



BRADFIELD BRIEF

Merry Christmas

DECEMBER 2025

ETA PHI BETA SORORITY, INCORPORATED



**AS WE COME TO THE END
OF 2025 AND MOVE
FORWARD TO 2026,
HERE'S SOME..**



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Conflictish with Ryan Dunlap “Progress requires preparation. You can want it, you can pray for it, but if you aren’t prepared to receive it, you won’t progress.”



What is Christmas without Jesus Christ?
It's a holiday full of stuff.
Money and stress, teaching kids greed,
Some people are saying “Enough”.

“Love one another”, our Savior said,
It's all about love, not things.
Let's teach our children to serve,
and create
The real joy, the true Christmas brings.

by Joanna Fuchs
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HERI ZA KWANZAA! HAPPY KWANZAA!

Click Below for Kwanzaa Explained

Habari Gani! HuffPost Black Voices Editor Taryn Finley takes a look at the history and traditions of Kwanzaa, the holiday that celebrates African heritage and Black American culture.

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The Seven Principles of Kwanzaa

The celebration of Kwanzaa includes an acknowledgment and honoring of its seven principles, known as Nguzo Saba. Each day of Kwanzaa emphasizes a new principle, and the evening candle-lighting ceremony provides an opportunity to discuss the principle and its meaning. The first night the black candle in the center is lit and the principle of Umoja (Unity) is discussed. The principles include:

1. Umoja (Unity): maintaining unity as a family, community, and race of people.
2. Kujichagulia (Self-Determination): defining, naming, creating, and speaking for ourselves.
3. Ujima (Collective Work and Responsibility): building and maintaining our community—solving problems together.
4. Ujamaa (Cooperative Economics: building and maintaining retail stores and other businesses and to profit from these ventures.
5. Nia (Purpose): work collectively to build communities that will restore the greatness of African people.
6. Kuumba (Creativity): to find new, innovative ways to leave communities of African descent in more beautiful and beneficial ways than the community inherited.
7. Imani (Faith): the belief in God, family, heritage, leaders, and others that will leave to the victory of Africans around the world.

Seven Symbols of Kwanzaa

Symbols of Kwanzaa include:

- Mazao (Crops): these crops symbolize African harvesting celebrations as well as the rewards of productivity and collective labor.
- Mkeka (Mat): the mat symbolizes the foundation of the African Diaspora—tradition and heritage.
- Kinara (Candleholder): the candleholder symbolizes African roots.
- Muhindi (Corn): corn represents children and the future, which belongs to them.
- Mishumaa Saba (Seven Candles): emblematic of Nguzo Saba, the seven principles of Kwanzaa. These candles embody the values of the African Diaspora.
- Kikombe cha Umoja (Unity Cup): symbolizes the foundation, principle, and practice of unity.
- Zawadi (Gifts): represent parental labor and love. Also symbolizes the commitments that parents make to their children.

Bendera (Flag): the colors of the Kwanzaa flag are black, red, and green. These colors were originally established as colors of freedom and unity by Marcus Mosiah Garvey. The black is for people; red, the struggles endured; and green, for the future and hope of their struggles.

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Dr. Violet T. Lewis Village Grand Opening Celebration November 19, 2025





DR. VIOLET T. LEWIS
VILLAGE

Celebrate the GRAND OPENING of...

Dr. Violet T. Lewis Village

Join us in celebrating the Grand Opening of the Dr. Violet T. Lewis Village! Formerly the Lewis College of Business site, this development is revitalizing the neighborhood while preserving its rich history.

**Wednesday
November 19, 2025
1:00 p.m.**

**17370 Meyers Rd.
Detroit, MI 48235**

Parking — Available on-site. Refer to the map below for entry points.

Introducing 105 modern, affordable 55+ apartments with a fitness center and inviting community spaces. This revitalized campus honors Michigan's first and only HBCU-recognized institution and the birthplace of Gamma Phi Delta Sorority, celebrating a vibrant senior community rooted in history, connection, and comfort. Be part of this extraordinary journey!

Click to RSVP at [Eventbrite](#) — Don't wait, limited seating!

Featuring remarks from community and state leaders —

- The Honorable Mike Duggan, Mayor City of Detroit
- Roger L. Myers, President & CEO, Presbyterian Village of Michigan
- Reverend Dr. Louis J. Prues, Board Chair, Presbyterian Village of Michigan
- Amy Albery, CEO, Wallick
- Dr. Violet Ponders, Granddaughter of Dr. Violet T. Lewis
- Lewis College of Business Alumni
- New Residents

Other VIP officials to be confirmed!

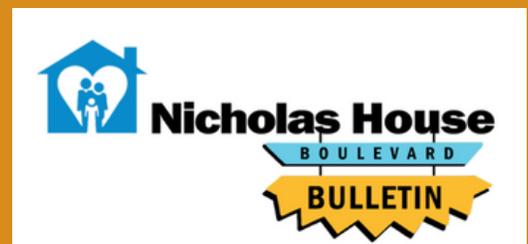


Honoring history, building the future.

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Detroit held a grand opening for the Violet T. Lewis Village senior apartment complex on Wednesday. It sits on the site of Michigan's first and only historically Black college. The school was founded by a Black woman named Violet T Lewis. The Lewis College of Business offered courses in typewriting, bookkeeping, stenography, penmanship and office management. It was closed in 2013 amid Detroit's bankruptcy and was re-opened as the Pensole Lewise College of Design and Business in partnership with the College for Creative Studies.



“We’re so grateful for your continued partnership and support in helping Nicholas House families feel cared for and nourished.”

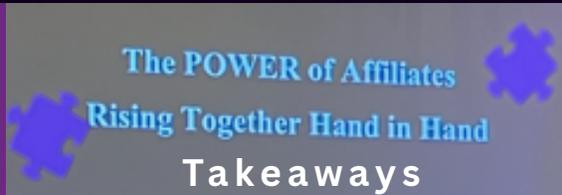


We are so proud of SHAD Club 63, (SHAD Fair and SHAD Maurice Brown), and Karen Care's Dr. Karen Dixon for the wonderful support of the metro Atlanta Community. Thank you for your service.



Ribbon Cutting
Grand Basileus brought greetings

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Sonda Bradfield: “The timely reminder for my leadership in Eta Phi Beta Sorority, Incorporated and for my daily living is that with my limited resources, coupled with my faith in an unlimited God, anything can be accomplished. Stand firm and “know” that He is God.

Loretta Kirk Adair: “I attended the community based organizations or CBO Summit on rethinking vaccine confidence. The summit was held December 3 -5, just prior to the affiliates assembly. The summit was considered a think tank and we engaged in a lot of discussion and collaborative efforts about vaccine confidence. Community of practice 113 was live from the Good Health WINS national CBO Summit where we announced the 26th colleges and universities that were selected for Good Health WINS national CBO listening session college tour.”

“I also attended the opening session of the affiliates assembly where the national presidents of affiliates talked about their organizations and programs. Our grand Basileus Sonda Bradfield did an excellent job talking about Eta Phi Beta Sorority Inc. During the opening session I also had the opportunity to speak with and greet two past national chairs of NCNW, Dr. Johnetta Betsch Cole and Dr. Barbara Shaw, who is also a honorary member of Eta Phi Beta Sorority Inc.”

Juanita Jones: “This is my takeaway from the affiliates assembly -

- there's strength and power in unity
- it's most important to stay focused and not let petty personal issues defeat you
- the inspirational spirit in a room of strong black women
- how strong black women are still shaping this country
- the importance of sustainability and how it takes all levels of leadership and individuals”

Maude Holt: “The 2025 conference centered on identifying commonalities among affiliate organizations and building strategic partnerships accordingly. Participants recognized significant similarities across their affiliates, facilitating discussions about program development to promote social justice and cultivate an environment conducive to positive change. As a result, the assembly addressed the importance of establishing initiatives to support voter education and enhance voter registration, aiming for successful succession and engagement among future generations. Affiliates are encouraged to become active with NCNW and utilize NCNW's resources to advance their organizational goals and to change the trajectory of current political structures that is more inclusive.”

Pamela Barrett-Rain: “Mary Church Terrell did not support the National Council of Negro Women (NCNW) due to ideological differences and leadership disputes.”

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Thelma T. Daley; Dr. A. Lois Keith;
Rev. Dr. Shavon Arline Bradley



Maude Holt, Monique Robinson-Poole, Sonda
Bradfield, Juanita Jones, and Pamela Barrett-Rain



Anna Layton
President & CEO
Women's Suffrage National
Monument Foundation

Anna Layton announced that there will be the first and only monument dedicated to women, on the Washington MALL at 19th and Constitution Ave. She is now a tenant of the Height Building at 633 Pennsylvania Ave.



NCNW GA State Representatives
Affiliate, State and Section Leaders

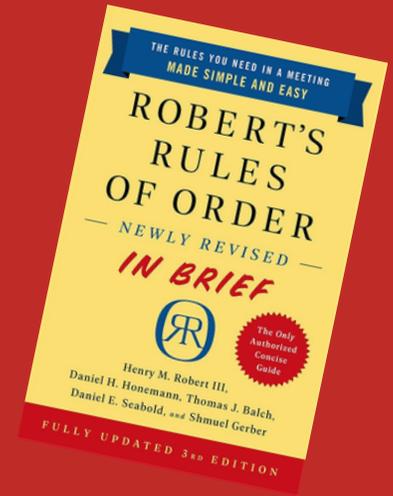
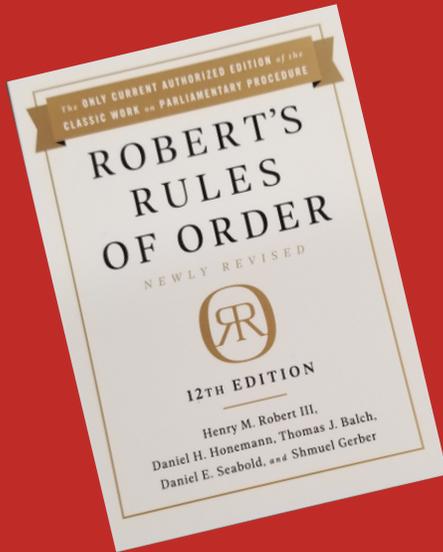


Pictured left to right, Darlene Whittington-President, Jack & Jill; Betty Wilkerson-President, National Association of University Women; Dr. Karressa Bell-President, Gamma Phi Delta; Sonda Bradfield-President, Eta Phi Beta, and Charlotte Berry-President, Iota Phi Lambda.



Grand Basileus Sonda
Bradfield sharing a
bit of the history of
Eta Phi Beta Sorority,
Incorporated.

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National Parliamentarian
Dorothy J. Oliver

A Robert's Rules Refresher

written by Edna Jones Houge,

National Constitution, Bylaws and Resolutions Committee Member

Alpha Theta Chapter

The Parliamentarian's Primary Role

The parliamentarian's primary role in the meeting is to advise the chair. She helps ensure that the meetings remain efficient, orderly, and in compliance with the Sorority's bylaws and policies and procedures. The parliamentarian must always remain neutral and objective. She cannot address the body directly. The parliamentarian communicates solely with the Chair. (RONR 47:47-52)

Why the Parliamentarian Does Not Make Motions or Debate

The parliamentarian serves in a neutral and objective manner. Although she is a member with all rights afforded to the membership, the parliamentarian should refrain from exercising any rights that would compromise her neutrality. Therefore, the parliamentarian should not make any motions, second any motions, or enter debate on a given topic. (RONR 47: 50- 52)

Why the Parliamentarian Usually Doesn't Vote

Again, the parliamentarian must remain neutral. The parliamentarian must not vote in any verbal votes or votes taken by a show of hands, as doing so would reveal her position to the body.

However, the parliamentarian may vote when the vote is by secret ballot. (RONR 47:52)

**30th Biennial Western Region Conference
November 13-15, 2025**



Merit and Awards Luncheon



Western Region
Director Barbara Smith-
Mustin receiving
recognition plaque from
Grand Executive Board



Merit and Awards speaker
Yuri Cruzat-Brown



IDD Speaker and coordinator of caretakers of IDD clients in Los Angeles. Ms. Florence Bracy

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Eta Phi Beta Sorority, Incorporated
Western Region
for their generous support of the
2026 Youth Conference in the amount of
One thousand six hundred sixty
seven dollars and no/100
\$1,667.00



Western Region
presented over
2,000 socks to
Long Beach
Rescue Mission
and a charitable
donation of
\$500.00 to IDD
Caregivers/Bugle
Horn Autism.

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National SHAD President Ron Carter and National President Bradfield pictured with SHAD Bobby Magby who received the Lifetime Achievement Award SHAD Club 6



Gamma Omega Chapter honored as Chapter of the Year. Left to right: Sorors Beverly Haynes, Myrna Torrance Washington, Dr. Barbara Smith-Mustin, and Dollene Magby



National 1st Vice President Juanita Jones and National President Sonda Bradfield



GHWs Alpha Psi Chapter Latonia Jenkins Kiongo, Dollphernea Thomas, Delores Shivers, Joyce Woodbury-Harris, and Bettie Bell

Scholarship Awards

The Western Region Scholarship Committee selected the five scholarship recipients. The five \$500 awards are funded through the Western Region regional budget and also through direct money donations from friends and family of Eta Phi Beta Sorority.

Congratulations

- Ethan Fullerton
- Malcolm Foxworth
- Sabrina Hill
- Sophia Buda
- Koumba Cummings

Committee Members: Chair, Pamela Smith,
Co-Chair, Essie French-Preston, LaTonia Jenkins

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WR Conference Choir, led by Fine Arts Officer Beverly Haynes



Kappa Chapter



Delta Epsilon Chapter



President Bradfield pictured with 10, 20, & 30 Year Continuous Service honorees, Sorors Carolyn Jackson, Glynnis Mason, Bettie Bell and Rev. Ramona Chatman



Sunday morning service at Oldest Baptist Church in Long Beach. WR Director introduced Eta Phi Beta Sorority Members



Soror of the Year
Eilyne Graves-Hankins

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**33rd Biennial Southern Region Conference
November 27-30, 2025
Epsilon Chapter, Dallas, TX - Host**



Opening Ceremony Speaker Dr. Mollie A. Johnson Williams
NCNW President, Texas State Coalition
and Soror Cheryl Edwards, Epsilon Chapter

First Time Attendees
Pictured left to right Sorors Tina
Hall, Kristal Crocket, Dr.
Antoinasha Hollman, Epsilon
Chapter, and Annie Outland, Delta
Kappa Chapter.

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Seven hundred forty-five dollars and no/100

\$ 745.00



Morning Devotion Leader Soror
Konnie Critton, Epsilon Chapter



Southern Region Director Jodie
Jenkins-Oliphant

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Southern Region Chapter Honey Doll Court
 Mahalia Kirk, Epsilon Chapter
 Marcia Williams, Tau Chapter
Donna Underwood, Delta Kappa Chapter "Winner"
 Brenda Carr, XI Chapter
 Ardelia Walker, Gamma Nu Chapter
 Rebecca Lindsey, Omicron Chapter



Sorors honored at the
 "Texas Style Hat 'N' Boot Luncheon
 "Recognizing Servant Spirits"
 Sorors Ruby Mayes, Sandra Finney, Carmen Butler, Jodie
 Jenkins-Oliphand, Rebecca Lindsey, and Hester
 Richardson



NIT Technician
 Soror Dr. Michelle Chapple



Sorors Ashley Oliphand (XI
 Chapter) & Jeanor Taylor (Tau
 Chapter)



Hat "N" Boot Luncheon
 National President and Southern
 Region Director



Parliamentary
 Soror Dorothy Oliver

Leadership
 Soror Kimberly Shoulders



Soror sister love - Malinda Martin
 Johnson (Gamma Nu Chapter)
 and Weenonah Chambers (Delta
 Kappa Chapter)



Soror Charlotte Washington, Epsilon
 Eta President & Honey Doll Pageant
 Chair

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Soror Kimberly Shoulders presented the Stephen Courtney Owens Youth Community Service Award to 10 year old Christopher Aleryc Murphy and 6 year old Aarya Ge'nae Jacobs both of XI Chapter



Bonnie Gates 25 Consecutive Years Award presented to Soror Ardelia Walker, Gamma Nu Chapter. Pictured with Sorors Pamela Barrett-Rain and Dorothy Oliver



Sorors Joyce J. Taylor, Malinda Martin-Johnson and Assistant Southern Director Jacqueline Thibodeaux Horne at the Johnnie M. Dotson Chapter Presidents and Regional Directors Reception



Grand Basileus & Soror A. Pearl Hunt (Eta Chapter). Soror Hunt celebrated her 100th birthday 3/2/2025



Soror Hester Richardson, Epsilon Chapter



Southern Region 2025-2027 Honey Doll Donna Underwood

Southern Region Director Jodie Jenkins Oliphant, Honey Doll Donna Underwood, National Queen Margo Jackson, and Grand Basileus Sonda Bradfield



Grand Basileus & SHAD Ron Sparks

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Eta Chapter President Gloria Marquez and Committee Chair Pamela Barrett-Rain presented Twenty-five consecutive year medallions to Dr. Ingrid Knox and Soror Joyce Phillips



Nation Queen Margo Jackson vendor shopping



Soror Rebecca Lindsey presented Soror Ruby Mayes and Director Jenkins Oliphant with their long overdue 50 year continuous service trays.



Chair Soror Marjorie Harkey presenting the Sandra Finney Soror of the Year Award to Soror Jacquelinee Horne of Eta Chapter



Soror 2023-2025 Honey Doll Amanda Sparks, XI Chapter



Soror Donnaa Underwood presented the Dr. Melros Haley Scholarship to Caleb Chapple (Tau Chapter) and Landon Blake Thomas (Epsilon Chapter)



- Chapter Vesper Services
- Boule' Updates
- MLK Observances
- More

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