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Barbara A. McKinzie, International President

Solidarity Walk Kicks-off 64th Biennial Conference



Hundreds of sorority members crowded the early morning streets of downtown St. Louis to culminate this year's ESP Synchronized Walk for Emotional, Spiritual and Physical Healing. The walk, which was synchronized in chapters throughout the country on June 26, brought sorority members together to complete the march and show their support and love of the sorority while making a stay fit statement. The ESP Synchronized Walk was initiated at the 2008 Centennial Boule Conference in Washington, DC.

Members Will Elect Officers to Serve as Next Leadership Team

Chapter delegates will go to the polls on Tuesday, July 13 to elect officers to serve under the leadership of incoming international president Carolyn House Stewart.

Candidates for the office of first vice president, second vice president (undergraduate), secretary, treasurer and undergraduate member at-large, addressed members of the sorority during the second business session, which was held on Monday afternoon. Each candidate provided powerful presentations as to why they should be elected to fill their respective positions.

Voting for the candidates will take place from 7 a.m. to 7 p.m. on Tuesday, July 13. Winners will be announced on Wednesday afternoon.



Sisters and Brothers United

Presidents of the black Greek-lettered sororities and fraternities joined International President Barbara A. McKinzie in a show of unity. The presidents brought greetings on behalf of their respective organizations to AKA members during the public meeting on Sunday, July 11.

Liberian President Receives International Service Award



Her Excellency, Ellen Johnson Sirleaf, president of Liberia, received the sorority's International Service Award. President Johnson Sirleaf, a member of the sorority, is the first woman to head an African nation. She has led a distinguished career spanning nearly four decades in the private and public domain in Liberia and internationally. She was selected in 2003 to serve as the chairperson of the Governance Reform Commission in Liberia where she led the country's anti-corruption reform by changing the reporting mechanism of the General Audition Commission from the executive to the legislature, thereby strengthening and reinforcing its independency. She left this position to successfully contest the 2005 presidential election resulting in her historical inauguration on January 16, 2006 as President of Liberia. Above, President Johnson Sirleaf is congratulated by International President Barbara A. McKinzie and Mae Carr, chairman of the International Honorary Members and Awards Committee.

EAF Foundation Stands on Solid Ground

According to a report presented to the general membership, the Educational Advancement Foundation is standing on solid ground. Since 2005, the foundation has seen an increase of 69% of its total assets. Investments represent 90% of the assets of the foundation.

"We can be proud that the foundation has not just survived in these economically challenging times; it has thrived," stated Foundation President Barbara A. McKinzie.

As a result of the increases in investments, revenues and membership, the foundation has been able to continue to increase the dollar amount and number of scholarships and community assistance awards given each year.

From 2005-2009 scholarships and community assistance awards have increased from \$114,800 to \$197,732, an increase of 72%. The number of scholarships and community assistance awards has increased from 110 to 164 or by 49%.

Started in 1970, the foundation is celebrating its 30th year anniversary.



Presidential Awardees

At left are some of the military's current and retired senior ranking officials. International President Barbara A. McKinzie presented the President's Award to the military leaders who have embodied in word and deed the noble devotion to service. The military leaders were honored during the sorority's Public Meeting on Sunday, July 11.