights from 7:00 PM until 8:45 PM at the Willingboro Public Library. Tutors are provided by the National Honor Society from Willingboro High School.

The student advisor, English teacher Ms. Joan Bodnar, from Willingboro High School, has been very instrumental in providing tutors. The program is currently facilitated by Bro. Mark T. Myers. The second Cardinal Principle of Scholarship is pivotal in the higher learning steps of success.



*Brother Mark T. Myers monitors the Brady Mixon Memorial Tutorial Program*

### Nu Nu Chapter Participates in The American Cancer Society Relay for Life

**Delran, NJ** – Each year, the Nu Nu Chapter, as a part of its Social Action projects, participates in The American Cancer Society Relay for Life. This year, the Relay for Life took place at Delran High School in Delran, NJ on May 29-30. The Nu Nu Chapter supports this event in memory of our departed Brother, James T. “Pete” Curry. The Brothers of Nu Nu Chapter had “Team Curry” on the track during the entire event, and also assisted in raising funds for the American Cancer Society by placing a team on the track for the entire event and facilitating the snack shack. Congratulations Brothers for a job well done!

### Nu Nu Chapter Men A ‘Cookin’ Brunch

**Willingboro, NJ** - The Brothers of Nu Nu Chapter of Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, Inc. displayed their culinary skills at the Nu Nu Men A ‘Cookin’ Brunch held at the John F. Kennedy Center in Willingboro, NJ on Saturday, 23 May 2009. Live entertainment was provided by winners of our Talent Hunt contests, Ms. Kne-o-chaw Hampton (2007) and Mr. Kurt “The Sax Man” Phillips, II (2008). Guests enjoyed omelets made to order, sausage and other assorted meats, hash browns, chicken, a turkey carving station, seafood salad, green beans, rice and gravy, lasagna, macaroni and cheese, and assorted desserts. A wonderful time was had by all in attendance.



*The Men of Nu Nu Chapter display their culinary skills*



*Guest enjoy delicious cuisine at Nu Nu Chapter's Men A “Cookin” Brunch*

## NASA Administrator and Astronaut, Brother Maj. General Charles F. Bolden, Jr., Visits Gamma Pi Chapter

**Prince George's County, Md. September 19, 2009** A few minutes into Gamma Pi chapter's monthly meeting in September, the call came for visiting Brothers to stand up and be recognized. As usual, several Brothers took to the floor and announced their names, home chapters and whether or not they were new to the area or "re-connecting" to Gamma Pi from prior association. As it turns out, one face seemed familiar from the news pages, especially recently. The visitor turned out to be Brother Major General (Retd.) Charles Bolden Jr., the new Administrator of NASA and the first and only African American to hold that post in the space agency's half-a-century history

Brother Bolden, an astronaut who has experienced four missions in space aboard the Space Shuttle including two as commander, was the special invited guest of Gamma Pi's Brother Clint Green, who is employed at NASA. Brother Major General Bolden received a more formal introduction later in the meeting and gave a few brief remarks to the chapter. He also taped a brief video message at the end for Gamma Pi's *YouTube* page, promising to return at a later date. The September meeting was the first for Gamma Pi since the summer break.



*Bro. Major Gen Charles Bolden enjoying Gamma Pi's Meeting*

"We were honored to have Brother Bolden visit with us and we were even more pleased to hear him say it would not be his only visit," said Brother Maurice Calhoun, Gamma Pi's Basileus. "He's not just the new NASA Administrator. He is the first African American to hold that post and only the second astronaut to do so. He is an historic figure in America and in Omega Psi Phi."

Several of the small knot of African Americans who have served as NASA astronauts are members of Omega Psi Phi. Among them: Brother Robert H. Lawrence, Jr., PhD, the first African American

astronaut, and Brothers Guion Bluford, Frederick Gregory and the late Ronald McNair, who died aboard the Shuttle Challenger in 1986.

Brother Major General Bolden was named to the top NASA post by President Obama and was confirmed by the U.S. Senate. He began his duties in July 2009. This is his second NASA stint as his 34-year career in the U.S. Marine Corps included 14 years in NASA's astronaut office. While in space, he was part of the crew that deployed the Hubble Space Telescope and one of his missions featured a Russian cosmonaut as part of the crew. He was inducted into the Astronaut Hall of Fame in 2006. Brother Major General Bolden is also a former naval aviator and later a test pilot, having flown more than 100 combat missions over North and South Vietnam, Laos and Cambodia during the Vietnam War.

Brother Bolden is also the former Deputy Commandant of Midshipmen at the U.S. Naval Academy where he also received an appointment in 1964 out of high school.

It is fair to say that Gamma Pi Brothers were proud and honored to be

## Gamma Pi Chapter Community Health Fair and Blood Drive

**Cheverly, MD. June 27, 2009.** It was an interesting week leading up to Gamma Pi Chapter's annual Blood Drive and Health Fair in late June. The loss of two entertainment icons within hours of each other – one of them the incomparable music legend Michael Jackson – put the Health Fair in a new, more immediate light. All across the country, concerns about health reached a fever pitch as celebrity health failings "before their time" grabbed the spotlight.

For Gamma Pi chapter, this could not have been a better time to send clear and direct health messages to the community. Gamma Pi's annual Health Fair and Blood Drive underscored the importance of achieving and maintaining good health, giving some meaning to the spate of recent celebrity deaths from health problems. A large number of people from the surrounding community took part in Gamma Pi's Blood Drive and Health Fair that was held on Saturday, June 27 at the

Kentland Community Center in Cheverly, Md. A steady flow of people in and out the door kept staff hopping, from the teams who were manning various health screening stations to the American Red Cross crew receiving blood donations inside the mobile unit. About 25 pints of blood were collected during the daylong event. The setup for the event was much like a triage unit. Visitors were able to walk inside of a large facility much like strolling up and down the aisles of Wal-Mart and find everything in health they wanted. For example, up and down the main corridor, visitors could get screened for diabetes, bone density, glucose levels, cholesterol level and blood pressure. In another area, you could pick up useful information about health insurance, organ donation and nutrition. The big draw – a always – was the American Red Cross's amazingly equipped bloodmobile parked out front

Gamma Pi members and physicians Brothers Dr. Lester Miles and Dr. Kevin Ford organized the Health Fair and Blood Drive event as one of the chapter's ongoing Social Action projects. Bro. Dr. Ford ran the successful event on-site. Bro. Dr. Ford was also assisted by his wife, Dr. Debra Ford, a member of Delta Sigma Theta.

While Gamma Pi works throughout the year with youth, families and seniors in the Prince George's community, the chapter is looking to increase its work in the area of health awareness and education, given the impact of health disparities on African Americans and other minority populations. Earlier this year, the chapter unveiled a health and fitness initiative within the chapter for Brothers to pay closer attention to their own health.

Written by Bro. James Alexander, Jr.

## Xi Lambda Lambda crosses its 1st Line – The Final Four

Rockland County, NY. On Sunday, April 26, 2009, four thoroughly immersed men (Floyd Long, Anthony Burrows, Nathan Lawson and Carl Jenkins) crossed the burning sands of Omega Psi Phi Fraternity and became members of the mighty, mighty Xi Lambda Lambda Chapter (chartered September 25, 2003) of Rockland County, NY - home of the Rockland Ques.

These brothers crossed under the guidance of the MSP chairman Bro. Tyrone Bailey and the assistant MSP chairman Bro. Byron Hurlock who were given the challenge by the Basileus, Bro. Dennis McGloster. Mentoring was provided by brothers Tony Dinkins, Scott Watson, Ed Kittrell, Richard Clarke, Gerald Inman and T. Ed McBride, Jr.

A pleasant surprise was experienced by neophyte Nate Lawson who discovered after the crossing that his cousin, Bro. Shea Lawson, Vice Basileus of Psi Pi chapter of the 5<sup>th</sup> District in Clarksville, Tennessee, was assisting the brothers with the crossing.

There was just as much excitement in Rockland County when the neophytes crossed as there was when the chapter was founded. The same day after the crossing the residents of Rockland were treated to an Exhibition Step Show by the newly initiated neophyte brothers known as the "Final Four" at the Nyack Memorial Park in Nyack, NY.

In attendance were visiting brothers from as far east as Long Island, NY and as far north as Syracuse, NY. The show was heavily attended by members of various Greek lettered organizations, family, friends and county residents that were at the park. After the show the neophyte brothers were given a party at the "Off the Hook" restaurant owned by chapter brother Richard Clarke.

### About the Final Four

Bro. Floyd R. Long, Jr. earned both his Bachelors and Masters of Business Administration from Howard University.



Xi Lambda Lambda Crossing - Sunday, April 26, 2009 - Bro. James "Scrappy" Jordan, District Representative Seated (l-r): Neophyte Brothers Carl Jenkins, Nate Lawson, Tony Burrows and Floyd Long  
Center row: Richard Clarke, Tyrone Bailey, T. Ed McBride, Dennis McGloster, Tony Dinkins and Byron Hurlock  
Back row: Gerald Inman and Scott Watson

He is an Associate Executive Director at Coler-Goldwater, a long-term care chronic hospital and nursing facility located in New York City. In January 2009, Governor Patterson appointed him to the NYS Board of Nursing Home Administrators. He is married to Glenda, his college sweetheart and a member of Delta Sigma Theta Sorority. They have a son and a daughter.

Bro. Nathan Lawson earned a bachelors degree in Pastoral Ministries from Toccoa Falls College. He is currently an Administrative Faculty member at Nyack College in the Division of Student Success. Bro. Lawson has been married to his sweetheart Kara for twelve years. They have two daughters and a son.

Bro. Tony Burrows attended Bernard M. Baruch College where he earned his BBA in Finance. He is employed with Morgan Stanley Inc. as an AVP in the Financial Control Group. Bro. Burrows is founder and partner of BurMiL Land Acquisitions LLC NY - a real estate holdings joint venture. He is a member of the National Association of Black Accountant where he actively recruits minority talent. He is married to Sonia Gonzalez-Burrows and they have

one daughter

Bro. Carl Jenkins holds a Masters Degree in Special Education and a BS Degree in Interdisciplinary Studies. In college Bro. Jenkins was a member of the Syracuse University Football team from 1983-1987 and played in the Cherry Bowl in Detroit, Michigan. Bro. Jenkins works at Lincoln HS in Yonkers as a Special Education Educator working with emotional and learning disabled students. He also serves as the Head Varsity Football and Baseball Coach at Lincoln HS. In the summer months he can be found at Camp Rays Day Camp where he serves as the Camp Director overseeing 250 campers with a staff of 50. He is married to Tonya Couch-Jenkins, a member of Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, and their have one daughter.

Prior to crossing, the neophyte brothers were actively involved in the following community service programs: participated in the Xi Lambda Lambda ROAD mentoring program, participated in the Xi Lambda Lambda Adopt-a-Highway program, visited the Summit Pak Nursing Home, tutored after school students at the Imani Cultural Academy, donated food and time to participate in the Delta Sigma Theta's Look Who's Cooking, met with elementary, intermediate and HS children once a month to discuss the assigned books at the CEJES Institute Book Club.



## Theta Mu Mu and Rho Xi Omega (AKA) Team Up to Celebrate Black Male Mentoring

**Baltimore County, MD. Sunday, June 7, 2009**, Brothers of Theta Mu Mu Chapter (Baltimore County, MD) teamed up with the ladies of Alpha Kappa Sorority, Inc., Rho Xi Omega Chapter (Baltimore City, MD) to honor black male mentoring in the community. The event was held at Baltimore's famous Druid Hill Park. "Having Fun, Cooking Out & Celebrating Black Males in the Community" was the event's theme. Over 20 youth and their guests enjoyed board games, card games, kickball and football. The Social Action committee of Theta Mu Mu Chapter and the Platform 3 committee of Rho Xi Omega Chapter facilitated the event and plan to make it an annual function.



*Brothers of Theta Mu Mu, Ladies of Rho Xi Omega, and cookout participants*

Written by Bro Satchell Doyle, Jr.

## Theta Mu Mu Chapter Wins Top Volunteer Award at American Lung Association Event

**Baltimore County, MD. Saturday, March 14, 2009**

Brothers of the Theta Mu Mu Chapter, Baltimore County, MD volunteered at the American Lung Association's Stadium Trek Event. The Baltimore Stadium Trek is a pledge-based, one-of-a-kind experience where individuals of all ages walked, jogged, ran and climbed in, up, down and around two of Baltimore's legendary sporting venues: M & T Bank Stadium and Oriole Park at Camden Yards. Brothers assisted with equipment setup, parking, registra-

tion, and route marshalling. This event supports the American Lung Association of Maryland's mission to prevent lung disease and promote lung health by raising money for lung disease research and programs. During the award ceremony following the event, Theta Mu Mu chapter was recognized for having the most volunteers (12) at the event. Per Bro. Satchell Doyle Jr., Social Action Chairman, "This is a great day for Theta Mu Mu, we were chartered six months ago and are already being honored by the American Lung Association".



*Top Volunteer Team Award presented to Theta Mu Mu Chapter from the American Lung Association*



*Theta Mu Mu Brothers volunteers at the American Lung Association Event*

## Theta Mu Mu Chapter Rebuilds YMCA Playground

**Baltimore, MD. May 9, 2009** On September 10, 2008, a 14,000 square foot YMCA playground at the site of Old Memorial Stadium was tragically burned to the ground. Although the case remains unsolved, the suspected arson case left thousands of inner city youth without a place to play. Seventeen brothers of Theta Mu Mu Chapter (Baltimore County, MD) joined local leaders and community volun-

teers on Saturday, May 9, 2009 to rebuild the YMCA playground. Brothers were involved in, but not limited to tasks such as cutting wood using circular saws, drilling bolts into slides and swings, shoveling and carrying dirt into multiple sand boxes. The state-of-the-art facility was community inspired, designed, and 100% volunteer built both times.



*Brothers of Theta Mu Mu Chapter stop for a photo at the YMCA Playground*



*Bro. Marcus Blake (Pi '05), Bro. Ed Hill (Zeta Psi '87), Bro. Eric West (Pi Omega '01) working at the YMCA Playground*

## Theta Mu Mu Chapter Support Urban Leadership Institute's Praise Academy

**Baltimore, MD. March 28, 2009** The Members of Theta Mu Mu chapter participated in a 30 and over Charity Basketball Event at the Carmelo Anthony Center in Baltimore, Maryland.

The purpose of the event was to provide financial support for Baltimore City African-American Youth enrolled in the Urban Leadership Institute's PRAISE Academy.

The Goal was to raise \$5,000, to support the Praise Academy. Over 20 brothers participated in the event. This event brought at least 5 brothers that the chapter believes are reclaimable. The members of Theta Mu Mu will continue to use events like this to galvanize brothers in the area to recommit to Omega Psi Phi Fraternity Inc., and do community services as well.



## Theta Mu Mu Feeds over 700 at Our Daily Bread Soup Kitchen

**Baltimore County, MD. September 13, 2009**, Brothers of Theta Mu Mu Chapter (Baltimore County, MD) joined with the Catholic Charities to feed over 700 people. Our Daily Bread Soup Kitchen, the largest in the state of Maryland, was founded by Catholic Charities in 1981 and has been opened 365 days a year ever since. The soup kitchen serves anywhere from 400 to 900 persons any given day. Not a traditional soup kitchen, the dining hall is restaurant style as guests are seated and served. This is done out of respect and dignity fostering a warm welcoming environment. Brothers worked nonstop from 8:00am-11:00 am serving in various capacities which included servers, runners, cleaners, donations, and beverage personnel to name a few. Per Bro. Antwon Farris, "This was a very uplifting social action activity that I hope to come back to again. Seeing the smiles on people's faces was well worth the work."



*Ms. Ellana Prince of Catholic Charities and Brothers of Theta Mu Mu Chapter.*



## Answering The Call

### **“BROTHERHOOD: IF IT IS TO BE, IT’S UP TO ME.”**

Our fraternity was founded by noble, educated men who envisioned a brotherhood that would epitomize honor, love, and respect for our women, our families, our communities, and ourselves. The Omega of our forefathers was a (albeit imperfect) manifestation of the original vision. At some point brothers started moving anyway from the ideal Omega, embracing instead an image and posture more akin to a prison gang than to our magnanimous brethren who crossed the burning sands before. It was only after having the opportunity to converse with 40, 50, and even 60 year brothers at the 71<sup>st</sup> Grand Conclave and subsequent conversations with our 21<sup>st</sup> Grand Basileus, Bro. Grant Reynolds that I realized that this troublesome phenomenon is relatively new. One could assume the aforementioned from reading Omega’s history, but being a brother who is of an age where this negative aspect has always been present, it surprised me to learn how short a time this unsavory persona has been a part of Omega, and how quickly it is becoming the prevailing public image of our fraternity.

Our 31<sup>st</sup> Grand Basileus, Bro. Burnell Coulon issued a challenge in the form of a conclave theme: *Brotherhood-If it is to be, it’s up to me*; a challenge in response to our hostile treatment of one another, and its detrimental effect on our fraternity and its legacy. This challenge puts the repair of our brotherhood squarely on the shoulders of the brotherhood. If we don’t like what we see, we must say so. Not in a condescending or scornful manner, but in a manner that’s in keeping with real brotherhood. Coming from a place of love, respect and honesty will make possible a genuine and productive dialogue that will benefit all brothers who truly hold Omega dear.

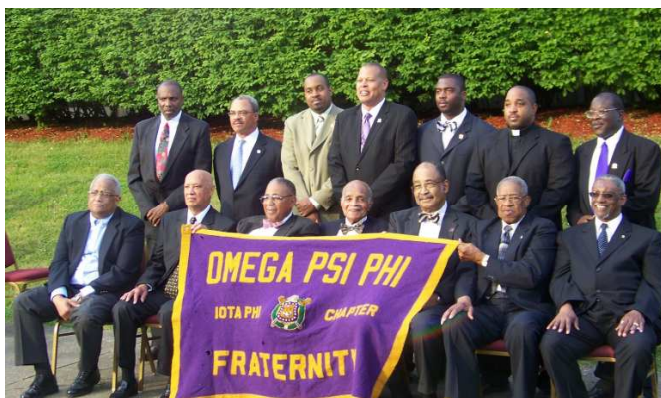
We are a family, and families will fight from time to time. But families will also come together in times of crisis. Brothers, this is a time of crisis. From law suits resulting from brutally violent assaults to dishonest & venomous campaigning, our behavior is becoming the antithesis of our motto.

I love Omega, more than I could ever (verbally) express. It pains me deeply to see us operating in such a manner. But I reality

ize now that the instant the conclave theme was uttered, it made me the subject of a cliché: “If you’re not part of the solution, you’re part of the problem.” It compelled me to revisit my actions, or lack thereof. It reminded me that Omega is not a building or a plot or a paddle. Omega is me. And it’s you. By way of this conveyance, I publicly pledge to do that which God will allow to remove all things negative from the midst of Omega. I respectfully urge all brothers to make a similar pledge. Together, we can forever rid Omega of the soot that sullies her beacon of greatness, so that all who hear and speak her name may once again know Omega Psi Phi as the world’s most grand fraternity. ΩΨΦ

*Bro. Holland is Vice Basileus of Beta Alpha Alpha chapter and a Life Member*

## Iota Phi Chapter Rededication and Honors 50+ Year Brothers



*Iota Phi Executive Board stands behind its 50+year Brothers*



*District Representative James Jordan speaks as 2<sup>nd</sup> District Basileus of the year Brother Robert Williams accepts award.*



## Urgent Memorandum

**From: Omega's Surgeon General**

### Swine Flu Alert



My Brothers,

As many of you are aware, there is currently a sincere and significant concern regarding the possibility of an epidemic or pandemic situation with swine flu in the United States. There are confirmed cases of swine flu in this country and also a reported death in Texas. I can certainly understand your concern and anxiety relative to this virus, but let me assure you that there is no need to panic or to institute drastic isolation measures.

Many of us will not be in situations to be exposed to the virus, but here are a few suggestions to further protect yourself from exposure or infection. The symptoms of swine flu are similar to those of flu that we see normally. These symptoms are fever (greater than 100 degrees), cough, sore throat, runny nose, body aches, headache, nausea, and vomiting or diarrhea.

If you, in fact have these symptoms, you need to see your physician immediately. There are medications available for treatment and should begin as soon as possible. These medications are highly effective when prescribed by your physician, which is why you should seek immediate consultation if you believe that you have symptoms of flu.

Self-protection and good hygiene cannot be over-emphasized. Be sure to

- a. do frequent hand washing with soap and water or use hand sanitizer often,
- b. cover your mouth or nose with tissue or your arm sleeve when coughing or sneezing (do not use same tissue multiple times),
- c. keep your hands away from your nose, mouth and eyes,
- d. avoid close contact with people who are sick and
- e. **If you are sick, stay home** to avoid spreading the illness to others.

Keep in mind, however that the CDC (Center for Disease Control, NIH (National Institutes of Health) and the WHO (World Health Organization), all are predicting that we will see many more cases of swine flu and some will result in death. With that in mind, I strongly urge each and every one of you to observe the precautions listed above and that if you or any of your family members have symptoms, report to your healthcare provider immediately!

Charles A. Christopher, MD

Surgeon General

Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, Inc.

## Nu Upsilon Chapter Sending Scholars to College

### New Castle County, Delaware.

With the scholarship assistance of the Brothers of Nu Upsilon, five New Castle County, Delaware students are on their way to matriculate at some of the finest post-secondary institutions on the east coast. After passing the screening, with a review of grade point averages, community service and leadership activities, letters of recommendation, essays, and the completion of personal interviews,

five high school scholars emerged to the "top of the Class of 2009" of 19 applicants.

They are: Christina Johnson (\$3000) – a freshman at Salem College in Winston-Salem, North Carolina, majoring in Education and Business; Gregory Benjamin, Jr. (\$1500) – a freshman at Franklin and Marshall College in Lancaster, Pennsylvania, majoring in pre-medicine. Courtney Hudson (\$1250) – a freshman at University of Connecticut in Storrs, Connecticut, majoring in Biological Sciences; Dawn Payne (\$1000) –

a freshman at Howard University in Washington, D.C., majoring in Biology; and Justin Hicks (\$750) – a freshman at Bucknell University in Lewisburg, Pennsylvania, majoring in Biology.

These young people presented high caliber credentials and are intensely focused on what they need to do in order to be successful on their journeys to complete undergraduate studies and beyond. Good Luck!

## Beta Iota Iota Blood Drive

**Fairfield Township, NJ. September 3, 2009.** The Brothers of Beta Iota Iota Chapter are small in number, but large in community service. Complying with our National Mandated Programs, the brothers of the Bridgeton/Vineland chapter recently completed their annual Charles R. Drew Blood Drive. The brothers, led by Basileus Melvin Scott 49<sup>th</sup> Upsilon Chapter, exceeded their goal of thirty donors. The blood drive was held

Thursday, September 3, 2009 at the Fairfield Township School. The school, soon to be named after Beta Iota Iota member Thomas C. Lane IV 50<sup>th</sup> Beta Gamma Chapter, for his many years of service in education for the Cumberland County School System.

Following the successful blood drive, the brothers gathered for a pre-Labor Day cookout with family and friends the following Saturday, September 5, 2009 at Brother Lane's home – and yes, the pool was open.

## Psi Lambda Lambda's Mentee is a 2009 Pan-Hellenic Scholarship Recipient

**Bronx, NY.** Mr. Jeremy Garcia, a senior student at the Eagle Academy in the Bronx, NY, has been named the 2009 Pan-Hellenic Council of Greater New York's Male Scholar and awarded a cash prize of \$1,000.00. Mr. Garcia has been mentored by Bro. Donald LaHuffman of the Psi Lambda Lambda Chapter, Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, Inc for the last three and a half years. The Eagle Academy is one of Psi Lambda Lambda Chapter's social action projects.

Mr. Garcia met the Pan-Hellenic Scholar committee's selection criteria by: completing a comprehensive packet which requested recommenda-



*Psi Lambda Lambda Brothers with Mr Jeremy Garcia*

tion letters from teachers and counselors, a biography; and participating in in-depth interviews with the panelists from the Pan-Hellenic Scholar committee. According to several panelists, Mr. Garcia's application packet was impeccable and clearly showed that he thought out the answers in a way that was compelling and uplifting.

As he enters his freshman year in the fall of 2009, Mr. Garcia plans to study Engineering and Business Administration. So far he has been accepted to Penn State University and The State University of New York (SUNY) Binghamton

## Bro. Dr. Andrew Jackson Awarded Diversity Award by Penn State Alumni Association November 6, 2009



*Bro. Dr. Andrew Jackson Accepting the Diversity Award from the Penn State Alumni Association*



*The Diversity Award with Trophy received by Bro. Dr. Andrew Jackson from the Penn State Alumni Association*

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## OMEGA WILL SURVIVE BECAUSE BROTHERS CARE!!!

### IT IS YOUR DUTY TO PROTECT OMEGA AT ALL TIMES!!!

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      Charles Jackson, Iota Epsilon

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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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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