

# Welcome Aboard Our Fantastic Voyage

81<sup>st</sup> North Atlantic Regional Conference

April 18, 2012 - April 22, 2012 Providence, Rhode Island

North Atlantic Regional Director - **Soror Constance R. Pizarro**

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### Greetings Sorors,

It is my esteemed honor and pleasure to invite you to the 81<sup>st</sup> North Atlantic Regional Conference. For more than 103 years, we have tirelessly championed and effectuated our Founders' never-ending quest to provide *service to all mankind*. In the spirit of that legacy, the theme of this conference is "Global Leadership through Timeless Service: Welcome To Our Fantastic Voyage".

Supreme Basileus Carolyn House Stewart has inspired us to better extend our service in the global community while reviving our signature programs. I am gratified by your endeavours over this past year in leadership skills development, social justice, health and economic security. The conference planning team has worked diligently

to provide you with training and information that will enhance your efforts to be servant leaders, both in your chapters and in your communities of service.

As you know, we will be in Providence, RI! Among the highlights:

- Bring toiletry items, packaged underwear and gift cards. Items will be given to victims of domestic violence.
- Bring your "Honey-Do" to a special appreciation reception where we will acknowledge "Honey-Do of the Year"
- Once again, the Regional Director's Dinner will be open to all attendees who wish to attend.
- Sorors who do not attend the formal banquet can enjoy the superb cuisine that is only Rhode Island during the "dine-around."
- Help us to set another record in the Guinness World Book of Records. This time it will be for the most people performing the Cupid Shuffle!

This conference will also emphasize working with our youth. The members of our EYL programs are invited to attend our Public Meeting, where they will be recognized. Additionally, on Saturday, April 21<sup>st</sup>, we will conduct a Youth Summit for children ages 7-17. We want Rhode Island to see that we're not just here to have a conference, but to honor our vow to serve.

I look forward to welcoming you to my second regional conference as your Regional Director. Let's capture the promise together!

**Extending sisterly love,**

**Soror Connie**

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### Greetings Sorors of the Notable North Atlantic Region

On behalf of the Sorors of the "Small but Mighty" Cluster V, I proudly invite you to join us for the 2012 North Atlantic Regional Conference in Providence, RI! As our fantastic voyage moves full speed ahead towards the final destination of Providence, RI, the excitement continues to build and the city of Providence and the Sorors of Cluster V await your arrival with open arms! We are confident that this will prove to be a conference that will be thoroughly enjoyed by all in attendance. We invite you to sit back, relax and enjoy the ride. It promises to be fun filled!

Upon your arrival in Providence, RI, we invite you to explore the city and enjoy some of the fabulous eateries, shopping and historical mansion tours that the location offers. Visit the campuses of the many well known colleges and universities in the area including Johnson & Wales University, Rhode Island School of Design and the historical Brown University where our own Honorary Soror Ruth Simmons serves as President. Also take advantage of the many wonderful offerings within your conference registration packet, such as the Marjorie H. Parker Leadership Breakfast, EAF Legacy Fashion Show Luncheon, Diamond, Golden and Silver Luncheon, Regional Director's Dinner, Honey-Do Appreciation Reception and the Step Show's Pre-Party and Competition. Each event promises to provide an element of "surprise" that you do not want to miss!

Let's continue to "Capture the Promise" as our Regional Director, Soror Constance R. Pizarro leads the way. Sign up for interesting workshops that will help further enhance your knowledge as a member of Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Inc. Sorors, we have a full slate of activities and events in store for you and we know that you will enjoy each and every one.

Cluster V is excited about your arrival at the 81<sup>st</sup> North Atlantic Regional Conference and we are delighted to serve as your host cluster. We look forward to seeing you in Providence, RI, April 18, 2012 – April 22, 2012 for a wonderful conference. Do not miss out on the fun and excitement that this "Fantastic Voyage" will offer!

Sisterly yours,

*Letitia T. Harris*

Soror Letitia T. Harris  
NARC 2012 Chairman

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### To my fellow Notable North Atlantic Region Undergraduate Sorors

My name is Duanecia Evans and I serve as your 2012 North Atlantic Regional Conference Undergraduate Vice-Chairman. I also proudly serve as Basileus of Beta Iota chapter at the University of Bridgeport. The Sorors of Cluster V look forward to welcoming you to Rhode Island for what is set to be a true fantastic voyage for all Sorors. The 2012 North Atlantic Regional Conference is set to take place in the picturesque city of Providence.

For over a century, our illustrious organization has prized itself in being the first and finest. Alpha Kappa Alpha has paved the way on a global scale toward making sure that our founders' vision is carried out daily. Our founders first established the roots of Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Inc. on an undergraduate campus, in the spirit of leadership, in service and most importantly in sisterhood. Each of us made a commitment to a lifetime of service in the name of our organization. Along with understanding the formal ways in which our sorority functions, it is equally important to understand the true beauty within each other.

At the 2012 conference, we want to bridge the gap between graduate and undergraduate sorors through shared experiences and newly fostered relationships in a community of one. As undergraduates, we carry the task of guiding Alpha Kappa Alpha's mission through the next 103 years and beyond.

Under the theme "*Capturing The Essence of Sisterhood*," sorors will join together at the 2012 Undergraduate Luncheon in a spirit of Global Leadership Through Timeless Service. We will continue to strengthen our bonds of sisterhood, highlighting sisterly relations within each of our chapters, with the graduate chapters that advise us, and with the individual mentorships we have established.

On Friday evening, join the Undergraduate Activities committee as we "Step-Back with Alpha Kappa Alpha" and the first Step Show pre-party! We will have a line-up of award-winning recording artists and celebrity DJ's to ensure that all in attendance have a great time! I look forward to seeing you at our 81<sup>st</sup> North Atlantic Regional Conference in the picturesque Providence, Rhode Island!

Sisterly,

**Soror Duanecia A. Evans**

NARC 2012 Undergraduate Vice-Chairman

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## Regional Conference Protocol Reminders

1. Please wear appropriate business attire to all Plenary Sessions, unless otherwise noted.
2. Please wear comfortable shoes to all Plenary Sessions. Flip-flops, house shoes, sneakers are never acceptable unless under direction of a physician.
3. Sorors must wear their conference badge for all meetings and events.
4. Only members with badges will be admitted to plenary sessions
5. Please stand for the procession of dais members.
6. Please stand when the Regional Director enters the room and when introduced.
7. Please stand when former Supreme Basilei, Supreme Basileus enter the room and when they are introduced.
8. Please refrain from walking during dais introductions, the meditation and when the Regional Director or the Supreme Basileus is giving her address to the delegation.
9. Please respect designated seating for delegates, Diamond/Golden Sorors, the physically challenged and reserved seating for conference guests.
10. Please respect designated seating sections. Special seating will be available for Diamond and Golden Sorors, physically challenged Sorors, special guest not seated on the dais and delegates.
11. Please speak after being recognized by the presiding officer.
12. Please address the presiding officer as "Madame Regional Director" or "Madame Supreme Basileus".
13. The use of table hostesses is beneficial during meal functions to remind us of disruptive and distracting conversations during presentations and/or performances at the dais.
14. Please be considerate of other conference attendees and take only ONE gift when they are distributed at functions
15. Please refrain from overloading your plate during receptions. One or two pieces of each food item are appropriate.
16. Hats are not to be worn during our rituals unless under the direction of a physician for medical reasons.
17. The badge should be worn on the outer garment closest to your heart. The badge is never worn while wearing formal attire, slacks/pant suit, sports attire, short or paraphernalia.
18. White or seasonal white are the appropriate shades for Ivies Beyond the Wall Ceremony. Sorors are not to wear pants and are to wear white, off-white or skin tone stockings or hosiery for rituals.
19. Please wear white or off-white shoes for rituals. BLACK SHOES ARE NEVER ACCEPTABLE.
20. A SINGLE STRAND OF PEARLS ARE ALPHA KAPPA ALPHA OFFICIAL JEWELRY.
21. Head coverings are only acceptable and appropriate for religious and medical reasons.

### Thank you Sorors!

**Soror Juanita Gillon Madden**, Chairman  
North Atlantic Region Protocol Committee

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