



History of the Southwestern Regional Philo Affiliates of Sigma Gamma Rho Sorority, Inc.

The Philo Affiliates, friends of Sigma Gamma Rho Sorority, Incorporated, have a long and illustrious history. In 1943, the Galveston-Houston area of Philos began as the Galveston Comrades. The group was organized under the leadership of Mary Scales-Greenwood, Southwestern Regional Syntaktes, and Basileus Minerva Jones.

The Sigma Comrades of Gamma Sigma Chapter, Houston, were organized June 10, 1949, under the leadership of several officers in the chapter: Lorene Lancelin, Southwestern Regional Syntaktes, Merle K. Davis, Basileus, Maudest Steward, Parliamentarian, and Ernestine P. Smith.

Over 100 letters to some special women in the Houston area were mailed inviting them to take part in a meeting. The purpose was to organize an auxiliary to work with the chapter in promoting the objectives and principles of Gamma Sigma Chapter.

In 1951, under the auspices of Ms. Maudest Steward, Basileus of Gamma Sigma Chapter, the name of the affiliate group was changed to Sigma Philos, creating Galveston's Alpha Theta Sigma Philos and Houston's Gamma Sigma Philos.

From 1952 to 1971, several Philo chapters were formed. In 1976, the Sigma Gamma Rho Sorority, Incorporated Grand Body approved the creation and naming of Philos as a National Affiliate. On June 9, 1972, in Galveston, Texas, under the leadership of Soror Virgie Reynolds, Southwestern Regional Syntaktes, and Ms. Vida Taylor, Regional Advisor, six Philo affiliates were united regionally.

In 1977, the Southwestern Regional Philo Handbook for the Southwest Region's Philos was compiled by Mrs. Ida S. Gardner, Philo Coordinator, and was adopted by the Philos in Baton Rouge, Louisiana. The following were written and adopted by Sorors and Philos during the early inception of the Philo Group:

- 1. Philo Pledge**

Written by several Sorors in Gamma Sigma Chapter, Houston, Texas.

- 2. Philo Song**

Written by Philo Otis Evelyn Madison, Gamma Sigma Chapter, Houston, Texas.

- 3. Memorial Service**

Written by Ms. Lorene Lancelin, Gamma Sigma Chapter, Houston, Texas. Revised by Philo Julia Ghee, Zeta Sigma Philo, St. Louis, Missouri in 1986. Revised again August 1990.

4. Induction Ceremony

Written by Ms. Lorene Lancelin, Gamma Sigma Chapter, Houston, Texas.

5. First Regional Handbook

Mrs. Ida S. Gardner, Mu Sigma Chapter, Baton Rouge, Louisiana.

6. First Lady Pageant

Organized by Philo Geneva Young in 1976, this event was originally named, the **Hostess-With-The-Mostest**, by Gamma Sigma Philos. This event, adopted as the Region's funding raising project, gave birth to the **Philo First Lady Pageant**, and the name was changed to reflect the same in 1977. The first pageant was presented in Beaumont, Texas, at the Red-Carpet Inn by Philo Young. The pageant raised \$2,000. The purpose of the project was to raise funds for scholarships to be awarded to undergraduates of the Southwest Region. The scholarship fund was named after Hazel B. Webster. The Southwest Region Philos were proud to be the first to award a \$500 scholarship annually to a Southwest Region undergraduate.

7. Philo Prayer

Written by Philo Juanita Delk, Zeta Sigma Philo, St Louis Missouri; Revised, August 1990.

ACTIVE SOUTHWEST REGION PHILO AFFILIATES

(Listed in Chronological Order)

Alpha Theta Sigma Philo	1943
Alpha Xi Sigma Philo	1946
Gamma Sigma Philo	1949
Beta Omega Sigma Philo	1954
Alpha Phi Sigma Philo	1956
Alpha Kappa Sigma Philo	1960
Gamma Phi Sigma Philo	1972
Alpha Gamma Sigma Philo	1975
Eta Psi Sigma Philo	1999
Mu Sigma Philo	2000
Epsilon Sigma Philo	2000
Gamma Mu Sigma Philo	2001
Theta Sigma Philo	2001
Epsilon Alpha Sigma Philo	2005
Zeta Delta Sigma Philo	2007
Epsilon Phi Sigma Philo	2008
Kappa Mu Sigma Philo	2008
Alpha Omicron Sigma Philo	
Zeta Chai Sigma Philo	
Gamma Lambda Sigma Philo	
Lambda Upsilon Sigma Philo	

SOUTHWESTERN REGION PHILO PRESIDENTS

<u>President</u>	<u>Date Served</u>
Philo Emma King Alpha Phi Sigma Philo Affiliate, San Antonio, TX	1972 - 1974
Philo Sallie Williams Gamma Phi Sigma Philo Affiliate, Houston, TX	1974 - 1980
Philo Mae Emery Mu Sigma Philo Affiliate, Baton Rouge, LA	1980 - 1981
Philo Geneva Young Gamma Sigma Philo Affiliate, Houston, TX	1981 - 1986
Philo Bernice Capiti Gamma Sigma Philo Affiliate, Houston, Texas	1986 - 1988
Philo Barbara Hayes Foreman Alpha Kappa Sigma Philo Affiliate, Austin, TX	1988 - 1992
Philo Barbara D. Johnson Alpha Kappa Sigma Philo Affiliate, Austin, TX	1992 - 1996
Philo Earlene Conner Alpha Xi Sigma Philo Affiliate, Tulsa, OK	1996 - 2000
Philo Robbie Montgomery Alpha Kappa Sigma Philo Affiliate, Austin, TX	2000 - 2004
Philo Sharon L. Carter Alpha Phi Sigma Philo Affiliate San Antonio, Texas	2004 - 2006
Philo Marcia Hall-Hyman Alpha Kappa Sigma Affiliate, Austin, Texas	2006 - 2010
Philo Morolyn Ester Alpha Xi Sigma Philo Affiliate, Tulsa, OK	2010 - 2012
Philo Geraldine Jones Gamma Sigma Philo Affiliate, Houston, Texas	2012 - 2018
Philo Helen Hardin Cannon Epsilon Phi Sigma Philo Affiliate, Gretna LA	2018 - 2022
Philo Shieila Offord-Charles Epsilon Alpha Sigma Philo Affiliate	2024 - 2026

SOUTHWEST REGIONAL PHILO OFFICERS 2000 - 2002

President	Robbie Montgomery Alpha Kappa Sigma Philos, Austin, TX
Vice President	Sharon Carter Alpha Phi Sigma Philos, San Antonio, TX
Recording Secretary	Delores Coleman Alpha Gamma Sigma Philos, Longview, TX
Financial Secretary	Doris Davis Alpha Omicron Sigma Philos, Dallas, TX
Treasurer	Shirley Stephen Gamma Phi Sigma Philos, Houston, TX
Historian	Ruth Mayfield Alpha Gamma Sigma Philos, Longview, TX
Corresponding Secretary	Evelyn Howard Alpha Kappa Sigma Philos, Austin, TX
Chaplain	Linda Gilstrap Alpha Gamma Sigma Philos, Longview, TX
Parliamentarian	Geraldine Jones Gamma Sigma Philos, Houston, TX
Sergeant-at-Arms	Barbara D. Johnson Alpha Kappa Sigma Philos, Austin, TX

Award Results

President's Award	Philo Earlene Connors
Philo of the Year	Philo Barbara Phillips
Philo Advisor of the Year	Ms. Marcene Mackey
Most Punctual	Philo Ola Johnson
Most Helpful	Philo Ruth Mayfield
Arts & Crafts	Alpha Kappa Sigma Philos
Scrapbook	Alpha Kappa Sigma Philos
Philo Group of the Year	Alpha Xi Sigma Philos

Presidents' Gala Awards

Winner – Philo Sharon L. Carter	Alpha Phi Sigma Philos
2nd Place – Philo Ola Johnson	Alpha Xi Sigma Philos
3rd Place – Philo Robbie Montgomery	Alpha Kappa Sigma Philos
4th Place – Philo Joyce Clark-Sneed	Beta Omega Sigma Philos
5th Place – Philo Ruth Mayfield	Alpha Gamma Sigma Philos
6th Place – Philo Bozie Walker	Gamma Mu Sigma Philos

SOUTHWEST REGIONAL PHILO OFFICERS 2002 - 2004

President	Robbie Montgomery Alpha Kappa Sigma Philos, Austin, TX
Vice President	Sharon Carter Alpha Phi Sigma Philos, San Antonio, TX
Recording Secretary	Delores Coleman Alpha Gamma Sigma Philos, Longview, TX
Financial Secretary	Ruth Mayfield Alpha Gamma Sigma Philos, Longview, TX
Treasurer	Shirley Stephen Gamma Phi Sigma Philos, Houston, TX
Historian	Morolyn Ester Alpha Xi Sigma Philos, Tulsa, OK
Corresponding Secretary	Marcia Hall Alpha Kappa Sigma Philos, Austin, TX
Chaplain	Allecia Sledge Mu Sigma Philos, Baton Rouge, LA
Parliamentarian	Geraldine Jones Gamma Sigma Philos, Houston, TX
Sergeant-at-Arms	Roberta Ewing Gamma Sigma Philos, Houston, TX

SOUTHWEST REGIONAL PHILO OFFICERS 2004 - 2006

President	Sharon Carter Alpha Phi Sigma Philos, San Antonio, TX
Vice President	Delores Coleman Alpha Gamma Sigma Philos, Longview, TX
Recording Secretary	Annette O'Neil Alpha Gamma Sigma Philos, Longview, TX
Financial Secretary	Ruth Mayfield Alpha Gamma Sigma Philos, Longview, TX
Treasurer	Shirley Stephen Gamma Phi Sigma Philos, Houston, TX
Historian	Morolyn Ester Alpha Xi Sigma Philos, Tulsa, OK
Parliamentarian	Marcia Hall Alpha Kappa Sigma Philos, Austin, TX
Goodwill Ambassador	Debra Smallwood Alpha Omicron Sigma Philos, Dallas, TX
Sergeant-at-Arms	Geraldine Jones Gamma Sigma Philos, Houston, TX
Musical Director	Robbie Montgomery Alpha Kappa Sigma Philos, Austin, TX

SOUTHWEST REGIONAL PHILO OFFICERS 2006 - 2008

President	Marcia Hall-Hyman Alpha Kappa Sigma Philos, Austin, TX
Vice President	Delores Coleman Alpha Gamma Sigma Philos, Longview, TX
Recording Secretary	Annette O'Neil Alpha Gamma Sigma Philos, Longview, TX

Financial Secretary	Ruth Mayfield Alpha Gamma Sigma Philos, Longview, TX
Treasurer	Marjorie Turner Gamma Sigma Philos, Houston, TX
Historian	Morolyn Ester Alpha Xi Sigma Philos, Tulsa, OK
Parliamentarian	Earlene Conner Alpha Xi Sigma Philos, Austin, TX
Goodwill Ambassador	Wendy Cowans Zeta Delta Sigma Philos, Arlington, TX
Sergeant-at-Arms	Ola Raby Mu Sigma Philos, Baton Rouge, LA
Correspondence Secretary	Robbie Montgomery Alpha Kappa Sigma Philos, Austin, TX

SOUTHWEST REGIONAL PHILO OFFICERS 2008 - 2010

President	Marcia Hall-Hyman Alpha Kappa Sigma Philos, Austin, TX
Vice President	Morolyn Ester Alpha Xi Sigma Philos, Tulsa, OK
Recording Secretary	Wendy Cowans Zeta Delta Sigma Philos, Arlington, TX
Financial Secretary	Ruth Mayfield Alpha Gamma Sigma Philos, Longview, TX
Treasurer	Marjorie Turner Gamma Sigma Philos, Houston, TX
Historian	Kim Cary Mu Sigma Philos, Baton Rouge, LA

Parliamentarian	Geraldine Jones Gamma Sigma Philos, Houston, TX
Chaplain	Linda Gilstrap Alpha Gamma Sigma Philos, Longview, TX
Sergeant-at-Arms	Elouise Gosserand Mu Sigma Philos, Baton Rouge, LA
Correspondence Secretary	Barbara Coursey Alpha Kappa Sigma Philos, Austin, TX
Advisor	Mrs. Elaine Doyle Mu Sigma Philos, Baton Rouge, LA

2009 SOUTHWEST REGIONAL CONFERENCE AWARD RESULTS (Opelousas, LA)

A. Scrapbook	1st Place	Alpha Kappa Sigma Philos, Austin, TX
	2nd Place	Zeta Delta Sigma Philos, Arlington, TX
	3rd Place	Epsilon Sigma Philos, New Orleans, LA
B. Philo of the Year	Philo Debra Smallwood	Kappa Mu Sigma Philos, Grand Prairie, TX
C. Outstanding Philo Affiliate		Kappa Mu Sigma Philos, Grand Prairie, TX
D. Community Service	1st Place	Kappa Mu Sigma Philos, Grand Prairie, TX
	2nd Place	Alpha Kappa Sigma Philos, Austin, TX
	3rd Place	Mu Sigma Philos, Baton Rouge, LA
E. Membership Development	Winner	Mu Sigma Philos, Baton Rouge, LA
	1st Place	Alpha Xi Sigma Philos, Tulsa, OK
	2nd Place	Alpha Omicron Sigma Philos, Dallas, TX
	3rd Place	Gamma Sigma Philos, Houston, TX
F. President's Gala	Winner	Philo Vernita Lee, Epsilon Sigma Philos Opelousas, LA
	1st Runner-up	Philo Sharon Carter, Alpha Phi Sigma Philos, San Antonio, TX
	2nd Runner-up	Philo Barbara Coursey, Alpha Kappa Sigma Philos, Austin, TX
	3rd Runner-up	Philo Wendy Cowans, Zeta Delta Sigma Philos, Arlington, TX

G. Most Members Present	1st Place	Mu Sigma Philos, Baton Rouge, LA
	2nd Place	Gamma Sigma Philos, Houston, TX
H. Project Reassurance Best Display	1st Place	Zeta Delta Sigma Philos, Arlington, TX
	2nd Place	Alpha Kappa Sigma Philos, Austin, TX
I. Most Punctual		Alpha Xi Sigma Philos –Tulsa, OK
J. Philo Advisor of the Year		Ms. Millicent Delaney, Advisor; Kappa Mu Sigma Philos, Grand Prairie, TX

2010 SOUTHWEST REGIONAL CONFERENCE AWARD RESULTS

A. Scrapbook	Winner	Kappa Mu Sigma Philos, Grand Prairie, TX
	2nd Place	Alpha Kappa Sigma Philos, Austin, TX
	3rd Place	Gamma Sigma Philos, Houston, TX
B. Philo of the Year	Philo Joyce Moses	Gamma Sigma Philos, Houston, TX
C. Outstanding Philo Affiliate		Kappa Mu Sigma Philos, Grand Prairie, TX
D. Community Service	1st Place	Kappa Mu Sigma Philos, Grand Prairie, TX
	2nd Place	Zeta Delta Sigma Philos, Arlington, TX
	3rd Place	Epsilon Phi Sigma Philos, Greta, LA
E. Membership Development		Alpha Phi Sigma Philos, San Antonio, TX
F. President Gala	Winner	Zeta Delta Sigma Philos, Arlington, TX
	1st Runner-up	Alpha Kappa Sigma Philos, Austin, TX
	2nd Runner-up	Alpha Xi Sigma Philos, Tulsa, OK
	3rd Runner-up	Gamma Sigma Philos, Houston, TX
G. Most Members Present	Winner	Alpha Xi Sigma Philos, Tulsa, OK
	1st Place	Mu Sigma Philos, Baton Rouge, LA
I. Most Punctual	Barbara Coursey	Alpha Kappa Sigma Philos, Austin, TX
J. Philo Advisor of the Year	Mrs. Georgia Johnson	Alpha Kappa Sigma, Austin, TX

SOUTHWEST REGIONAL PHILO OFFICERS 2010 - 2012

President	Morolyn Ester Alpha Xi Sigma Philos, Tulsa, OK
Vice President	Gloria Delaney Kappa Mu Sigma Philos, Grand Prairie, TX
Recording Secretary	Wendy Cowans Zeta Delta Sigma Philos, Arlington, TX
Financial Secretary	Ruth Mayfield Alpha Gamma Sigma Philos, Longview, TX
Treasurer	Marjorie Turner Gamma Sigma Philos, Houston, TX
Historian	Kim Cary Mu Sigma Philos, Baton Rouge, LA
Advisor	Mrs. Elaine Doyla Mu Sigma Philos, Baton Rouge, LA

2011 SOUTHWEST REGIONAL CONFERENCE AWARD RESULTS March 31 – April 3, 2011 (Baton Rouge, LA)

President's Gala Award

Winner – Alpha Kappa Sigma Philo Affiliate Philo Barbara Coursey
1st Runner-Up – Mu Sigma Philo Affiliate Philo Eloise Gosserand
2nd Runner-Up – Alpha Xi Sigma Philo Affiliate Philo Earlene Conner

Attendance Award: Mu Sigma Philos

Community Service Award: 1st Place - Alpha Xi Sigma Philo Affiliate
2nd Place - Zeta Delta Sigma Philo Affiliate

Scrapbook Award: 1st Place - Alpha Kappa Sigma Philo Affiliate
2nd Place - Zeta Delta Sigma Philos Affiliate

Philo Affiliate of the Year Award: Zeta Delta Sigma Philo Affiliate

Philo of the Year Award: Gamma Sigma Philo Affiliate Philo Joyce Moses

Philo Advisor of the Year Award: Zeta Delta Sigma Chapter Ms. Nikita Holloman

Most Punctual Award: Zeta Delta Sigma Philos

SOUTHWEST REGIONAL PHILO OFFICERS 2010 - 2012

President	Geraldine Jones Gamma Sigma Philos, Houston, TX
Vice President	Elouise Gosserand Mu Sigma Philos, Baton Rouge, LA
Recording Secretary	Kim Cary Mu Sigma Philos, Baton Rouge, LA
Financial Secretary	Wendy Cowans Zeta Delta Sigma Philos, Arlington, TX
Treasurer	Ruth Mayfield Alpha Gamma Sigma Philos, Longview, TX
Historian	Linda Gilstrap Alpha Gamma Sigma Philos, Longview, TX
Advisor	Mrs. Barbara Foreman

SOUTHWEST REGIONAL CONFERENCE 2012 March 22 – March 25, 2012 (Houston, TX)

Winner ---- Alpha Phi Sigma Philos - Philo Sharon Carter
1st Runner up -----Alpha Kappa Sigma Philos - Philo Yvonne Tapscott
2nd Runner Up ----- Alpha Xi Sigma Philos - Philo Philo Dionisa Dailey
2nd Runner up -----Gamma Sigma Philos - Philo Philo Joyce Moses

PHILO OF THE YEAR Alpha Kappa Sigma, Philo Barbara Coursey

PHILO ADVISOR OF THE YEAR Gamma Sigma Chapter, Mrs. Doris Anderson

PHILO GROUP OF THE YEAR Alpha Xi Sigma Philos

COMMUNITY SERVICE

1st Place -- Alpha Xi Sigma Philos
2nd Place -- Epsilon Sigma Philos

SCRAPBOOK

1st Place --- Alpha Kappa Sigma Philos
2nd Place -- Zeta Delta Sigma Philos
3rd Place -- Gamma Sigma Philos

ATTENDANCE -- Alpha Xi Sigma Philos

MEMBERSHIP DEVELOPMENT-- Epsilon Sigma Philos

MOST PUNCTUAL-- Alpha Xi Sigma Philos

SOUTHWEST REGIONAL CONFERENCE 2013
April 4 – April 7, 2013 (San Antonio, TX)

AWARDS RESULTS

President's Gala Award:

Winner – Philo Maureen Burnell- Bridges - Alpha Kappa Sigma Philo Affiliate

1st Runner-Up –Philo Wendy Cowans - Zeta Delta Sigma Philo Affiliate

2nd Runner-Up –Philo Joyce Moses - Gamma Sigma Philo Affiliate

Membership Award:

1st Gamma Mu Sigma Philo Affiliate

2nd Xi Sigma Philo Affiliate

Attendance Award:

Xi Sigma Philo Affiliate

Display Award:

1st Place – Mu Sigma Philo Affiliate

Scrapbook Award:

1st Place – Zeta Delta Sigma Philo Affiliate

Most Punctual Award:

Xi Sigma Philo Affiliate

SOUTHWEST REGIONAL CONFERENCE 2014
March 13 – March 16, 2014 (Little Rock, AR)

2014 – 2016 Officers

President	Geraldine Jones, Gamma Sigma Philos, Houston, TX
Vice President	Sharon L. Carter, Phi Sigma Philos, San Antonio, TX
Recording Secretary	Jennifer Lacour, Alpha Xi Sigma Philos, Tulsa OK
<i>Financial Secretary</i>	Carolyn Thompkins, Alpha Xi Sigma Philos, Tulsa OK
Treasurer	Ruth Mayfield Alpha Gamma Sigma Philos, Longview, TX
Historian	Linda Gilstrap Alpha Gamma Sigma Philos, Longview, TX
Parliamentarian	Philo Marcia Hall-Hyman, Alpha Kappa Sigma Philos, Austin, TX

Miss. Barbara Foreman, Appointed Philo Advisor
Mrs. Henry Etta O'Neal Regional Syntaktes

SOUTHWESTERN REGIONAL 2014 AWARDS RESULTS

FIRST LADY PAGEANT:

Winner ---- Mu Sigma Affiliate ---- Philo Elouise Gosserand
1st Runner up-----Gamma Sigma Affiliate ---- Philo Areba Jones
2nd Runner Up----- Alpha Gamma Sigma Affiliate ----- Philo Linda Gilstrap

PHILO OF THE YEAR:

Alpha Gamma Sigma Affiliate, Philo Ruth Mayfield

PHILO ADVISOR OF THE YEAR:

Alpha Xi Sigma Chapter, Ms. Marcene Mackey

PHILO GROUP OF THE YEAR:

Alpha Xi Sigma Affiliate

COMMUNITY SERVICE:

1st Place---Mu Sigma Affiliate

SCRAPBOOK:

1st Place --- Alpha Xi Sigma Affiliate

ATTENDANCE:

Alpha Xi Sigma Affiliate

MOST PUNCTUAL:

Alpha Xi Sigma Affiliate

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Philo of the Year Winner: Philo Ruth Mayfield, Alpha Gamma Affiliate – Southwestern Region

25 YEAR PIN

Southwestern Region Total: 7

Philo Zella Mae Hunter, Alpha Xi Affiliate Philo

Ruby Jackson, Alpha Xi Affiliate

Philo Marcie McGee, Alpha Xi Affiliate

Philo Justine Washington, Alpha Xi Affiliate

Philo Lanetta Vann, Alpha Xi Affiliate Philo

Roberta Ewing, Gamma Sigma Affiliate

Philo Joyce Moses, Gamma Sigma Affiliate

SOUTHWESTERN REGIONAL 2015 AWARDS RESULTS

President's Gala Winners Philo Rosharon Collins *Zeta Delta Sigma Philo*

1st Runner Up Philo Sharon Carter *Alpha Phi Sigma Philo*

2nd Runner Up Philo Elouise Gosserand *Mu Sigma Philo*

Membership Development Award Epsilon Phi Sigma Philo *President, Philo Karen Mixon*

Southwestern Region Philo Attendance Award Alpha Xi Sigma Philo *President, Philo Carolyn Thompkins*

Scrapbook Award Zeta Delta Sigma Philo *President, Philo Rosharon Collins*

Philo Of the Year Philo Elouise Gosserand *Mu Sigma Philo President, Philo Stacy Singleton*

Philo Advisor of The Year Ms. Nikita Holloman *Zeta Delta Sigma Philo President, Philo Rosharon Collins*

Community Service Alpha Xi Sigma Philo

Philo Affiliate of The Year Alpha Xi Sigma Philo

SOUTHWEST REGIONAL CONFERENCE 2016
March 17 – March 20, 2016 (Renaissance Hotel, Dallas, TX)

2016 – 2018 Officers

President	Geraldine Jones, Gamma Sigma Philos, Houston, TX
Vice President	Sharon L. Carter, Phi Sigma Philos, San Antonio, TX
Recording Secretary	Jennifer Lacour, Alpha Xi Sigma Philos, Tulsa OK
Financial Secretary	Carolyn Thompkins, Alpha Xi Sigma Philos, Tulsa, OK
Treasurer	Ruth Mayfield Alpha Gamma Sigma Philos, Longview, TX
Historian	Marcia Hall-Hyman Alpha Kappa Sigma Philos, Austin, TX
Parliamentarian	Philo Ola Johnson, Alpha Xi Sigma Philos, Tulsa, OK
Chaplin	Philo Morolyn Easter Alpha Xi Sigma Philos, Tulsa, OK
Sergent- at -Arms	Eloise Gosserand Mu Sigma, Baton Rouge, LA
Advisor	Miss. Barbara Foreman
Syntaktes	Ms. Lashonda Johnson

SOUTHWEST REGIONAL CONFERENCE 2017
March 16 – March 19, 2017 (Renaissance Hotel, Austin, TX)

2017 Awards

Membership Development	Winner- Lambda Sigma Philo Affiliate
Scrapbook	Winner Zeta Delta Sigma Philo Affiliate
Community Service	Winner - Alpha Xi Sigma Philo Affiliate
Philo of the Year Affiliate	Winner - Philo Martha Hernandez, Alpha Kappa Sigma Philo
Philo Group of the Year	Winner - Alpha Kappa Sigma Philo Affiliate
Most Punctual Affiliate	Winner - Alpha Phi Sigma Philo Affiliate
Affiliate with the most Philos Registered	Winner - Gamma Phi Sigma Philo Affiliate
Affiliate with all financial members Registered	Winner - Alpha Phi Sigma Philo Affiliate
President Gala	Winner - Rosalin Gibbs, Gamma Phi Sigma Philo Affiliate
Congeniality	Winner Philo Kim Williams, Lambda Upsilon Sigma Philo Affiliate
Photogenic	Winner - Philo Helen Smith, Alpha Omicron Sigma Philo Affiliate

2017 Deceased Philo

Philo Elizabeth Ann Murrell
Alpha XI Sigma
Tulsa, Oklahoma
Date 1-21-2017

Philo Mary Wilson
Alpha XI Sigma
Tulsa Oklahoma
November 14, 2017

SOUTHWEST REGIONAL CONFERENCE 2018
March 15 – March 18, 2018 (Hyatt Regency, New Orleans, LA)
Philo Affiliate 75th Anniversary

2018 – 2020 Officers

President	Philo Helen Cannon Epsilon Phi Sigma Philo Affiliate, Gretna, LA
Vice President	Philo Rosharon Galles, Zeta Delta Sigma Philo Affiliate, San Antonio, TX
Recording Secretary	Philo Sharon L. Carter, Phi Sigma Philo Affiliate, San Antonio, TX
Financial Secretary	Philo Geraldine Jones Gamma Sigma Philo Affiliate, Houston, TX
Treasurer	Philo Ruth Mayfield Alpha Gamma Sigma Philo Affiliate, Longview, TX
Historian	Philo Dinah Beverly Epsilon Sigma Philo Affiliate, Gretna, LA
Syntaktes	Ms. Lashonda Johnson

2018 Awards

- Membership Development - Winner- Gamma Phi Sigma Philo Affiliate
- Scrapbook - Winner - Zeta Delta Sigma Philo Affiliate
- Community Service - Winner - Alpha Xi Sigma Philo Affiliate
- Philo of the Year - Winner - Philo Kenya Thomas, Gamma Phi Sigma Philo Affiliate
- Philo Group of the Year - Winner - Alpha Xi Sigma Philo Affiliate
- Most Punctual Affiliate - Winner - Alpha Phi Sigma Philo Affiliate
- Congeniality - Winner Philo Eloise Gosserand, Mu Sigma Philo Affiliate
- Photogenic - Winner – Kimberly Williams, Alpha Omicron Sigma Philo Affiliate
- Philo Advisor of the year – Winner - Betty Hollins - Gamma Sigma
- Sigma Bronze Community Service - Alpha Kappa Sigma Philo Affiliate



ALPHA KAPPA SIGMA PHILO AFFILIATE
OF SIGMA GAMMA RHO SORORITY, INC.
1960 - 2024

The Alpha Kappa Sigma Philos of Sigma Gamma Rho Sorority, Inc., were organized in Austin, Texas, January 31, 1960, in the home of Sigma Hazel Dean* at 2009 Washington Avenue.

Sigma Johnnie Y. Rice*, Basileus, welcomed the fourteen women, giving them the history of the sorority and its efforts to curb juvenile delinquency and promote finer womanhood. There were other remarks made by Sigma A.N. Harris*.

The fourteen members were: Jessie Ellison, President*; Annie Stiles, Vice President; Margarite Johnson*, Recording Secretary; Lillian Norwood, Assistant Secretary; Cecil Moore, Treasurer; and Willie Risher, Reporter. Members were Billie Clark, Mary Grant*, Lula Hicks*, Johnnie Humphrey Adams, Magnolia Johnson, Joyce Morris*, Juanita Russell*, and Mary Ward.

Sigma Beulah Thompson* was selected by the Alpha Kappa Sigma Alumnae Chapter as the first Philo Advisor, and Sigma Drucie Humphrey* as Co-Advisor. Other Sigmas present at the meeting were: Nehoma Brown, Dr. Beulah A. Curry-Jones, Roberta Green*, E. L. Hodge, Eleanor R. Sims*, and Lillie Williams*.

During these fifty- five years we have had as presidents the following Philos: Essie Ellison, Annie Stiles*, Juanita Russell*, Sallie Watterson*, Bobbie Jones, Barbara Hayes Foreman, Barbara D. Johnson, Ella Harris, Helen Gayenell Bell, Barbara D. Johnson, Robbie Montgomery, Marcia Hall-Hyman, Robbie Montgomery, and in 2008 Philo Barbara Coursey was elected. Our former advisors were Drucie Humphrey*, Lillie Williams*, Vivian Jamieson, Hazel Dean*, Beulah M. Thompson*, Mildred Medearis*, A. J. Williams*, Patricia Hiller, Marcia Grace Bowen, Dr. Wanda Nelson, Nehoma Brown and Mary Ashford. In 2008, Georgia Johnson was appointed Philo Advisor and there were twelve members. In 2012, Mary Ashford was appointed Philo Advisor. In 2014, Dr. Wanda L. Nelson was appointed Philo Advisor and Philo Barbara Coursey served as President. Philo Marcia Hall-Hyman was elected President 2014- Present. Present and in 2018 Ms. Pearl Collins was appointed Philo Advisor. We presently have six members.

Additional historical notes:

2004, Philo Marcia Hall-Hyman was appointed SWR Parliamentarian.

2006, Philo Marcia Hall –Hyman was elected SWR Philo President.

2008, Philo Marcia Hall-Hyman was elected National Philo Historian and Philo Barbara Coursey was appointed SWR Correspondence Secretary.

2010, Philo Marcia Hall Hyman was elected National Philo President and Philo Barbara Coursey was appointed National Philo Parliamentarian.

2012, Philo Coursey was appointed Southwestern Regional Parliamentarian.

2014, Philo Marcia Hall was appointed Southwestern Regional Parliamentarian and

Philo Marcia Hall-Hyman was appointed National Philo Chaplain.
 2016, Philo Marcia Hall-Hyman was elected Regional and National Historian
 2018, Philo Marcia Hall-Hyman was reelected National Historian & appointed Regional Parliamentarian.

Alpha Kappa Sigma Philos participated in the following community service projects provided scholarships to young ladies, adoption of three nursing homes, supporting UNCF, Huston-Tillotson University, Salvation Army, Givens Recreation Center (feeding the homeless), Project Reassurance - Any Baby Can, and supporting our sponsoring Chapter with Sigma National Projects.

Projects.

2014-2018 Project -Pink Tea in honor of Hattie McDaniel Cancer Awareness Month, Operation Big-Book-Bag, Project Reassurance - Any Baby Can, Veterans Program, Black History Month Celebration - Healthy Lifestyle, St. Jude Children’s Research Hospital, Soles for Little Soul, Project Cradle Care & donation of men clothing to the prison ministry Projects.

2018-2020 Project –Volunteered with Susan G Komen in honor of Hattie McDaniel Cancer Awareness Month, Operation Big-Book-Bag – provided school supplies to several elementary school, Veterans Program – in honor of our Veterans,, Black History Month Celebration - Healthy Life Style, monetary donation to St. Jude Children’s Research Hospital, Soles for Little Soul- collected and donated shoes to the youth, Project Cradle Care – donated baby items, volunteered at Mt. Olive Baptist Church serving food to the homeless, provided scholarships to young ladies for sponsoring chapter debutant ball, donation to Goodwill of Central Texas, food donation for the homeless to the Hutto Resource Center, collected and donated warm clothing to the homeless & donation women clothing to Lisa’s Hope Chest for women attempting to adopt to society.

<u>Members</u>	<u>Office</u>	<u>Induction date</u>
Philo Barbara Coursey	Treasurer	01-20-2007
Philo Marcia Hall-Hyman	President	10-01-1999
Philo Maureen Burnell-Bridges	Financial Secretary	11-18-2006
Philo Margaret Tapscott	Historian	10-05-1985
Philo Mae Fletcher	Chaplain	10-19- 1991
Philo Martha Hernandez	Recording Secretary	11-12- 2016



Philo Martha Hernandez, 2016 SWR Philo of the year



L-R: Philo Marcia Hall-Hyman, Dr. Wanda Nelson, 2016 SWR Philo Advisor-of-the-Year, Philo Maureen Bridges, 2016 National Philo of the year

ALPHA PHI SIGMA PHILOS OF SIGMA GAMMA RHO SORORITY, INC. SAN ANTONIO, TEXAS

HISTORY

The Alpha Phi Sigma Philo chapter was organized on December 14, 1956. Mrs. Willie Y. Richardson was the organizer and Basileus. There were nineteen (19) women inducted as Philos. They were as follows:

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| 1. Vivian Adams | 11. Emma King |
| 2. Shirley Beaufort | 12. Dorothy Muse |
| 3. May Bitty Brown | 13. Doris Watson |
| 4. Alma Capes | 14. Virginia White |
| 5. Alma Christopher | 15. Myrtle Williams |
| 6. Namon Cunningham | 16. Lottie Parish |
| 7. Samantha Hall | 17. Anna Bell Jackson |
| 8. Elnora Hines | 18. Amy Taylor |
| 9. Eva Hornsby | 19. Graches Propp |
| 10. L.D. Harris | |

Philo Eva Hornsby served as the first chapter president. Mrs. Willie Y. Richardson served as the first advisor and continued serving in that position for six years. Philo Emma King was the second chapter president. Mrs. Vida Taylor and Mrs. Mabel T. Banks became our Philo Co-Advisors for one term. After that Mrs. Vida Taylor continued as Philo advisor until 1985.

- 1985-1990 Mrs. Barbara Maxey served as Philo Advisor.
 1990-1996 Mrs. Sandra Thomas served as Philo Advisor.
 1996- 2006 Mrs. Barbara Maxey served as Philo Advisor.
 2006- 2008 Ms Sandra Thomas served as Philo Advisor
 2008- 2010 Mrs. Cheryl Sance-Goodspeed served as Philo Advisor
 2010- 2012 Mrs. Sandra Thomas-Ojimadu served as our Philo Advisor

20 12- 2016 Ms. Jeanie Turner, former Philo, served as our Philo Advisor
2016-2018 Mrs. Edith Fields served as Philo Advisor

The third chapter president was Philo Shirley Beaufort.

Other chapter presidents served as follows:

1976-1978 – Dorothy Thomas

1978-1984– Frances Jarmon

1984-1986 – Josephine Barnes

1986-1990– Lynda L. Banks

1990-2006– Sharon L. Carter

2006-2008 – Annie Ruth Jones

2008-2010 – Laura M^cKinnon

2010-Present- Sharon L. Carter

We have had many great ladies walk through this great affiliate. Some have gone home to be with the Lord. Some have gone on to become Sorors, and others have just become inactive in our organization.

We were very blessed to be able to recognize the presence of Philo Dorothy Thomas as a continued vital part of our organization for fifty years as of 2010. Philo Dorothy Thomas passed away in 2010.

Philo Emma King, one of our charter members, became the **first Regional Philo President of the Southwest Region**.

Philo Dorothy Thomas served as the **first National Philo Treasurer**.

Philo Lynda L. Banks served as **SW Regional Philo Historian** for two terms.

Philo Sharon L. Carter served as **Southwest Regional Philo Recording Secretary** from 1987-2000.

Philo Sharon L. Carter served as **National Philo Recording Secretary** 1996-1998

Philo Sharon L. Carter served as **Southwest Regional Vice-President** 2000-2004.

Philo Sharon L. Carter served as **Southwest Regional President** 2004.-2006

Philo Sharon L. Carter served as **National Philo President** 2006 – 2010

Philo Sharon L. Carter served as **National Philo Parliamentarian** 2012 to present.

Philo Sharon L. Carter served as **Southwest Regional Vice-President** 2012 to present.

Our local chapter continues to strive for excellence in service:

1. We are committed to our youth's education by being mentors in Sinclair Elementary School.
2. We used to give U.S. saving bonds to the youth that participate in our annual "Sweetheart Pageant," now that US saving bonds are no longer accessible we give certified Checks and encourage parents to open Saving accounts for the children.
3. We give scholarships yearly to local high school graduates.
4. We work year-round to help feed and clothe the homeless and hungry.
5. We participate actively in all projects that our sponsoring chapter hosts.
6. We make donations to the local Davis-Scott Branch YMCA.
7. We work with Seton Home (Home for unwed teenage girls).
8. We try to render any other service that we deem needs our attention.

9. We give annually to the San Antonio, Food Bank.

We adopted a family in 2002 and have continued to work with them for six years. The family consisted of an 80-year-old grandmother who has been left to take care of five grandchildren, ages 3-17 because the mother was a drug addict. We gave the children eleven to twelve gifts each for Christmas, so the grandmother didn't have to try and buy them gifts. We provided them with gift certificates for groceries.

Members that have been and those that continue to be on our roster are as follows:

VIVIAN ADAM	SHIRLEY BEAUFORT
MAY BITTY BROWN	ELLA BORGAN
ALMA CASPER	ALMA CHRISTOPHER
SAMATHA HALL	ELONORA HINES
EVA HORNSBY	EMMA KING
DORORTHY MUSE	DORIS WATSON
VIRGINA WHITE	MYRTLE WILLIAMS
LOTTIE PARISH	ANNIE BELL JACKSON
DOROTHY THOMAS	FRANCES JARMON
GRACHES PROPP	SANDRA SAPENTER
GOLDIE DAVIS	RACHAEL CORUTHERS
DELIA A. SAPENTER	BARBARA J. MAXEY
JEANIE TURNER	JANICE SAVAGE
LYNDA L. BANKS	JOSEPHINE BARNES
DELORES STEPHENS	LINDA SMITH
AMY TAYLOR	PALMER LEWIS
COLETTE D. BRADLE	JO ANN BENNETT
AUDREY CORNELIUS	JOYCE BULLOCK
CHARLOTTE MEULLION	DEBRA LEONARD
ELENA MYRTLE HORNSBY	ELIZABETH MOORE
VESSIE A. WRIGHT	LETHA JONES
SHIRLEY JEFFERSON	PHYLLIS WARREN
AMY WILLIAMS	GLORIA M ^c INTYRE
VERA TAYLOR	BERTHA MAE ADAMS
BARBARA AMIRS	OLLIE M. WHITE
DELOIS LEWIS	EDRIA JACKSON
VANILLA POLK	MARY BURKS
ANNIE RUTH JONES	EUNICE HARRIS
CHLOE' Y. WHALON	TONNIE D. MORRIS
CYNTHIA GRAHAM	MARION OLISON
MINNIE SOMMERS	BARBARA ANDY
MARVINETTE BROWN	SHARON L. CARTER
LAURA M ^c KINNON	DOROTHY ROSS
DIANNE WILLIAMS	TRICIA MATTISON
HENRIETTA GIBSON	TAMARA DOWNS
CAROLYN HARRIS	KHALILAH PHIFER
MARQUITA SAVAGE	BILLIE DORRIE

Our active membership roster as of March 15, 2008, is as follows:

- President-----Philo Annie R. Jones
- Vice President-----Philo Laura M^cKinnon
- Recording Secretary-----Philo Josephine Barnes
- Financial Secretary-----Philo Barbara Andy
- Treasurer-----Philo Sharon L. Carter
- Historian-----Philo Henrietta Gibson
- Historian Emeritus----- Philo Dorothy Thomas
- Chaplain----- Philo Dianne Williams
- Goodwill Ambassador---- Philo Dorothy Ross
- Sgt.-at-Arms-----Philo Tricia Mattison

Our active membership roster as of October 24, 2014, is as follows:

- President Sharon L. Carter
- Vice President Khalilah Phifer
- Recording Secretary Tamara Downs
- Financial Secretary Carolyn Harris
- Treasurer Barbara Andy
- Historian Marquita Savage

Our active membership roster as of October 24, 2015, is as follows

- President Sharon L. Carter
- Vice President Khalilah Phifer
- Recording Secretary Tamara Downs
- Financial Secretary Carolyn Harris
- Treasurer Barbara Andy
- Historian Marquita Salvage
- Chaplin Billie Dorries

Our active membership roster as of March 7, 2017, is as follows

- President Sharon L. Carter
- Recording Secretary Tamara Downs
- Financial Secretary Carolyn Harris
- Treasurer Barbara Andy
- New Member Doreen M^c Coy

Our active membership roster as of June 5, 2018, is as follows:

- President Sharon L. Carter
- Financial Secretary Carolyn Harris
- Treasurer Barbara Andy

This history was first compiled by Philo Sharon L. Carter on September 4, 1999. The information was obtained from word of mouth from inactive members: Philos Dorothy Thomas, Emma King, Lynda L. Banks and Lottie Parish.

During the 2014 Boule` Philo Sharon L. Carter, our local president, was re-appointed as our Philo National Parliamentarian.

During the 2016 Southwestern Regional Conference Philo Sharon L. Carter was elected for the third time as the SW Regional Philo Vice-President.

Also, Philo Carolyn Harris won First Runner-up in the First Lady Regional pageant for 2016 and 2018. Philo Sharon L. Carter was appointed as the National Philo Parliamentarian for a third term in 2016. Philo Sharon L. Carter was elected as the Southwestern Regional Philo Recording Secretary in March 2018.



SIGMA GAMMA RHO PHILO AFFILIATE

Alpha Pi Sigma CHAPTER

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The Alpha Pi Sigma Philo Affiliate of Fort Worth, TX in the Southwestern Region was chartered in January of 1997 under the leadership of Ms. Sharon Moss, Chapter Basileus and Ms. May Barrett, advisor. The chartering members were Philo President Doris L. White, Philo Wendy Cowans, Philo

Tonya Barret, Philo Pebelok Pinkston and Philo Joyce Williams.

Community service projects for the Alpha Pi Sigma Philo Affiliate have included, The Thanksgiving Basket, Homeless Clothing Drive with Union Gospel Mission, Nursing Home Adoption, and Mother's Day Brunch for senior mothers.

Currently, we have one member, Philo Pamela Lee, serving under Southwestern Region Philo President Helen Cannon and National Philo President Deborah Toombs. Currently, Dr. Toni Sturdivant is the advisor, serving under Ms. Tia Campbell, Southwestern Region Philo Coordinator and Ms. Paulette White, National Philo Coordinator.



SIGMA GAMMA RHO SORORITY, INC.

Epsilon Alpha Sigma Philo Affiliate

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March 7, 2021

Epsilon Alpha Sigma- Philos of Opelousas, LA was chartered on January 13, 1981. The chartered members were: Alice C. Antonie, Jaunita August, Carolyn Greene, Leola T. Harrison, Theresa C. Thompson, and Lillian T. Vidrine.

The chapter was inactive for a period of time. However, we reactivated on September 3, 2005. The members included: Vernita Lee (President), Emily Daniels (Vice- President), Martina D. Chaisson (Secretary), Travon Rideaux (Treasurer), and Aldereather F. Ewell (Parliamentarian).

Regardless of the number of members the Epsilon Alpha Sigma- Philos stayed the course. During this time, we have been able to truly ameliorate the meaning of Philo, which means friend. In partnership with the Ladies of Epsilon Alpha Sigma Chapter of Sigma Gamma Rho Inc., we have contributed countless hours of service to our community and surrounding areas while staying true to our motto: Greater Service, Greater Progress.

Current to date the group is still going strong with 8 active members. The current officers and members are as followed:

Shieila Offord-Charles, President and Chaplain

Martina C. Dixon, Vice-President, Financial Secretary, and Historian

Melody Smith, Recording Secretary

Vernita Lee, Treasurer

Cynthia Robert, Member

Miranda Siverand, Member

Christina Siverand, Member

Sandra Pickney, Member
Tabatha-Thomas Babineaux, Member
Epsilon Alpha Sigma Basileus, Ms. Divine Nicholas
Ms. Daphne DeBeau-Collins, Philo Advisor



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From 1961-1971 several Philo Chapters were formed. In 1976, the National Sigma Gamma Rho Sorority, Inc., grand body approved the creation and naming of the Philos as National Affiliates. June 9, 1972, in Galveston Texas under the leadership of Soror Virgie Reynolds, Southeastern Regional Synatantes and Soror Vida Taylor, Regional Advisor, six Philo chapters were united regionally.

The Handbook for Philos was adopted at the 37th Boule in New Orleans, Louisiana in 1978.

The Philo Affiliates of Epsilon Phi Sigma Chapter of Sigma Gamma Rho Sorority, Inc was chartered on December 28, 2007, in New Orleans East at Philo Shelia Stallworth's home. The charter members included: Joyce Jones (deceased), Karen Mixon, Evelyn Perry (deceased) Shelia Stallworth and Gwen Wright.

The Philo Affiliates of Epsilon Phi Sigma Chapter of Sigma officers included:

- Shelia Stallworth, President
- Karen Mixon, Vice President
- Joyce Jones, Financial Secretary
- Gwen Wright, Chaplain
- Claudia Celestand, Advisor
- Dr. Alice Cryer-Sumer, Advisor

The current officers and members are as follows

- Philo Helen M.H. Cannon, President
- Philo Dinah H. Beverly, Vice President, Financial Secretary
- Philo Karen Carter, Treasurer
- Philo Tracy Sorapuru, Secretary
- Philo Sonia Robinson, Historian
- Dr. Theadra Thompson, Basileus
- Dr. Charles "Sundy" Barjon, Advisor





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1. Epsilon Tau Sigma Philo Affiliate, Missouri City, Texas
2. Charter Date: November 21, 2020; Charter members: Cantrece Hopes; Natasha Jackson; Latearious Pitre; Tamera D Price; and Carlita Rucker
3. Current members:
 - a. President Natasha K Jackson.
 - b. Vice President Tamera D Price.
 - c. Recording Secretary Latearious Pitre.
 - d. Treasurer Cantrece Hopes
 - e. Historian Carlita Rucker
 - f. Advisor: Pamellia Anthony
 - g. Co-Advisors: Kathleen Cooper, Sonya Latouche, and Sigrid Walker.



Gamma Sigma Philo Affiliate of Sigma Gamma Rho Sorority, Inc.

June 10, 1949, The Gamma Sigma Philo Affiliate was chartered to be an affiliate of Sigma Gamma Rho Sorority, Inc.

Sigma Gamma Rho Sorority, Inc. recognized the importance of the prestige, good will, and the cooperation of women who for various reasons were not members of any Greek letter organization. In 1943 the first Comrades group was organized in Galveston, Texas.

Gamma Sigma Chapter sent throughout the Houston Community, one hundred letters, inviting women with creative abilities, high ideal, and the time to give to their community, to take part in an organized committee to work with the Chapter for the purpose of helping to promote their objectives and principles. Seven women responded and thus, June 10, 1949, the first chapter meeting was called in the home of Soror Ernestine P. Smith, the Charter of officers of Sigma Comrade, of Houston, Texas are: President, Anna Dupree; Vice-President, Sonora Green; Recording Secretary, Otis Evelyn Madison; Assistant Recording Secretary, Frances Jones; Treasurer, Juanita Johnson; Chaplain, Juanita Wilson; and Reporter, Ruby Saures. Soror Lorene Lancelin, Syntaktes of the Southwest Region, installed the officers. Soror Ernestine P. Smith and Soror Josie Taylor served as the first Advisors to the Comrades.

The Comrade's color is Navy, and the flower is a Yellow Tea Rose. In 1973 our colors were royal Blue and Gold and the flower a White Carnation then in 1978 both the color and the flower were changed to Gold and White and the Yellow Carnation. The Motto "Others" and the song "Others" were written by Otis E. Madison. The Philos have rendered and continue to render valuable service to the sorority and to the community.

The name selected for the newly affiliated group was Sigma Comrade of Gamma Sigma Chapter. The local alumnae chapter of the sorority organized these women into auxiliaries with various names, it was in 1953, Soror Maudest Walls Steward was instrumental in the name change from Comrade to Philo. She learned that the Greek term Philo meant "Friend". Thus in 1954 Sigma Gamma Rho Sorority, Inc. officially approved the name change of these organized groups and accepted "Philo" as the official name for the affiliated group.

The Gamma Sigma Philo Affiliate is continuing to grow, serve and support the community in every way possible. Philos are always remembering our past with a vision toward the future.

Past Presidents:

Philo Otis E. Madison	Philo Vivian Jones
Philo Juanita Walls	Philo Bernice Capiti
Philo Geraldine Jones	Philo Marjorie Turner
Philo Geraldine Jones	Philo Joyce Moses
Philo Trashen Pryor	



The Local Herstory of the Philo Affiliates of Lambda Upsilon Sigma Chapter of Sigma Gamma Rho Sorority, Inc.

Understanding that there was a need for Philo Affiliates in the north suburban area of Dallas, seven local members started to discuss plans for chartering a chapter in September of 2016. The illustrious seven charter members were Kimberly Williams, Kamelia Berry, Shakeisha Butler, Phylensia Watson, Nicole Davis, LeTiciah Francis and Ida Mims. Since the chartering, the affiliate has inducted over twenty women into their circle of sisterhood. The members have been dedicated to serving the Souls for Little Soles and Purses for Hope programs. They have also walked and raised funds for St. Jude Walk each year. The Philo affiliate continues to support Lambda Upsilon Sigma by participating in activities that strengthen the community that the chapter services.

The current officers and members are Philo Catrina Johnson, President, Philo Pamela Lee, Vice-President, Philo Monica Willis, Financial Secretary & Historian, Philo Shonda Rimes, Treasurer, Philo Rayjene Craft. The affiliate is guided by Lambda Upsilon Sigma Basileus Paula Forest and Anti-Basileus Sharlandria Shaw, as well as Philo Advisors Anita Montgomery and JoAnne Thompson.

Mu Beta Sigma Philo Affiliate History

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The Philo Affiliate of Mu Beta Sigma Alumnae Chapter was chartered on February 2, 2019 in Round Rock, Texas.

Charter Members:

- Tonya James Allen - President
- Kenisha Wicks - Vice President
- Patrice Paul - Treasurer
- Jennifer Briggs-Billings - Secretary; Chaplain; Historian
- Carolyn Anthony

We inducted 5 members on February 15, 2020.

- LaTasha Johnson
- Cheryl Johnson
- Shavonn Johnson
- Angel Ker
- Trenise Mclver

Our current officers and members are as follows:

- Philo Tonya James Allen – President
- Philo Kenisha Wicks – Vice President
- Vacant – Treasurer
- Philo LaTasha Johnson – Financial Secretary
- Philo Cheryl Johnson – Recording Secretary
- Philo Trenise Mclver – Historian
- Philo Shavonn Johnson – Corresponding Secretary
- Philo Jennifer Briggs-Billings – Chaplain
- Philo Patrice Paul
- Philo Angel Ker
- Mrs. Cassandra Holmes – Advisor
- Mrs. Shawn Lemieux – Philo Committee Member
- Ms. Carina Moore Reason - Philo Committee Member

- Mrs. Elizabeth Redmond - Philo Committee Member
- Mrs. Tawanda Mooney McCall - Philo Committee Member
- Mrs. Carnecia Penson - Philo Committee Member
- Ms. Stephanie Victoria Harris – Basileus
- Ms. Aretha Waits - Anti-Basileus

Community Service Activities/Initiatives

- We are currently assisting the chapter in the Technology Drive for Girls and Boys Club and Texas Baptist Children's Home - February 22 - March 31, 2021
- We will be participating in Project Cradle Care: Any Baby Can Baby Product Drive: April 01 - May 15, 2021
- We attended Strategy Saturday - February 27, 2021
- We assisted Swim 1922 - February 6, 2021
- We celebrated our 2nd year anniversary on February 6, 2021
- We assisted with the COVID-19 Food Relief Drive - January- February 2021
- We assisted with Dollars for Scholars Education Scholarship - February 2021
- We participated in Heart Health Month - Go Red Friday Heart Health Facts – 02/05/2021
- We attended Strategy Saturday meeting, January 23, 2021
- We raised and donated 2,379 items to be donated to Ronald McDonald House Charities Happy Wheels Cart Drive. Items were delivered November 7, 2020.
- We raised and donated items for the Hope Alliance of Round Rock, Texas. 100 large bags of feminine products, 50 personal items bags, and 20+ makeup bags for women and teenage girls. Items were delivered October 23, 2020.
- We participated in Wear Purple of Domestic Violence Virtual Walk, October 24, 2020
- We participated in Breast Cancer Awareness Virtual Walk, October 14, 2020
- We attended an Area Meeting, October 5, 2020.
- We participated in the National Philo Town Hall Meeting, September 29, 2020
- We assisted the chapter with Bone Marrow Link on February 29, 2020.
- We celebrated our 1-year anniversary on February 2, 2020.
- We participated in the Austin, MLK Jr. Walk on January 20, 2020. We participated in the Round Rock, Martin Luther King, Jr. Walk on January 18, 2020.
- We assisted the chapter with Operation Cradle Care on January 18, 2020.
- We participated in Operation Turkey, November 28, 2019.
- We raised and donated 1,943 items to Ronald McDonald House Charities Happy Wheels Cart Drive. Items were delivered November 19, 2019.
- We attended an Area Meeting on October 25, 2019.
- We participated in the St. Jude Walk on Sept. 21, 2019, and Austin Breast Cancer Awareness walks on September 29, 2019.

- We assisted in the Operation Big Bookbag Golden Hoops Battle on August 25, 2019. The collected items benefited Hope Alliance, Texas Baptist Children's Home, and Joe Lee Johnson STEAM Academy.
- We participated at the 2019 Youth Symposium (April 6, 2019) by assisting with registration, serving as timekeepers, and serving lunch to attendees. The Youth Symposium had over 100 youths and their parents in attendance.

Featured

- Top Performing Chapter of the Centennial Community Service Challenge, February 3-6, 2021
- SER Regional Scholarship Gazette Issue 1 Volume 1, pages 17-19, January 2021
- SWR Regional Spotlight
- National Philo Spotlight – October 2020
- SWR January Spotlight – January 2021

Thank you,
Trenise Mclver
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The History of the Sigma Gamma Philo Affiliate began in 1943 under the name of Comrades. Sigma Gamma Rho Sorority, Inc. recognized the importance of the prestige, good will, and the cooperation of women who for various reasons were not members of any Greek letter organization.

The Zeta Delta Sigma Philo Affiliate was chartered on September 6, 2006, in Arlington, Texas. We originated from the Fort Worth Chapter Alpha Pi Sigma. Unfortunately, the original information has been demised due to Philos transitioning. According to current Philos, the members at the time of their induction would be considered charter members.

Charter Members

- Philo Davetta Okeke,
- Philo Bettye Peoples
- Wendy Cowan (Deceased)

Awards and Achievements

- 2017 1st Lady Pageant Runner Up Philo Adkins
- 2018 President Gala Winner Philo Gales
- 2019 Philo of the Year Philo Francis and a multitude of 1st place Scrapbook awards.

Community events and Partnerships

- March 2020 – We raised money for St. Jude.
- September 2020 Operation Big Book Bag – We donated school supplies for low to moderate income families.
- November 2020 Virtual Thanksgiving – Virtual adoption of 6 family providing a drive by of Thanksgiving meal.
- December 2020 Virtual Christmas – Virtual adoption of a family of 6 by providing a drive by of Christmas meals and gifts, allowing them to celebrate their very first Christmas.
- January 2021 Virtual Project Cradle Care – We donated hundreds of diapers and wipes to the Pregnancy Resource Center of Grand Prairie, TX.

<p>Fall 2008 Induction</p> <p>Philo RoSharon Collins</p>	<p>Fall 2016 Induction</p> <p>Philo Chandra Adkins Philo Sonia Christopher Philo Lelandria Robinson</p>	<p>Spring 2018 Induction</p> <p>Philo Lisa Christopher Philo Sue Francis Philo Kia Hall Philo Beulah Haven Philo Brenda Hightower Philo Vicky Mason, Philo Shakeitha Mosely Philo Debra Reed-Powell</p>
<p>Spring 2019 Induction</p> <p>Philo Jeri'Lynn Clerkly Philo Tamica Francis Philo Kamesha Perkins</p>	<p>Spring 2020 Induction</p> <p>Philo Billie Cashaw Philo DeJuanna Charles Philo Renetta Roland</p> <p>Spring 2020 Transfer Philo Tyica Austin</p>	<p>Spring 2021 Virtual Induction</p> <p>Philo Kimberly Campbell Philo Karimah Europe Philo Antoinette Irvin-Lintz Philo Joella Lewis Philo Shamekia Powell Philo Corian Reasby Philo Lawanda Williams Philo Shirley Williams</p>

Currently, Zeta Delta Sigma Philo has 25 strong and phenomenal women members, listed below are the Executive Officers and Appointees:

- Philo Debra Reed-Powell – President
- Philo Rosharon Gailes – Vice President
- Philo Sonia Christopher – Treasurer
- Philo Billie Cashaw – Financial Secretary
- Philo Lisa Christopher – Recording Secretary
- Philo Rosharon Gailes – Historian
- Philo Tyica Austin – Chaplain
- Ashlee McGhee – ZDS Basileus
- Michele C. Epps – Philo Advisor
- Davida Cox-Allen – Assistant Advisor.

Gracefully Submitted,

Historian Philo RoSharon Gailes
Zeta Delta Sigma Philo Affiliate



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Alpha Upsilon Sigma Philo Affiliate Chapter

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November 1, 1964, a group of ladies met at the home of Mrs. Catherine Stewart of Alpha Upsilon Sigma Chapter of Sigma Gamma Rho Sorority, Inc. to organize a club. The purpose of this club was to help carry-on the programs of Sigma Gamma Rho Sorority, by cooperating with the Sorority activities. The club was named Alpha Upsilon Sigma Philo club, an affiliate of Sigma Gamma Rho Sorority, Inc. East St. Louis, IL.

The membership consisted of women who subscribed to the high ideals and standards of Sigma Gamma Rho Sorority, who pledged to support the programs of the sorority.

The founding officers were:

Philo Doris Hardiman- President
Philo Eva Johnson- Vice President
Philo Thelma Rollins- Financial Secretary
Philo Deloris Merritt- Secretary
Philo Inez Minor-Treasurer
Philo Marie -Windette Reporter

Additional Members:

Philo Adelaide Calhoun

Philo Christine Harris

These ladies laid the foundation for our Philo Affiliate and still until this day carry-on their programs, high ideals and standards of Sigma Gamma Rho Sorority, Inc. The Basileus of Alpha Upsilon Sigma chapter at the time of the newly founded Philo Club was Sigma Mrs. Deloris Thomas.

In 2014 the Alpha Upsilon Sigma Philos celebrated 50 years of providing service to the Alumnae Chapter, Alpha Upsilon Sigma's of Sigma Gamma Rho Sorority, Inc.

Gracefully Submitted,

Philo Helen Crockett