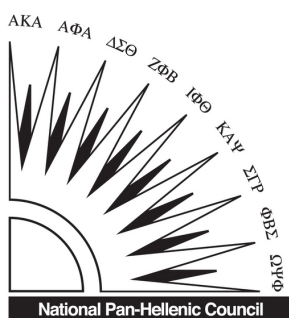
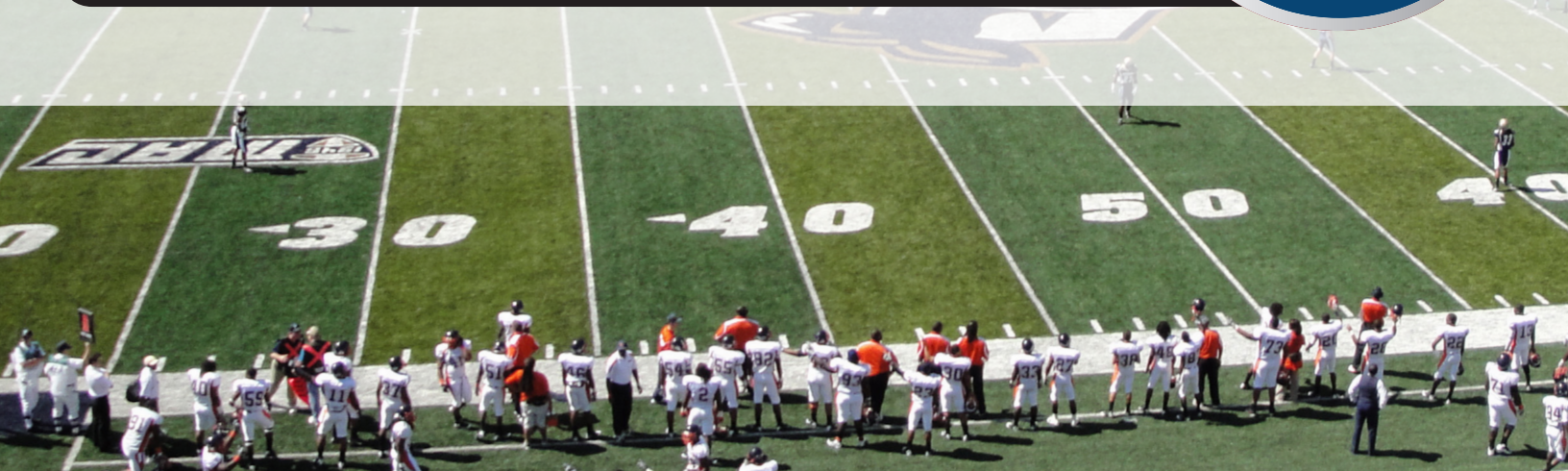


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## From The Desk of The President



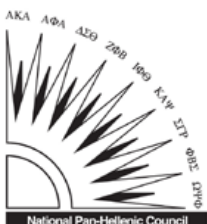
At last, Mother Nature has shown us signs of spring. It is true, "April showers bring May flowers!" In my opinion, April is a time to make "New Beginnings," characterized by spring cleaning. During this month, we shall collectively celebrate, acknowledge and show an appreciation, for our and others cultural heritages, including visiting or partaking in various programs, dialogues, exhibits, at local libraries and or other community organizations, that are celebrating cultural awareness month. Also April celebrates many other special observances such as National Sibling Day, Administrative Professional's week, Autism awareness, Parkinson's disease awareness, child abuse prevention, Arbor Day, Big Brothers and Sisters week, and my favorite Easter.



A special acknowledgement goes out to, my 15 new brothers, throughout the state of Ohio who have joined, The Phi Beta Sigma Fraternity, Inc. family...GOMAB! Over the course, of the last couple of months, I participated in the Delta's Biggest Loser Greek Challenge, which focused on Diabetes prevention and nutrition. The program segments of dancing, nutrition education, and exercise have heightened my awareness and attitude towards becoming a healthier man! Congratulations to all of the Delta's and especially Angela Payden, on a job well done!

Finally, I would like to introduce part 2 of a program started by our Soror and NPHC of Greater Akron President Chris Neloms. On March 21, 2014, she facilitated a dialogue, known as a "Sorority Roundtable," which focused on the challenges the black sororities are facing in 2014. With a successful outcome, I have decided to introduce a "Fraternity Roundtable." This program will implement, challenges that black fraternities are facing in 2014. Fraters please mark your calendars for May 31, 2014, at 3 pm. Don't forget to register, as soon as possible; seating is on a limited basis! Please see the flyer, in this newsletter for more information. Remember, always remain active (financially too) and be a pioneer, in your exemplary roles as Sorors and Fraters!

In Greekdom,  
Anthony Garrett



President	Crystal Taylor Neloms	Delta Sigma Theta
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The Greater Akron Chapter of NPHC meets the 1st Monday of each month at the Maple Valley Library at 6:30 pm. **All Greeks are welcome.**

# 40th Annual Alpha Phi Alpha Scholarship Awards and Martin O. Chapman Recognition Luncheon

The Eta Tau Lambda chapter of Alpha Phi Alpha is very excited to present our 40th Annual Alpha Phi Alpha Scholarship Awards and Martin O. Chapman Recognition Luncheon. The event will be held on Saturday, May 17, 2014 at 11:00AM in our splendid facility, The Alpha Center, 662 Wolf Ledges Parkway, Akron, Ohio 44311 with keynote speaker Dennis Butts Jr.

The cost of this event is \$25 per person and includes a delicious Buffet Style brunch. Our Go-to-School/Go-to-College initiative, which is a mandated National Program of our beloved fraternity, focuses on providing an environment of hope and possibility for high school students in their pursuit of higher education. Each year we honor disadvantaged Akron-area students who have shown outstanding academic achievements during their high school years. After over Forty years we have awarded more than \$500,000 in scholarships and currently sponsoring twenty-two (22) students at many different colleges and/or universities throughout the country.

## Brotherhood Prayer Breakfast – March 22, 2014



The Brothers of Eta Tau Lambda the Akron chapter of Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity, Inc. met on a Saturday morning in March for a Brotherhood Prayer Breakfast to give glory and honor to God and to share a sumptuous breakfast prepared by caterers Paul and Heather Green of the Morgan Catering and Events. The event was chaired by Brothers Arian Davis and Eufancia Lash.



Brother Marki Johnson, the president of the chapter welcomed the brothers and presented the order of the day. He spoke about being ready to praise the Lord will in route to the prayer breakfast. Brother John Williams brought forth the invocation and spoke of the need to come together during the stressful times that chapters sometimes experience.



The two Brothers, Bro. Deacon John Williams and Bro. Pastor Greg Freeman specifically came through and delivered messages that Brother Johnson said “We know had to come from God for us this morning”, Brother Johnson also said, “God’s plan is impeccable and it was his will for them to deliver such powerful messages”.



Additionally special thanks were presented to Brothers Ricardo Myers, Arian Davis, Eufancia Lash, and Ike Henry for an outstanding program! Brother Henry sang and also led the brothers in a praise song. They put on a wonderful, spiritual, and enlightening experience and the brothers were blessed because of their hard work.



## Project Alpha – March 8, 2014



The Brothers of Eta Tau Lambda presented the 2014 Project Alpha program with the participation of 17 young men who attend the local middle and high schools.

Project Alpha is a collaborative project that is designed to provide education, motivation and skill-building on issues of responsibility, relationships, teen pregnancy and sexually transmitted diseases for young males ages 12-15 years. Designed to provide young men with current and accurate information about teen pregnancy prevention, Project Alpha consists of a series of workshops and informational sessions conducted by Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity brothers. The three goals of Project Alpha programs are:

- Sharing Knowledge by combating ignorance and fear with factual information.
- Changing Attitudes by providing motivation toward positive changes in sexual behavior.
- Providing Skills by creating a sense of empowerment and self-esteem.

Brothers Pierre Irvine, Jermel Wilkerson, and Daryl Brown spoke on Domestic Violence, Male roles and responsibilities, teenage pregnancy and STD's with assistance from the brothers who were in attendance.

After the seminar, the young men were treated to lunch and an afternoon of games, watching sports programs and with the help of Brother Darrin Toney who continues to teach the boys the art of chess during the social time that is downstairs in the Alpha Center, the chapter's meeting place Pharaoh's Hall after the event.

## Zeta Theta Omega Chapter Brings Back Awards from 83rd Great Lakes Regional Conference

1st Place Outstanding Soror - Joyce Rowland  
1st Place Outstanding Golden Soror - Dr Patricia A Lee  
1st Place Social Justice and Human Rights  
1st Place Stroll Team  
2nd Place Outstanding Graduate Chapter  
2nd Place Graduate/Undergraduate Relations  
2nd Place Overall Program Award  
2nd Place Emerging Young Leader



Stroll Team Members - Renee LeGrair, Shauna Jones, Brandi Davis and Allyson Wilson  
New Golden Sorors - Hazel Malone and JoAnne C. Ray





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## *Arbor Day Celebration*

*Saturday, April 26, 2014*

*Dee-Maret Care Center*

*1140 S. Hawkins Street, Akron, Ohio 44320*

*9:00 AM*

THE LADIES OF ZETA THETA OMEGA CHAPTER WILL HOST A TREE PLANTING CEREMONY IN LOVING MEMORY OF OUR CHAPTER'S IVIES BEYOND THE WALL.

## AKA ON THE MOVE

Congratulations to Soror Kim Huff who will begin as the Manager of the Young Professional Network for the Greater Akron Chamber of Commerce effective May 1st.

Congratulations to Soror Staci Freeman and Soror WillieBelle Hamilton who will be honored at a Scholarship Luncheon for the 33rd Annual Ohio Black Women's Leadership Caucus – Akron Chapter's Salute to African American Women on April 26th.

Congratulations to Soror Dana K. LaGarde for being named a 2014 President's Volunteer Service Award winner with AT&T Community Engagement Citizenship & Sustainability. This prestigious national honor recognizes her exemplary volunteer service in her community. The President of the United States, The President's Council on Service and Civic Participation issues this honor in gratitude for sustained community service over the past year.





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**MAY 17, 2014 Sheraton Suites – Cuyahoga Falls, Ohio**

**Reception 11:00am – Luncheon 11:00am**

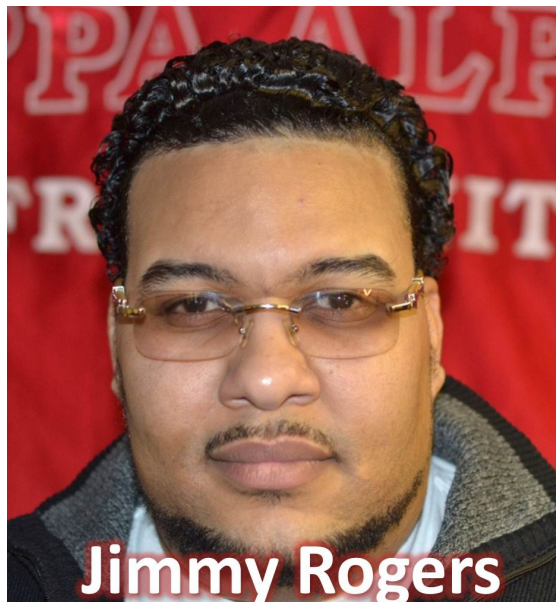
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**Spring 2014 initiates Kappa Alpha Psi through the Akron Alumni Chapter**



**George Fields**



**Jimmy Rogers**

# ***2014 Mardi Gras Highlights***

If you missed it, [click here](#) or the image to watch highlights on YouTube.

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## Supporting Brother Isaiah Williams #56, Starting Left Tackle for the University of Akron Zips





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Orders will be available for pick up on May 10, 2014 9:00 am -5:00 pm  
Express Mail Delivery is available!

The Minerva Fund of Ohio, the 503 c foundation of the Akron Alumnae Chapter of Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc. is pleased to announce the debut of our “Divalicious” cupcake to make its arrival just in time for Mother’s Day!

The chocolate cupcake has a strawberry cream cheese filling and butter cream icing. It’s topped with red hearts sprinkles. The mouth watering cupcakes will sell for \$2.25, cake pops \$3.50 and the cakes in a jar \$5.75.

The yummy treat will be offered at  
**Baker Blvd Decadent Bakery located at 2890 Sand Run Pkwy, Fairlawn, Oh 44333.**  
**Orders will be available for pick up on May 10th.**  
Express delivery is available for a modest fee.

**For more details or place an order you may contact 330.762.3436.**



## CONGRATULATIONS to our “Biggest Loser Greek Challenge” Winners!



Myron Lewis  
ΔΨΘ  
1<sup>st</sup> Place  
Men's Division  
25.4 lbs Lost!



1<sup>st</sup> Place Team Winner's... Alpha Kappa Alpha  
Sorority Incorporated (Team avg. loss 5.9 lbs.)!



1<sup>st</sup> Place Ladies Division (ΔΣΘ)  
Angela Harper-Brooks (18.6 lbs.)



1<sup>st</sup> Place Ladies Division (ΔΣΘ)  
Terri Shavers (16.2 lbs.)

Thanks again to ALL of YOU who participated, and for your SUPPORT!...Angela P (ΔΣΘ)

Dear Brothers and Sorors in Greekdom,

Note: It has been brought to my attention that my final report did not go out for some reason (technical???)! Therefore, I am resending the report, in order to provide the final results of the BLGC! I apologize for the delay! Thank you for your patience!

The “Biggest Loser Greek Challenge (BLGC) 2014” concluded Saturday, March 22, 2014 after 10 weeks of special events and activities, workshops and weekly information. The Finale was from 2 – 4 pm, held at Crouse CLC, 1000 Diagonal Road in Akron, directly following the Delta Academy & Delta G.E.M.S's 2nd Annual Youth Diabetes Community Health Fair, which was a huge success!

## Biggest Loser Continued

We are proud to announce the winners for the 2014 BLGC Challenge! The Winner for the Team Competition is Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Inc. with a total of 90+ lbs. lost and an overall average weight loss of 5.9 lbs. The team behind them was Alpha Phi Alpha, with an average loss of 4.3 pounds. In the individual category, the winner for the Men's Division was Myron Lewis of Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, Inc. with a total personal loss of 25.4 lbs.! WOW! And lastly, in the women's category, we had a little confusion with the final calculations and decided to give out two prizes! The winners of the Ladies Division BLGC are Angela Harper-Brooks who lost 18.6 lbs. and Terri Shavers who lost 16.2 lbs.! Awesome! Both ladies are members of Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc. We would like to Congratulate ALL of the Winners and Participants! The program ended well and many expressed appreciation for the program and were glad to participate in such a worthwhile event in the name of Diabetes Awareness!

In addition, there were 10 people who went above and beyond the expectation set to lose 10 pounds and lost more! These are the Honorary Mentions! We would be remiss to eliminate them from the winning line up! The outstanding participants include:

Person	Weight lost	Person	Weight Lost
Myron Lewis (ΩΨΦ)	25.4 lbs.	Marquita Thatcher (ΔΣΘ)	13.6 lbs.
Angela Harper-Brooks (ΔΣΘ)	18.6 lbs.	Deborah Grimes (ΔΣΘ)	13.6 lbs.
Larry Thomas (ΑΦΑ)	17.0 lbs.	Angela Payden (ΔΣΘ)	13.0 lbs.
Terri Shavers (ΔΣΘ)	16.2 lbs.	Hazel Malone (AKA)	11.2 lbs.
Shauna Jones (AKA)	14.2 lbs.	Dana LaGarde (AKA)	10.6 lbs.

**CONGRATULATIONS! AND GOOD JOB! KEEP UP THE GOOD WORK AND CONTINUE YOUR EFFORTS TO LIVE A LIFE OF QUALITY HEALTH AND WELLNESS!**

Each BLGC participant was issued a Certificate of Participation! I still have certificates for Zeta Phi Beta Sorority and Phi Beta Sigma Fraternity participants! Please have a representative from your organization contact me to make arrangements to pick them up! Thank you! Lastly, attached you will find a flyer with pictures of the Winners! Please print, post and add to your Chapter Newsletters! Everyone has done such an excellent job!

Thanks again for your support, encouragement and for making this program a huge success! As always... remember to release and rely on God at all time! He will see you through! God Bless!

Until next time, this is Angela Payden, from Angy's Tips... Signing out!



## 2014 GOLF FUNDRAISER

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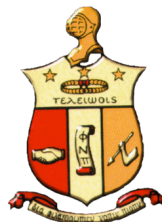
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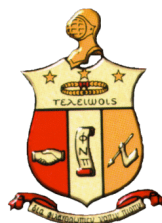
### *The 1<sup>st</sup> Annual Fraternity Roundtable*

**\*\*\*A deliberative dialogue  
on the challenges that black fraternities  
are facing in 2014.**

**Doubletree Hotel  
Café Bricco  
3150 W. Market Street  
Akron, OH 44333**

**Saturday May 31, 2014, at 3:00PM**

**Reservations and questions:** contact Anthony Garrett at (330) 812-1870 or [agarrett79@gmail.com](mailto:agarrett79@gmail.com)





### The Greater Akron Chapter of NPHC hosted a dynamic Sorority Roundtable on April 21, 2014 at Bricco Cafe in Fairlawn, Ohio.

NPHC President Chris Neloms facilitated a candid discussion about the impact of Black Greek Letter organizations and specifically, sororities are making in the Akron community. More than 30 women participated, and all four sororities were represented. Mary Wright (AKA) Baileus, Torey Tolson (Delta) President, Michelle Embry (Zeta) Basileus and Shantia Priester (Sigma) Basileus were all in attendance and represented as the highest ranking officers of the local organizations.

The group developed a 3 point plan that will be implemented over the next few months to address some of the needs of our youngsters in the Akron Public School system. The committee will also be announcing a combined sorority community service project for the fall.

The next planning meeting will be held in May. If you are interested in working on this groundbreaking committee, contact Chris Neloms at [chrisneloms@gmail.com](mailto:chrisneloms@gmail.com) for more details.





## March 2014 Greek Trivia / Answers

- |                                     |                                     |
|-------------------------------------|-------------------------------------|
| 1. Phi Beta Sigma Fraternity, Inc.  | 5. Sigma Gamma Rho Sorority, Inc.   |
| 2. Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, Inc.   | 6. Iota Phi Theta Fraternity, Inc.  |
| 3. Kappa Alpha Psi Fraternity, Inc. | 7. Zeta Phi Beta Sorority, Inc.     |
| 4. Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc. | 8. Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity, Inc. |
|                                     | 9. Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Inc. |

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## April Trivia Questions

1. The president of the national fraternity is known as the Grand Polemarch?\_\_\_\_\_
2. The first Black Greek letter organization to participate in the Tournament of Roses Parade.\_\_\_\_\_
3. This sorority has two affiliate groups that support their programming named Rhoers & Philos. \_\_\_\_\_
4. The Amicae is a group composed of women who assist the ladies of\_\_\_\_\_.
5. The only BGLO organization founded at an Ivy League University. \_\_\_\_\_
6. US Representative Shelia Jackson Lee is a member of this sorority?\_\_\_\_\_
7. Huey P.Newton was the co founder of the Black Panther Party was a member of which fraternity?\_\_\_\_\_
8. The 2013 Super Bowl Champions Baltimore Ravens had six members of this fraternity on the team.\_\_\_\_\_
9. The “Afya Njema” Program which means “good health” in Swahili is a national program of which fraternity? \_\_\_\_\_
10. The organization promotes interaction through forums, meetings, and other mediums for exchange of information and engages in cooperative programming.



## FYGI: For your greek information

### Are you on the yard?

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Privately Chat with your chapter members in the “My Chapter” tab

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### Five Challenges Black Fraternities Must Address in 2014

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Going into 2014, there are five critical issues that black fraternities, namely members of NPHC, must address:

1. Membership Se lection
2. Hazing in Black Fraternities
3. Misbehavior in Social Media
4. Diminished Public Perception
5. Black Male Leadership Development

