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## Highlighting Our State And Regional Coordinators

**T**he state and regional coordinators who assist and oversee Local Unit development throughout their respective states include:

Bettie W. Davis, Zeta Phi Beta Sorority (North Carolina); Clara Grant, Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority (Illinois); Doris Grant, National Sorority of Phi Delta Kappa (Ohio); Paul Griffin, Phi Beta Sigma Fraternity (Texas); Dolores Harris, National Association of Colored Women's Clubs (Northeastern Region); Sammie Inman, Imperial Court Daughters of Isis (Tennessee); Sylvia Lewis, Zeta Phi Beta Sorority (Oklahoma); Essie McGriff, Zeta Phi Beta Sorority (California); Carolyn Minor, Delta Sigma Theta Sorority (Western Region); Elizabeth Munnings, Zeta Phi Beta Sorority (Southeastern and South Central Regions); Ana P. Roberts (Michigan); and Catherine Thomas, Sigma Gamma Rho Sorority (South Carolina).

## Highlighting Our Local Leaders

**A**ll of our local leaders deserve a great deal of credit. Each has had to struggle with the temporary situation of not having local AOIP representatives from each of our 88 participating organizations to assist in developing the Local Unit. However, this situation is rapidly changing. We take this opportunity to introduce a few of these local leaders to our readers so that you can help fill in the missing links in the cooperative network in your own community.

**Edna Browne**, Sigma Gamma Rho Sorority (Washington, D.C.), who recently organized a Washington Local Unit. The commitment and enthusiasm of this unit was keenly felt by all at the major launching of our Year 2000 Goals on May 12, 1986. The members of this Local Unit already have started working to encourage the District of Columbia school system to utilize AOIP's unique compensatory motivational tools.

**Gerald Inman**, Omega Psi Phi Fraternity (Bronx, New York), is president of the Bronx Local Unit. Under his leadership, the members of this unit have focused initially on organizing Public Infor-

mation, Interorganizational Liaison and War Chest Committees in order to maximize the involvement locally of all AOIP organizations so that the other seven committees can be speedily developed.

He emphasized the need for organizing when he told a New York group, "...Until we organize we will remain as fragmented programs."

**Elizabeth Munnings**, Zeta Phi Beta Sorority (West Palm Beach, Florida), is president of the West Palm Beach Local Unit. Under her leadership, this unit has formed all ten committees and has been successful in fund raising. Recently, the West Palm Beach Local Unit donated substantially more than 25 percent of their earnings to the national body. Recently, Mrs. Munnings was instrumental in helping to organize the Local Unit in Jacksonville, Florida.

**Georgia Sanders**, Zeta Phi Beta Sorority (Baton Rouge, Louisiana), has been very active throughout Louisiana as former state coordinator helping Monroe and Shreveport to get organized. Currently, she is serving as the president of the Baton Rouge Local Unit.

**Marvin R. Williamson**, Oklahoma City, Oklahoma is president of the Central Oklahoma Division. This division proposes to be a model for the midwest and southwestern part of the United States.

President Williamson says the Central Oklahoma Division believes that "minorities...will assess their own capabilities and take affirmative action to move from a situation of despair to a positive degree of hope.... At the same time," he says, "we realize these goals are ambitious and could be difficult to accomplish overnight."

However, as a second step, the Central Oklahoma Division has established June 1987 as a target date to incorporate Oklahoma cities and towns with minority populations of 500 and over as AOIP affiliates.

"Our commitment to eradicate illiteracy will serve as motivation to continue seeking solutions beyond traditional approaches," Williamson adds.

The following men and women have also been active on the local level and deserve  
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