



# The Talented Tenth District *The Que-municator*

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## Omicron Alpha Alpha Chapter Celebrates its 27<sup>th</sup> Anniversary

Submitted by Bro. James E. Davis

**P**ontiac, MI - A celebration, reclamation and memorial was the triple theme of the Omicron Alpha Alpha Chapter during its 27<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Luncheon held recently at the Marriott Centerpoint, Pontiac, MI. Attended by over forty Brothers, the luncheon was planned to rejuvenate and enhance the true spirit of brotherhood in the Chapter.

**K**eynote speaker for the occasion was Bro. John S. Epps, former Executive Director of the Fraternity. His message was informative, inspirational and challenging. He recalled how the chapter rose from infancy to become the premier Chapter in the 10<sup>th</sup> District. He was a frequent guest and supporter at our affairs and was always there when we needed him.

**B**ro. James E. Davis, one of the Chapter Members, was the second presenter who chronicled the rich heritage of the Chapter. Fourteen Brothers comprised the Charter Members: Ernest Perry, Harold Davis, Luther Blue, John Poe, Jim Davis, Hugh Jackson, James E. Johnson, Madison Smith, Rev. Norman Osborne, Quinton Ross, Ruther Haynes, Leon Smith, Dexter Bussey and J. Carl McNeary.

**A** new tradition was born when the group held its first Annual Scholarship Benefit Dinner Dance January, 1982. It became the Chapter's main fundraiser and can boast that each affair we welcomed representatives from the Supreme Council. Another first for any Chapter was to have the presence of four past Grand Basilei plus the current GB at the time at its yearly social event.



**S**pecial emphasis was placed on the noteworthy heritage of several Chapter members. Bro. David Williams was honored for being one of the original Tuskegee Airmen; Bro. George Hedgespeth for being a successful heart transplant recipient and for being named the first African-American President of the Rotary Club in Birmingham, MI.; Bro. Leo Bowman for recently being appointed the first African-American Oakland County Circuit Court Judge; Bro. Eugene Rogers, M.D. for serving as the President of the North Oakland Chapter of the NAACP. These are only a sample of the caliber of men the Chapter has attracted over the years.

**H**onored during the Memorial Service which climaxed the luncheon were the three Brothers who have entered Omega Chapter since our Chapter was issued May 19, 1980. The first was Bro. James Petteway, M.D. in September, 1992. He was a genuine Omega man and an inspiration to all he met. The second was Bro. Arthur Williams in August, 2002. He was a stalwart member of the community as a minister and an educator. Bro. Richard Craig was memorialized in April, 2006. He was a visionary educator of great intellect, fortitude and wisdom.

## A Message from the Second Vice District Representative



**G**reetings Brothers of the Talented Tenth District,

**F**irst I would like to greet you all in the name of Our Lord and Savior, and Father of the universe for it is through him that we continuously operate. As 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice District Representative of the 10<sup>th</sup> District, it's my vision that we as undergraduates rise to another level in the social standards, performance, mentality, and intelligence. We must also reprioritize what is important to us and place God 1<sup>st</sup> in our everyday endeavors. For it was he that gave our founders Ernest Just, Frank Coleman, Oscar Cooper, and Edgar Love the wisdom to create our beloved, purpose driven organization. My endeavors is to continuously educate the undergraduate body and brotherhood on how to be effective in running a chapter, and being thoroughly immersed in the spirit of omega. In this I will enforce proper education on fraternal information, protocol, parliamentary procedures, infrastructure, traditions, and conduct more becoming of Omega man. For these things, by design, separate his from mediocrity. I will effectively supervise the undergraduate chapters in the district and their activities while striving to improve the undergraduate constituency, so that we may become more efficient as an entity within our great organization.

My Record: **Alexander Gibson III**  
THE TALENTED TENTH DISTRICT

Hometown: Detroit

**Initiated:** 1- Theta Gamma Chapter- Spring April 7, 2005

**Service:** Theta Gamma Chapter Basileus 2007-08, Theta Gamma KRS 2006-07, Theta Gamma Blood Drive Chairman 2005-present, Chapter Hop Team Captain 2006-present

**School:** Eastern Michigan University-Double Major, Marketing/Finance-Senior

## ZETA PHI CHAPTER

## New Brothers

On Saturday, July 14<sup>th</sup>, the portals of Omega opened to welcome three worthy candidates into our ranks. Brothers Gideon Green, Anthony Scott and Christopher Gunn were diligent in their journey to Omega.

**Brother Gideon Green** is a supervisor at Daimler Chrysler in Kokomo, IN. Gideon is a graduate of

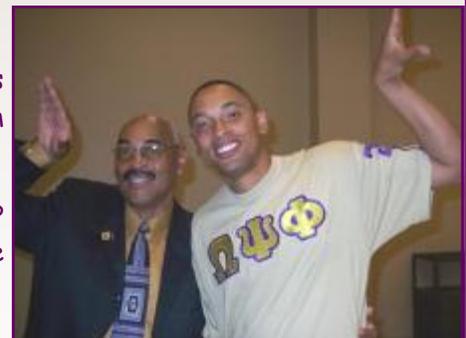
Alabama State University in 2000; he plans to pursue a masters degree. Gideon participates in youth mentoring activities at YMCA branches in Indianapolis and Kokomo and is an active member of Pentecostal Lighthouse Church.

**Brother Anthony R. Scott** is the Assistant Director of Admissions at Indiana University's Hudson and Holland Scholars Program. Anthony is a graduate of Indiana Wesleyan University in 2002 and is currently enrolled at Indiana University, pursuing a Law degree. Anthony leads quarterly college information sessions at the Families United to Educate Leaders (FUEL) and is an active member of Immanuel House of Prayer. He was honorably discharged from the army in 1998.

**Brother Christopher B. Gunn** is a supervisor in Information Technology at Eli Lilly and Company in Indianapolis. Chris is a 1992 graduate of Florida A&M University. Chris participates with the Minority Engineering Program of Indianapolis as a tenth grade facilitator, serves as a FAMU campus recruiter and is contributing to the growth of the FAMU alumni chapter in Indianapolis. Chris is an active member of Eastern Star Church.

It should also be noted that Chris is a second generation Omega. His proud Father, Brother William Gunn, traveled all the way from Georgia to attend the initiation.

Special Acknowledgements must be extended to the entire MSP committee, the brothers of Mighty Zeta Phi and the Indiana State Rep, Brother Ezell Marrs.



## Nu Chi Chapter Member Recognize New Grand Basileus

*Reporter - Bro Andrew Bailey Basileus - Bro Marquis Board*

The men of Nu Chi Chapter attend the 70<sup>th</sup> District Convention held in Milwaukee, Wisconsin on April 19 - 22, 2007. At this meeting the newly elected Grand Basileus greeted the convention with great concern for the fraternity and presented a major plan to move the organization forward.

One of the visions from the Grand Basileus is to be in attendance at every district meeting along with the National Executive Board. While being at the District Meeting each national executive member gave a summarized report of their challenges and their duties they have performed since their election.

The reports from 1<sup>st</sup> Vice Grand Basileus Carl Blunt, Grand Counselor Bro Michael Adams, and Grand Keeper of Records and Seals Bro. Charles Bruce and others shared vital information to uplift the Tenth District.

Shown in the picture ready to give respectful congratulations and loyal support are the Brothers from Nu Chi Chapter [l - r] Bro Danny Mosley, Grand Basileus Warren Lee, Bro Burdette Rice and Bro Washington.



## The Brother of Nu Chi Chapter salutes Brother Williams

*Bro A Bailey - Reporter Bro Marquis Board - Chapter Basileus*



The brothers of Nu Chi Chapter, E St. Louis were in attendance at the 70<sup>th</sup> District Convention held in Milwaukee, Wisconsin. This year the convention was held at the luxurious Four Points Sheraton Hotel with registration beginning at 5:00pm on Thursday, April 19, 2007.

During the Plenary Session II information was given about the new John Williams Historical Museum. The museum will house over 200 exhibits. Many of the exhibits will show case pictures taken by Bro John Williams who has served as district photographer for many years. The museum will house several artifacts from various noted Omega Men such as, the original certificate of Dr Charles Drew, a collection of conclave banners, diploma of Dr. Just, Colonel Young Artifacts. Many other historical artifacts related to the Omega Phi Fraternity Inc.

## PGG Talent at its Best

**R**ho Gamma Gamma Chapter held its 2007 Talent Hunt Competition last at St Ailbe Catholic Church located on Chicago's Southside. The chapter has successfully done this Nationally Mandated Program the past five years under the direction of Bro. Kenyatta Marshall, also the IL State Rep. for the 10<sup>th</sup> District. Bro. Marshall gave the four young contestants and their supporting families a background of the Omega Talent Hunt, and his past involvement in the competition dating back to his high school years in South Carolina where he competed at both the local and regional levels, *"This competition really inspired my creative talents, and introduced me to Omega Psi Phi"*, said Bro. Marshall.

**B**ros. Kendall Franklin and Steve Hill served as Judges of the 2007 RGG Omega Talent Hunt Competition. The contestants and results were as follows:



**1st Place = Brittney Smith** 3.8 GPA, attends Sullivan High School, performed an original oration entitled "Common Stereotypes". She received a framed certificate for her participation and a check for \$100 on behalf of RGG Chapter. On April 20, 2007, Brittney represented RGG Chapter in Milwaukee, WI during the district convention, and although she did not place, she received a standing ovation for her wonderful performance.

**2nd Place = Tamarra Walls**, performed an original oration entitled "Motivation". She received a framed certificate for her participation and a check for \$75 on behalf of RGG Chapter.

**3rd Place = Dantasia Greer**, performed a vocal solo entitled "Open Up My Heart" by Yolanda Adams. She received a framed certificate for her participation and a check for \$50 on behalf of RGG Chapter.

**4th Place = Shaquanta Houston**, performed an original oration entitled "Lost Love". She received a framed certificate for her participation and a check for \$25 on behalf of RGG Chapter.



## Omega Brothers Meet New Purdue University President



Brothers Hawkins  
poses with Dr. Cordova

**I**NDIANAPOLIS, IN- The brothers from Zeta Phi and Upsilon Kappa Kappa chapters had the pleasure of welcoming new Purdue University President Dr. France Cordova. In an effort to establish a positive relationship from the onset, the brothers seized the opportunity to meet the new President at Purdue's Black Alumni Association gathering at this year's Indiana Black Expo.

**D**r. Cordova, an internationally recognized astrophysicist & former NASA chief scientist, comes to Purdue after a remarkable tenure at the University of California-Riverside. She is Purdue's 11<sup>th</sup> president, and first Hispanic and woman in the position. Purdue is home to the Mighty Rho Sigma Chapter and the state's newest undergraduate brothers, Michael Durrett and Marques Fulford. They entered into the fold on June 1, 2007. Brother Eric Crump is the chapter's Basileus.

## Sigma Omega Chapter Initiates Seven in 2007



**C**hicago, IL - On September 29, 2007 the Sigma Omega Chapter welcomed seven new brothers into the fold of Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, Inc. Dubbed "Double 07", Michael Mitchell, Brian J. Packer, Elliott Fourte, MD, William "Bill" Bonner, Keith White, MD, Zebedee Ducre and William Tyler are educators, physicians and businessmen from around the Chicago-land area.

**T**he initiation ceremony occurred at the Chi Lambda Lambda Chapter house and was presided over by the Illinois State Representative, 10<sup>th</sup> District MSP Chairman and various members of the chapter.

**E**nthusiastic and thoroughly immersed in the true Omega spirit, these new brothers will help to carry on the legacy of this historical chapter. They are already working diligently on some of the chapter's signature events such as its annual Founder's Day Banquet and the Mardi Gras Ball.

**E**xpect to hear and see great things from these young brothers as they grow and flourish within Omega.

## PGG REIGNS AT DISTRICT CONVENTION

Submitted by Brother LeMarr "Spedy" Ketchens



The brothers of Rho Gamma Gamma Chapter (Chicago) garnered much respect during the 69<sup>th</sup> Tenth Dis-

trict Convention, which was held in wonderful Pontiac, Michigan. This year was very special for Rho Gamma Gamma Chapter because they came home with three coveted awards: African American Life & History (AALH) Award, Reclamation Chapter of the Year (Large), and District Chapter of the Year.

What is significant about the AALH Award? Bro. Melvin Slater was appointed to chair this committee at the district level. Apparently this was a good move because we all know Bro. Slater has a passion for "Blackness". With that, he and the African American Life & History Committee put together a monthly quiz called "QUEst for Blackness". This was comprised of 4 monthly questions to test the brother knowledge about blackness. Rho Gamma Gamma Chapter had the most brothers participating and answered the most questions correctly. I guess they're really serious about their blackness, huh?

Reclamation is something that Rho Gamma Gamma Chapter has been feverishly working on for years. Apparently, Rho Gamma Gamma has impressed some brothers enough to get them back active and on the rolls as a financial brother. With that said, the chapter reclaimed 23 brothers. This committee is chaired and co-chaired by two very formidable brothers: Bro. Marvin "Bae-Bae" McNeil & Bro. Charles Chadwell. This Dynamic Duo coupled with the things the chapter is

Year after year, Rho Gamma Gamma Chapter has been working hard in the community. This past Fiscal Year was no different. Volunteering for the March of Dimes, Sickle Cell, UNCF, and Diabetes Walks are a start. Of course, Scholarship, one of our Cardinal Principles, was something the chapter did well by awarding (6) \$1000 scholarship to six graduating high school seniors (who were accepted into accredited colleges or universities). Also, volunteering time to assist the NPHC of Chicago with their community service projects as well as volunteer for the Englewood Back to School Parade, where the chapter served as Parade Marshals, worked as crowd control, donated book bags filled with school supplies, and assisted with passing out school supplies provided by parade sponsors. Shoe donations, Blood Drive, Thanksgiving - Turkey Baskets, and Christmas - Toy and Food Baskets were a few more additions.

In conclusion, Rho Gamma Gamma Chapter is looking forward to achieving Chapter of the Year again. Hopefully, the chapter will be able to top what was achieved last year. Keep up to date with Rho Gamma Gamma Chapter by logging on to the chapter website: <http://rhogammagamma.org/main.htm>

## ZETA PHI BROTHER RECEIVES PROMOTIONS FOR ROCHE DIAGNOSTICS



**T**ony Callaway has been promoted to Director of Health Policy in the for Roche Diagnostics Corporation, reporting to Dr. Mike Samoszuk, Chief Medical Officer. In his new role, Tony will be responsible for developing and leading Roche Diagnostics' strategies and policies related to the federal/state legislative, reimbursement and regulatory issues for all business areas within Roche Diagnostics including Diabetes Care. He will be based in Indianapolis and will work to create alignment between Roche Diagnostics' business needs and reimbursement and lobbying activities.

**T**he following positions will report to Tony: the Director of Federal Government Affairs, the Director of State Government Affairs, and the Director of Reimbursement Services. Previously, Tony was a Director, Clinical Market Development in the Medical & Scientific Affairs Department and worked full time as one of the project leaders for Project Leap Frog. Earlier in his career at Roche, Tony was National Director, Corporate Accounts where he was responsible for the large reference laboratory segment and establishing and leading the blood screening sales organization. Prior to joining Roche, Tony served as a health systems executive for Ortho Clinical Diagnostics. Tony has a bachelor's degree in Business from the University of Kentucky and master's degree from Keller University School of Management.

## ΣΩ Delivers Christmas Trees

**O**n Saturday, December 1, 2007 the brothers of Sigma Omega Chapter partnered with the Salvation Army and the Ada S. Mckinley Foundation to deliver Christmas trees to needy families on Chicago's south side.

**T**he men of Omega gathered at Salvation Army community center in the Englewood neighborhood to help unload and distribute a truck of Christmas trees that was donated to the center by the Ada S. Mckinley Foundation.



**T**he brothers assisted families with picking out the right tree and then packing the trees in their cars to be taken to their homes for decoration and display. Altogether, one hundred and twenty-five trees were given away.

**T**he community was very grateful for the donation and the brothers of Sigma Omega were pleased to be of service. The chapter has started to look into the possibility of future projects and programs with the Englewood community Salvation Army center.

## RHO GAMMA GAMMA'S GOSPEL EXPLOSION

Submitted by Brother Lemarr "Spedy" Ketchens



The Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, Inc. Graduate Chapter, Rho Gamma Gamma (Chicago) - in conjunction with the Omega Uplift Foundation, held its Second Annual Purple & Gold Gospel Explosion. The event was held Saturday, November 10, 2007 @ Christ Universal Temple 11901 S. Ashland Avenue Chicago, IL 60643-5495. Doors Opened at 5:00pm. The artists were as follows: Shekinah Glory Ministry, DeWayne Woods, Mt. Pisgah Junior Sensationals, St. Ailbe's Children Choir, and the Mt. Calvary Baptist Church Puppet Ministry.

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The opening act was the St. Ailbe's Children's Choir, which was very full and delightful. The Mt. Pisgah Junior Sensationals were just that, Sensational. It was amazing to listen to seven (7) women produce the sound of a 40-member choir. The Mt. Calvary Puppet Ministry was nice addition and it was very entertaining for the youth in attendance. Shekinah Glory Ministries got the people on their feet and praising. DeWayne Woods closed the night out with selections that kept the crowd on their feet and very pleased.

Overall, the concert was well attended but not a full house. The venue could have held another 1000-1500 more people. It's good to see people praising the Lord and enjoying good music. This was a very good family outing and should be an addition for ALL the members of our glorious organization, Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, Incorporated. The emcee, radio personality, Daryl King, was awesome as usual because she always keeps the crowd involved and enthused.

Kudos goes to the Gospel Explosion Committee and its Chair, Brother Byron Trimble. This is a "Labor of Love" was his battle cry this year. It is a labor of love because it involves long hours, plenty of radio spots, CAN-TV spots, and a host of other meticulous entities. Much love to Brother Trimble and the Gospel Explosion Committee.

## Indy Ques Unite to Fight By Brother Darren Bost



**I**NDIANAPOLIS, IN- The Social Action crew was out bright and early on July 14, 2007 to help volunteer for the Unite 2 Fight: Race Against Prostate Cancer 5K Run/Walk. The downtown event kicked off at 8:00am, but the Omega volunteers were there at 6:30am. The volunteer duties were to direct the runners through the intersections along the course. A host of Omegas ran and walked in the event along with over 2,000 other runners/walkers. This annual event was to raise awareness and funds for the fight against prostate cancer. Our MSP candidates provided service hours by helping pass out food and fruit during the event. The Social Action Committee donated \$100.00 to sponsor Brother Felton Harding as a runner.

**T**he chapter had the opportunity to see many local Omegas, and actually reclaimed a few from the event. Clearly the most exciting portion of the race happened when the brothers took time out to walk with the 'LAST' person as he crossed the finish line. We walked with the retired school teacher who recently had a stroke and could barely lift his left leg.

## Zeta Phi Brothers Keep Indianapolis Beautiful



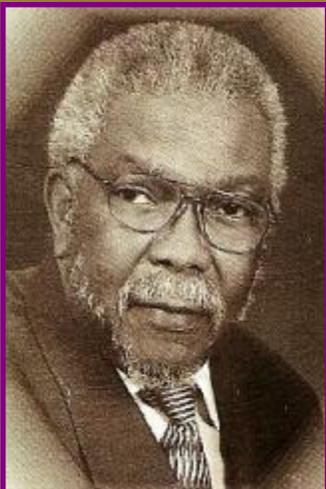
**O**n Saturday, Sept 30, over a dozen of brothers mobilized to help with needed landscaping work at the St. Vincent DePaul Food Pantry. Located at 3001 E. 30th Street across from Washington Park, the food pantry serves hundreds of families in need. It was a busy morning of root removal, tree planting, and brick laying. The brothers even were instrumental in laying the foundation work for an Arbor, that will be completed later in the week.



**T**his effort was led by the always diligent Brother Darren Bost, chairman of the Social Action Committee.

Picture 1: Brothers Kerry Joseph, Angelo Youghbor, Chris Gunn, Anthony Dix, Gideon Green, Chris Townsend, Darren Bost, Gene Hawkins and Tyrell Collins.

Picture 2: Brother Chris Gunn- Zeta Phi '07



## OMEGA CHAPTER

**B**rother Andrew Joseph or better known as "AJ" was born to the union of James H. and Clara T. Wiggins on May 13, 1935 in Centreville, Illinois. His parents, brother L. Talifero and sister Ardella Shegog preceded him in death.

**A.J.** confessed a hope in Christ at an early age and served as a life long member of the St John Missionary Baptist Church. A.J. was educated in E St. Louis School Dist. #189. During High School at Lincoln Sr. High School, his musical vocal abilities earned him a full scholarship to Arkansas Pine Bluff in 1956 with a Bachelor of Arts Degree in Sociology. He was united in Holy Matrimony to Bessie Bernice Ivory on November 30, 1957. To this union two children were born.

**A.J.** enjoyed working for the good of his community. He served the St. John Missionary Baptist Church as Financial Sect. for 25 years. He also served the New Salem Baptist District Association, Inc. as Financial Secretary, and later as Chairman of Finance. While his friend and fraternity Brother Ron Carter was the director of the Lincoln Sr. High School Jazz Band, A.J. served as Band Parent Treasure for several years. He was a proud member of the Nu Chi Chapter of Omega Psi Phi Fraternity to bestow upon him the prized honor of being named "Omega Man of the Year" in 1985. Brother Andrew Joseph Wiggins was initiated into the Omega Psi Fraternity on April 27, 1984. He served faithfully in the Nu Chi Chapter in E. St Louis, Illinois. He was elected President of the Centreville Library Board. Recently, the Library was awarded several thousands of dollars in grant money under his leadership. It gave him great joy to know that this money would allow the library to further its commitment to the literacy of the citizens of Centreville.



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