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Shown from left to right are advisers Valeria Edwards and Joyce Irby, Xinos Kenya Brabham, Da'Maya Jefferies, Rashawna Huntley, Kesley Tolliver, Jada Moyer, Advisors Sharon Wright and Ann Moyer, and President Patsy Squire (not pictured - Xinos Shawanna Ladson).

# Teachers' sorority emphasizes youth

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The national program of the National Sorority of Phi Delta Kappa Inc., called Y.E.S. (Youth, Education, and Service) encourages the development of the potential of youth.

The National Sorority of Phi Delta Kappa Inc. is a non-profit organization of professional educators with chapters throughout the United States. The sorority motto is "To foster a spirit of sisterhood among teachers and to promote the highest ideals of the teaching profession."

The major components of the Youth

Guidance program include leadership training, development of strategies and study methods, which enhance academic achievement, and the development of the students' social growth. Additionally, the youth consistently participate in meaningful community service.

Beta Lambda Chapter initiated six young ladies in November. The high school girls are Xinos and the high school boys are Kudos.

The youth completed community service projects by packing treat bags and delivering to Somerset residents in October. They also filled shoe boxes with

crayons, activity books, gloves, dolls and trucks for elementary age children and delivered them to Brenner Children's Hospital in December.

Each year the sorority hosts annual youth conference in March, wherein the rich potential of youth is enhanced by their participation in relevant workshops that address positive aspects of personal and academic development. The students participate in selected activities such as oratorical competitions, talent shows, essay contests, and poster displays of science projects. There are approximately 400 youth in attendance at each conference,

which is hosted by a hotel that provides the services and security required for such an event. The youth return to school highly motivated for academic, social, and personal achievements.

The members of the National Sorority of Phi Delta Kappa Inc., Beta Lambda Chapter, take great pride in youth, whose achievements affirm the sorority's commitment to the field of education.

Dr. Patsy Squire serves as the local chapter president. Youth Advisers are Valeria Edwards, Joyce Irby, Ann Moyer and Sharon Wright.

# Lending a hand in the community

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Sigma Gamma Rho Sorority Inc. Theta Mu Sigma and Alpha Mu Sigma chapters start the year off right by lending a hand at Forsyth County Diaper Bank of the Triad on Jan. 21. The Diaper Bank is located in Winston Salem and its mission is to ensure that every child in Forsyth, Guilford, and the surrounding counties have enough diapers to remain clean, dry and healthy (ncdiaperbank.org).

Individuals and organizations volunteer to bundle

and donate diapers for needy families so there's access to basic necessities to support their dignity, health, and quality of life. The issue of inadequate supplies of diapers can affect families on many levels.

If parents do not have enough diapers for adequate changes at daycare; then parents may have to remain home which can affect job commitments and income.

So Sigma lent a hand and bundled 4,964 diapers and 1,440 wipes in just a few hours. Also, as part of Sigma's national program

Project Cradle Care to support children and youth in the community Theta Mu Sigma chapter donated school supplies to Winston Salem Prep Academy's Crosby Scholars program. Baby supplies were donated to two families one with a 2 week old and another of 5 months. This will support the families in maintaining clean, dry and healthy babies.

Theta Mu Sigma Chapter also encouraged local churches and the community to remember National Black HIV AIDS Awareness Day, which was on Feb. 7. The goal is to

promote HIV education, testing, community involvement, and treatment in black communities. According to research by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) compared with other races and ethnicities: African Americans account for a higher proportion of new HIV diagnosis, those living with HIV, and those diagnosed with AIDS. Early treatment can prevent the spread of HIV, AIDS and decrease the higher incidences of death among African Americans attributed to HIV/AIDS.

In 2013, 3742 African-

Americans died of HIV or AIDS, accounting for 54 percent of total deaths (aidsinfonih.gov). POSSE (Prevent Ongoing Spread of STIs Everywhere) is a program of the HIV & STI (Sexually Transmitted Infection) Outreach Section at the Forsyth County Department of Public Health.

The POSSE Team provides HIV and STI screenings and education in community locations in Forsyth County. POSSE offers free confidential testing at various sites in Forsyth County refer to website for more details (possehealth.org,

2017).

Sigma Gamma Rho Sorority, Inc. is one of the divine nine organizations that is part of the Winston Salem Forsyth County Pan Hellenic Council. One of the events that the Pan Hellenic Council sponsored was the day of giving which takes place on Martin Luther King Jr.'s birthday: cleaning Odd Fellows Cemetery, the oldest black cemetery in Winston-Salem.

This was submitted by Lisa B. Allen

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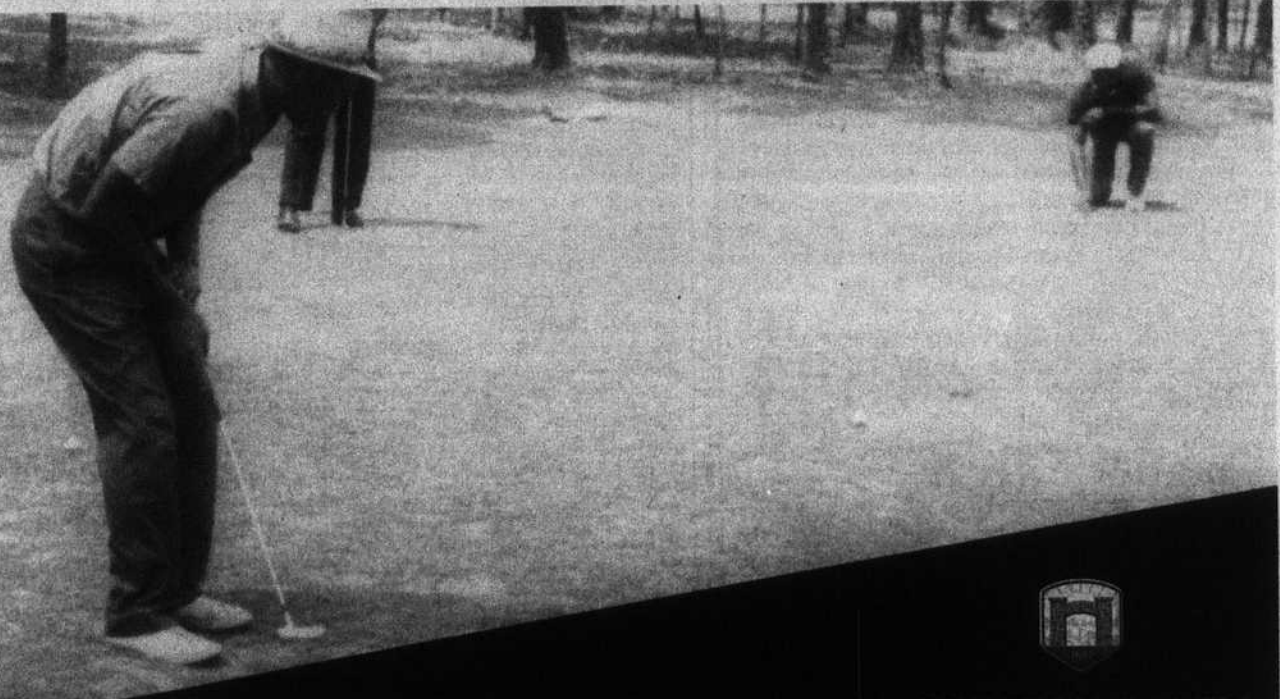
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