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2019 3RD NATIONAL CONCLAVE

REGISTER NOW FOR CONCLAVE 2019 IN CHARLOTTE, NORTH CAROLINS JULY 24 - 28, 2019!

The time is now to register for the 3rd National Conclave, as the deadline is slowly approaching. During this conference, the National Events Committee, lead by National Events Coordinator Sweetheart Whitney Hamilton, has put together a week that will be filled with workshops and fellowship, all with the goal of fulfilling the conference theme: Polishing Our C.R.OW.N.S. For Success!

Also, there are still rooms available in the host hotel. Book your hotel now before the final date of June 24th! There is NO DEPOSIT required to reserve your room.

Registration costs are $150 for meeting only and $380 for full conference ($330 for Life Members), which includes all meetings and workshops, the conference gift, conference booklets, and conference activities.

Registration ends on June 16, 2019 so register today!

Click here to register >>> www.isinationalevents.com

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3RD NATIONAL CONCLAVE EVENT HIGHLIGHTS

REGIONAL HIGHLIGHTS

RECAPS OF THE 2019 SPRING REGIONAL CONFERENCES

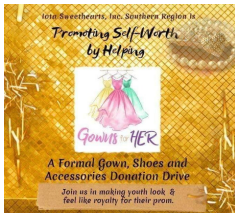
SOUTHERN REGIONALS

MARCH 22-24, 2019 | Austin, Texas

ISI-Southern Region 2019 Spring Regional was held in Austin, Texas March 22nd-24th.Organized by the Central Texas Professional Chapter, the three ladies did a wonderful job putting the event together. ISI Central Texas covers the areas of Austin, Killeen and San Antonio.

Friday, March 22nd was the regional community service, which was in conjunction with Keep Austin Beautiful. Members picked up trash on side of an impoverished area and made seed balls to plant in the area. Keep Austin Beautiful empowers people to care for the environment by providing community resources, education, and volunteer opportunities.

Back at the hotel, the remaining sweethearts collected gowns, shoes, and accessories to donate to "Gowns for Her." Gowns for Her collects prom type items year-round for proms and homecomings.



On Friday evening, the award banquet and silent auction was held at the George Washington Carver Museum. Two High School seniors were awarded $1,000 each. The region also gave out regional awards, in which the following Sweethearts were recipients:

Community Service Award - Sweetheart Brittany Corprew
Chapter of the Year- Baton Rouge Professional Chapter
Rose Award - Sweetheart Moniqueca Long
Sweetheart Miranda Tyson received an award for being the longest member to hold a position (Regional Treasurer from 2010 - 2019)

Saturday, March 23, the business meeting, election, and workshops were held. The workshops covered the topics of finances, gun safety, and real estate. The region also elected its 2019-2021 Executive Board (starting October 2019):
2019 - 2021 ISI - Southern Region Eboard

Vice-President - Sweetheart Andrea Dillon
Secretary - Sweetheart Michelle Trejo
Treasurer - Sweetheart Letitia Ivey
Business Manager/ Regional Membership - Sweetheart Brittany Corprew
Sergeant at Arms - Sweetheart Amber Hammond
Parliamentarian - Sweetheart LaSheka Drew-Smith
Community Service Representative - Sweetheart Moniqueca Long
Communications Representative - Sweetheart Samantha Smith

The region also honored their new Associate Members with their certificates and gifts. Kansas City, Missouri will be the location for Spring Super Regionals in 2020.

Iota Sweethearts, Inc. Midwest Region

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MIDWEST REGIONALS

MARCH 29- 31, 2019 | St. Louis, Missouri

Midwest Regional Meeting took place at the Crown Plaza Hotel during the last weekend of March in St. Louis, MO. During this time, the ladies of the Midwest gathered to handle the business of ISI, enjoy the company of sisterhood and fellowship with the brother of Iota Phi Theta, including welcoming in new brothers into the Brown and Gold family. Below are some photo highlights of the weekend's events:

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GULF COAST REGIONALS

APRIL 4-7, 2019 | Atlanta, Georgia

Together on the outskirts of Booming and Bustling Atlanta, the ladies of the Gulf Coast Region gathered to celebrate Sisterhood in Service, Womanhood, Empowerment, Education, and Tenacity with our brothers of Iota Phi Theta Fraternity, Inc. and to plan for the future of our region. Socials, service projects, workshops, fellowship, and business meetings were the agenda for the weekend and the Gracious ladies of the GCR took it on full force and with SWEET style! Though our numbers be few, we have embraced the vision for ISI set before us by our leadership with one solid goal: rebuilding.

No conference experience is complete without some quality time with Iota Founder Lonnie C. Spruill, Jr., and the love he has for his Sweethearts is infinite! This time, he gave history on the origins of the infamous Centaur Walk and of course, insisted on a photo! The ladies of the GCR also attended the Alpha Pi Probate Show!

A Blood Drive and Donation Drive were the community service projects for the region. 15 people gave blood through Life South and the region collected over $400 worth of items and monetary donations for Beloved Atlanta!

A round table discussion about recruitment, a circle of safety, trust, and bonding, and finally a creative outlet designed to help everyone relax and unwind after a full day of service and emotional exploration served as this year's workshop experience! And the sweets: yum!

Modifications to governing documents, end of year reports from regional officers, recommendations for National Bylaw changes, and election results meant tedious but well spent hours put in by our conference attendees. The 2019-2021 GCR Executive Board are as follows:

Vice President- Charna Wilson
Secretary - Courtney Mitchell
Treasurer - Caprecia Bulloch
Sgt At Arms - Roshe Hill
State Liaison - Whitney Hamilton

Lastly, the Regional Awards Banquet gave members an opportunity to recognize individuals and chapters for their outstanding service to the organization.

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ATLANTIC COAST REGIONALS

APRIL 12-14, 2019 | Jersey City, New Jersey

The 50th Celebration of the Atlantic Coast Region took place in Jersey City, NJ April 12-14. During this time, the ladies of the ACR handled business and enjoyed the fellowship among sisters and friends.

The regional opened with a joint Paint and Sip activity. On Saturday, April 13, the business meeting was conducted in which regional nominations took place for the 2019-2021 executive board .

In between business session 1 and 2, the Awards Luncheon was held. Sweetheart Tyshanna Brown of ISI New York was awarded the Ms. Audrey Brooks Award, and members with 15 years of service were honored.

After the business was complete, the brothers and hearts of the ACR gathered together in fellowship for the Meet and Greet and Cigar Social!

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OHIO VALLEY REGIONALS

APRIL 27, 2019 | Columbus, Ohio

The ladies of the Ohio Valley Region came together in Columbus, Ohio for the 2019 Spring Meeting. Regional elections took place and the newly elected 2019-2021 officers are as follows:

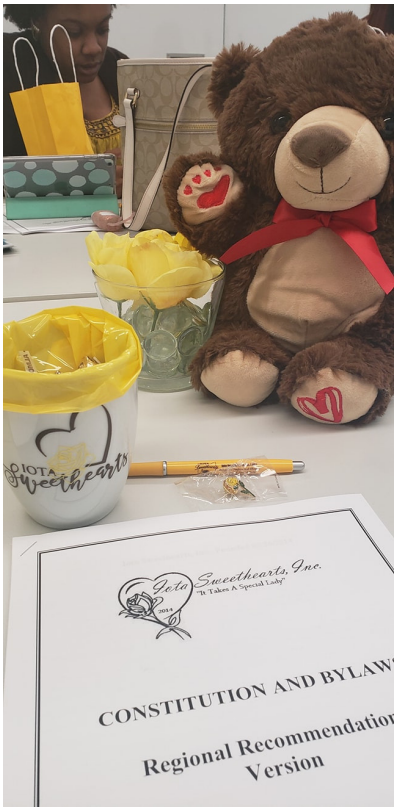
Meiko Bragg- Vice President
Brittani Jackson- Treasurer
Secretary- Debra Brittman
Sergeant at Arms- Tyra Bond

All bylaw recommendations were reviewed for submission for the upcoming Conclave in Charlotte, NC this summer.

The regional awards ceremony/luncheon was also held, in which regional awards were awarded to deserving and outstanding ladies of the OVR. The regional award recipients are listed as below:

Sweetheart of the Year- Brittani Jackson
Chapter of the Year- Michigan Professional Chapter
30+ Years of Service Rewards- Melanie Carmichael, Cherie Johnson-Clark, & Denise Palmer
Sophisticated Sweetheart of the Year- Brittani Jackson

The current Regional board was recognized for their years of service in their positions and look forward to passing the torch to the upcoming regime this summer.



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EASTERN REGIONALS

MAY 18, 2019 | WASHINGTON D.C.

2019 Spring Eastern Regional Meeting was held in Washington D.C. with the theme of "Back to the Basics: Re-Engaging Our Foundation."

For community service, the region made bracelets for women living in the House of Ruth in DC.

And after the business was done, the Sweethearts got together for "Sundresses and Sangrias."

Congratulations are in order for the 2019-2021 Eastern Region Executive Board, who are as follows:

Vice President: TaWanda Anyiwo

Treasurer: Amanda Chambers

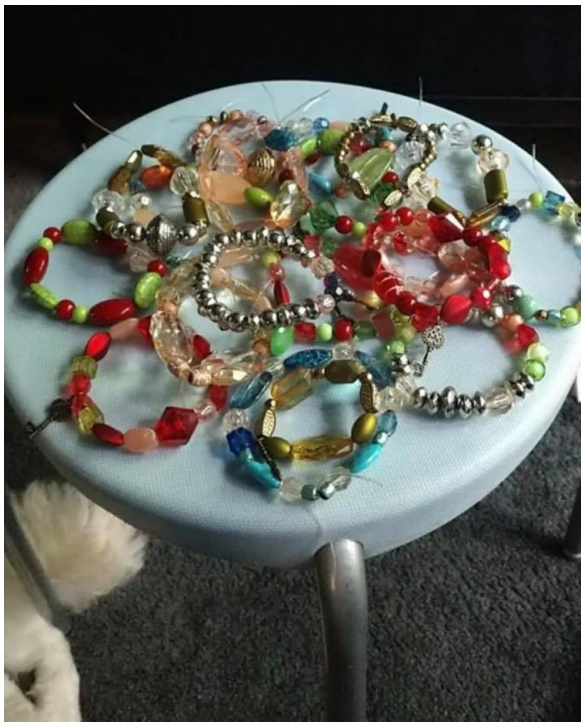
Secretary: Daichelle Lovejoy

Sgt. At Arms: Ayahna Hunter

MD/DC/DE State Liaison: Ciara Nicholson

VA State Liaison: Erika Escobar

NC State Liaison: Joanne Merard



HAPPY 98TH BIRTHDAY TO OUR ETERNAL SWEETHEART MS. AUDREY BROOKS

ISI BALTIMORE PROFESSIONAL CHAPTER

The rain could not stop the ladies of Iota Sweethearts, Inc-Baltimore Professional Chapter from paying their respects to Eternal Sweetheart Ms. Audrey S. Brooks on her 98th Bday!

We will continue to honor your legacy in the most “gracious” way!

#ItTakesASpecialLady #ISI2014 #OwSweet

ISI IN SERVICE

Doing What We Do Best - Impacting the Communities We Serve!

ISI CONNECTICUT LOVE BAGS

Over 250 Bags Were Given to Women's Shelters Throughout the City of Hartford

ISI Connecticut Professional Chapter collaborated with the Hartford Alumnae Chapter of Sigma Gamma Rho Sorority, Inc. for their 3rd Annual Love Bags event on May 25, 2019, in which women's toiletries and personal hygiene products are donated to women's shelters in honor of women's health awareness month.

ISI BATON ROUGE LUPUS WALK

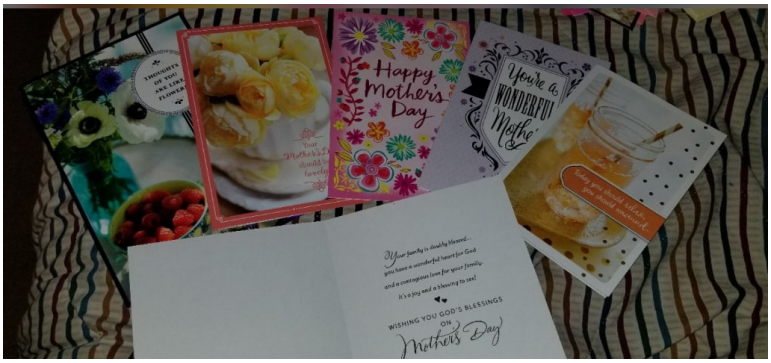
2019 Lupus Walk in Shreveport, LA

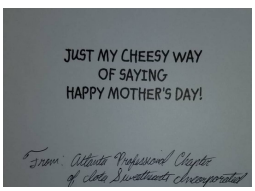
The ladies of the Baton Rouge Professional Chapter hit the pavement in the fight against Lupus on May 18, 2019 in honor of National Treasurer Sweetheart Miranda Tyson.

ISI ATLANTA GREETING CARDS GIVEAWAY

Recognizing mothers on their special day!

The Atlanta Professional Chapter donated Mother's Day Greeting Cards to the Our House shelter in Atlanta on May 12, 2019.





CONGRATS CLASS OF 2019

Sending a huge congratulations to all graduates who have completed their educational journey this spring!

SWEETHEART BRITTNEY NEWTON

SWEETHEART AMY CRAWFORD

SWEETHEART BURLENA SOTO

SWEETHEART ENVIA MALONE

The "Sweet Life"

Recognizing Our Sisters Making Big Moves!

CONGRATS SWEETHEART SPENCER

Congratulations to ISI Connecticut's Lorna Spencer on becoming the new Statewide Supervisor of the Superior Courts of Massachusetts. She is the first and only Black woman to ever hold this position!

Sweetheart Spencer began her career in the Massachusetts Probation Service as a Probation Officer in the Westfield Division of the District Court Department in July of 1993. She was promoted to Assistant Chief Probation Officer at the Hampden Division of the Superior Court in July of 2000 and subsequently promoted to Chief Probation Officer in September of 2014 until this most recent promotion. She has a BS in Criminal Justice/Psychology and an MS in Forensic Psychology from American International College and has completed 2 years in the Doctoral Program at Capella University.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

*REMEMBER TO TURN IN YOUR COMMUNITY SERVICE HOURS! FORMS ARE FOUND ON THE NATIONAL WEBSITE ON THE COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT PAGE OR IN THE MEMBERS ONLY PORTAL.

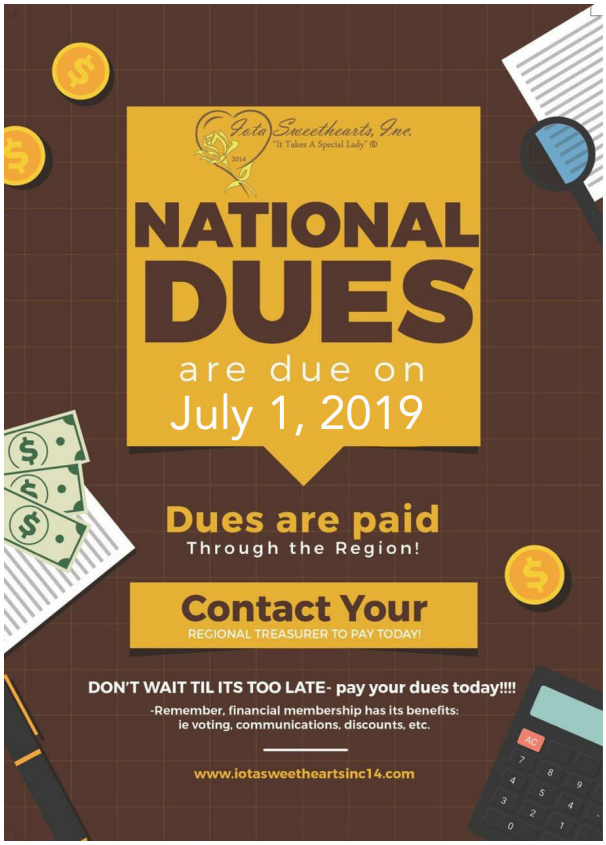
** IF YOU WOULD LIKE TO MAKE A SUBMISSION TO THE NEWSLETTER, BE SURE TO EMAIL YOUR SUBMISSION TO YOUR CHAPTER PR REP. THE NEXT SUBMISSION WILL BE DUE AUGUST 30, 2019.

Get your raffle tickets for an awesome romance basket! Win an overnight hotel stay, dinner, and champagne for you and your special someone! Support the Greater Cleveland/Akron Professional Chapter and purchase your ticket at eventbrite >>> Here

Join the ladies of ISI Connecticut on Sunday, October 13, 2019 for the Walk to End Alzheimer's! This year, we are aiming to meet our goal of $555 and we need your help to get there! Join our team at http://act.alz.org/goto/ISICT or make a donation at the link provided to assist us in reaching and surpassing our goal!

*REMEMBER, NATIONAL DUES ARE DUE ON JULY 1ST!

You must be financial in order to vote. If you have registered to attend Conclave, then you must also be sure to pay your dues for the 2019-2020 year by the July 1st date in order to ensure your ability to vote and entrance into the business meeting. After July 1, your dues are considered late, so take the time now to send your National assessments in to your regional treasurer before the deadline!!!



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