

Pearls of Hope Foundation, Inc.
Charitable Arm of
Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Inc. - Zeta Omega Chapter

Quarterly Newsletter

Post Office Box 7184
Wilmington, Delaware 19803

Spring 2009

Message from the President

Greetings:

This year Pearls of Hope Foundation, Inc. (POH) is springing forth with **excitement** and **renewed growth!** I am **excited** about the historic fete that was accomplished in our country in November 2009 – the election of the first African American President! I am **excited** about our five year anniversary which sees POH making greater strides to position itself for the provision of scholarships and community service! I am **excited** about the financial gains of Zeta Omega over the past year in which POH participated. I am **excited** about the potential service to mankind that will result from these financial successes!

As we witness this **excitement**, we view our future with humility because of **renewed growth**. I see **renewed growth** that is fostering a better understanding with Zeta Omega of the mission and objectives of POH. I see **renewed growth** that allows POH to establish meaningful fundraising projects! I see **renewed growth** that finds persons not currently members of POH working fervidly to help POH accomplish its goals for the year!

Amidst the successes, we realize that there looms, during this time in our country, the adversities associated with the recession. However, POH remains confident that we will not be deterred as we work closely with Zeta Omega to help with its community service goals; as we march on to accomplish financial goals for our future! Our mantra will be **‘YES WE CAN!’**

I would like each of our members to be as **excited** as I am about POH. As you peruse this second newsletter, I hope that you as a member will enthusiastically support the efforts of POH. Thank you for your investment of time and financial commitment. If you are a non-member, I encourage you to join POH and help POH realize one of its goals, that of making every member of Zeta Omega an active member of Pearls of Hope Foundation, Inc.

Sincerely,

Annie Young
President

Executive Board

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Board Member Meeting Schedule

The POH Board meets on the 4th
Tuesday of each month, 6:30 pm.

Tuesday, May 26, 2009
Tuesday, June 23, 2009
Tuesday, July 28, 2009

General Membership Meeting

Tuesday, October 27, 2009

Annual Meeting

Tuesday, April 28, 2009

2009 Activities

Report to Zeta Omega
Debutante Souvenir Book
“Night at Champs”
Sickle Cell Tennis Classic
5K Run/Walk
Vesper Jazz Concert

Membership Dues Reminder

Please mail your \$10 membership
dues **by August 15, 2009** to
Pearls of Hope Foundation, Inc.
P.O. Box 7184
Wilmington, DE 19803

Make check payable to:
Pearls of Hope Foundation, Inc.

Quarterly Report

March, 2009

Membership

All members of Zeta Omega Chapter are eligible for membership with Pearls of Hope Foundation, Inc. Membership dues are \$10 and are paid annually based on the fiscal year.

Current members

Rochelda Adderly

Shirley Brockenborough

Ella Burton

**Phyllis Chambers-
Mobley**

Gwen Deas

Alice Faulkner

Lucianna Gorum

Joann Harmon

Felicia Haskins

Mildred Holmes

Annette Howard

Willie Jackson

Sharon Josey

Javette Lane

Antoinette Liggins

Patricia Macklin

Regena Manley

Donna May

Olive Mayfield

Judith Morton

R. Elaine Robinson

Patricia Sampson

Michelle Scales

Barbara Walton

Anita Young

Deidre Young

The Pearls of Hope foundation, Inc. is the charitable arm of Zeta Omega Chapter of Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Inc. Its mission is to advance education among members of a diverse community by providing scholarships, cultural, health, and educational activities which address and support issues that impact the family. The Pearls of Hope Foundation was incorporated in 2003. Currently it functions with an 11 member Board of Executives and 23 general members. Our desire is that each financial member of Zeta Omega will become a member of Pearls of Hope Foundation, Inc.

To date, Zeta Omega Chapter has identified projects that allow Pearls of Hope to carry out its mission. Guidelines for the operation of Pearls of Hope Foundation, Inc. in collaboration with Zeta Omega have been established and distributed to Zeta Omega members on numerous occasions. Additionally, a Project Assistance form which outlines the process to be used when collaborative efforts are undertaken was developed and distributed during the 2008 Zeta Omega Retreat and at the January/March 2009 Program Committee meetings.

Pearls of Hope has had the pleasure of providing assistance to Zeta Omega with the following projects: Special Projects' "Night at Friendly's" and Pink on the Green Golf Tournament; Debutante Souvenir Journal Ad Program; Zeta Omega Scholarship Program; and the Sickle Cell Tennis Tournament. POH assistance has been rendered administratively and from a financial accountability standpoint. Accounts maintained by Pearls of Hope for these efforts contain the following balances as of February 24, 2009:

In the fall of this year, POH will host a Vespers Jazz Concert and a 5K Run/Walk, both in an effort to raise funds for the **Rita Ann Harmon Jacobs Scholarship**.

Help Wanted!

Your help is needed in the following areas:

- *Marketing*
- *Quarterly Newsletter*
- *Strategic Planning*