

# **WHAT IS HAPPENING** NATIONALLY

To Complete The Unfinished Work of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.

The Assault On Illiteracy Program (AOIP) is a networking coalition of organizations engaged in an overall community-building approach to addressing the root causes of illiteracy among Black and similarly-situated minorities. In essence they are committed to the rebuilding of our communities into such secure, productive, valueladen and hope-filled entities that everyone will be motivated to want to learn and lead responsible lives. AOIP has a redemptive mission of completing the "unfinished work of the late Dr. Martin Luther King Jr." And, information listed below about your organization should (as best possible) be focused on what your group is doing to help complete that "unfinished work."

#### Alpna Kappa Alpha Sorority, Inc.

Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority is America's premiere Greek-lettered organization for Black women. Organized in 1908, AKA is a service organization of approximately 100,000 women, with 700 chapters in 46 states, as well as in West Africa, the Bahamas and the Virgin Islands. AKA's current programmatic thrust is "Service With A Global Perspective," which reflects its international service scope. AKA's national president is Janet J. Ballard. For more information, contact 312-684-1282

#### Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity

Current projects of Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity include Project Alpha, a teen pregnancy program for teenaged fathers; A-Phi-Aid, a financial aid and career counseling program; Million-Dollar Fund Drive, an ongoing effort to raise \$1 million for the United Negro College Fund, NAACP and the National Urban League; Leadership Development/Citizenship Education Institutes, an annual series of five week-long training sessions on leadership skills for high school students, and Alpha-Cornell Memorial Scholarship, an endowed fund at Cornell University. Information Contact: Waldo Johnson, 312-373-1819.

## A.E.A.O.N. Mystic Shrine (Shriners)

This is a charitable and fraternal organization whose main thrust is to provide monies for hospitals, schools and educational grants. Information Contact: 2211 Cass Ave., Detroit, MI 48201.

## Association of Black Sociologists

For information, contact Sandra V. Walker, Secretary/Treasurer, Association of Black Sociologists, 4825 Troost — Room 215, Kansas City, MO 64110. Telephone: 816-932-4499.

# Conference of Grand Masters Prince Hall Masons

The Conference of Grand Masters Prince Hall Masons is an umbrella organization consisting of the 43 Prince Hall Grand Lodges of the USA, Canada, Bahamas and Africa. Besides providing college scholarships (primarily to Black students), contributions and donations are usually made to community-oriented groups such as the United Negro College Fund, Assault On Illiteracy Program, blood banks, food banks, clothing banks, Aid to Africa, youth training and camping sessions. Next National Meeting in Jackson, Miss., May 5-8, 1987. Information Contact: P.G.M. John D. Howard, P.O. Box 2826, Washington, D.C. 20013.

#### Council of National Alumni Associations, Inc. (CNAA)

CNAA is working in support of the National Black College Alumni Hall of Fame Foundation. This is a programmatic initiative by Blacks to ensure the survival of their own institutions of higher education. The Foundation seeks to serve as a supplemental role in relation to other organizations dedicated to supporting Black colleges. Information Contact: Thomas Dortch, P.O. Box 396, Atlanta, GA

## Delta Sigma Theta Sorority

Current Delta projects include African Diaspora, a fouryear (1984-1988) awareness travel-study program in the African Diaspora; Summit II: A Call to Action in Support of Black Single Mothers, which consists of assistance and support to single mothers; Adopt A Black Business, chapter initiatives to sign agreements with Black businesses to utilize their services and buy products from them; Maryland Educational Opportunity Center, secondary education and training motivation opportunities for low and moderate income individuals; and Delta Towers, a \$6 million housing development center for senior citizens. Information Contact: Mary B. Hendrick, Executive Director,

#### Eta Phi Beta Sorority

Two national Executive Board meetings will be held on March 27-28, 1987 in Tulsa, Oklahoma; and September 18-20, 1987 in Los Angeles. Information Contact: Elizabeth Anderson, 1724 Mohawk Blvd., Tulsa, OK

#### I.B.P.O. Elks

A number of Elk activities symbolize "Unity in Brother-and Sisterhood," which was the theme of their national convention this year. Some of these activities include "Adopt-a-Senior-Citizen" Program; a summer computer leadership camp; and contributions to "Hands Across America." Information Contact: 919-358-7661.

#### Imperial Court Daughters of Isis

Organized in 1910, the Daughters of Isis unite in one common bond of friendship to practice charity and benevolence, to promote general welfare and to inculcate honor and integrity. Information Contact: Grace T Brooks, Imperial Recordress, 317-283-7230

## Iota Phi Lambda Sorority, Inc.

National Convention: July 23-29, 1987, Picadilly University Inn, Fresno, CA; Southwestern Regional Conference March 6-8, 1987, Regency Motor Inn, Shreveport, LA; Southern Regional Conference March 13-15, 1987, Mobile Hilton Hotel, Mobile, AL; Central Regional Conference April 10-12, 1987, Westin Hotel, Detroit, MI; Eastern Regional Conference April 24-26, 1987, Williamsburg Patriot Inn, Williamsburg, VA; Farwestern Regional Conference April 30-May 3, 1987, Marriott Hotel, Berkeley, CA; For more information contact Mrs. Billie O. Glover, National President, 205-727-5210.

## Kappa Alpha Psi Fraternity, Inc.

Current Kappa projects include the Kappa League, which stresses talent, scholarship and career preparedness for high school and college students; C. Rodger Wilson Leadership Training, undergraduate workshops on leadership development; Kappa Alpha Psi Foundation, a nonprofit arm for funding social action and self-help projects in the Black community; Student Revolving Loan Fund makes loans available to college students on campuses with Kappa chapters; and Social Action which responds to socio-economic issues affecting the Black community. Information Contact: 215-228-7184.

## National Association of Colored Womens Clubs, Inc.

NACWC Youth Workshop, March 27-29, 1987 at the Quality Inn, Newark, N.J. Information Contact: Peggy Myles, 1111 47th St. West, Birmingham, AL. 35208

## National Association of Media Women, Inc.

A national organization of women professionally engaged in all areas of journalism and mass communications Xernona Clayton Brady, National President. For more information, write M. Paulyne Morgan White, Director of Public Relations and Convention Services, 257 West Lake Ave., N.W., Atlanta, GA 30314 or call 404-799-5609

#### National Association of University Women (NAMW)

These ladies have taken on a national project of conduc ting literacy training workshops around the country to help provide a missing link for the needs of inner-city tion. For more information, please contact Carrie Haynes, National President, 1205 West 80th Street, Los Angeles, CA 90044. Telephone: 213-752-0663. Women wishing to

join a Branch already existing in her locale should contact Mrs. Lillian E. Ross, National First Vice-President, 2320 Monroe Street, Northeast, Washington, D.C. 20018.

#### National Black Leadership Roundtable

The National Black Leadership Roundtable will convene at its Third Annual Summit of the heads of our national organizations and our federal and state Black Elected and Appointed Officials on March 13-15, 1987 at the Howard University School of Law in Washington, D.C. This summit will provide an opportunity for our leaders to deliberate and agree upon a collective course of action to meet the across-the-board challenge to the quality of life for our peo-ple. Information Contact: (202) 265-0193.

#### National Pan-Hellenic Council

NPHC is a community-service organization representing local graduate and undergraduate councils comprised of eight affiliated Greek-letter organizations.

Local councils may be formed where there are two or more Greek organizations. Information Contact: Dr. Ada Jackson, 2222 Albion Street, Nashville, TN 37208

## National Sorority of Phi Delta Kappa

National Sorority of Phi Delta Kappa is continuing and expanding upon its service role nationally of writing articles for AOIP's umbrella motivational and egostrengthening tool...The ADVANCER. This is done on an all-volunteer basis. For more information, please contact E. Lucille Minor, 1453 Blackmore Rd., Cleveland, OH 44118, 216-321-4880

## Omega Psi Phi Fraternity

Current projects of Omega Psi Phi Fraternity include Endowed Chairs, support of professorships at Black colleges; Sustaining NAACP Membership Program, five-year effort to raise \$250,000 for the NAACP by 1985, followed by a repeat performance; National High School Essay Contest, scholarship program for essay winners; Famile Relief for Ethiopians, and financial support for famine stricken Ethiopians. We are also deeply committed to the Assault On Illiteracy Program (AOIP). Information Contact: 202-667-7158

## Phi Beta Sigma Fraternity

The men of Phi Beta Sigma share a two-fold goal: to promote brotherhood and community service, and to pur-sue scholastic excellence. Specific program support is given to education (through scholarships and tutoring services), Black business development and social welfare projects. Information Contact: 145 Kennedy St. N.W., Washington, DC 20011.

## Prince Hall Masons

The Prince Hall Masons of New Jersey will co-sponsor a Tribute to Black Heritage on June 4-7, 1987 in the city of Newark. The program plans will include the participation of citizens from all sectors of the state and the nation. Information Contact: (201) 523-6937.

## Sigma Gamma Rho

A community service organization with chapters across the United States, Bermuda, the Bahamas and the Virgin Islands. All regions of the sorority will hold conferences in the Spring. In July, sorority members and affiliates will meet in Atlanta, Georgia to focus on issues concerning the Black Family. For more information, contact Bonita Herring, 312-873-9000.

## United Black Fund of America

This organization was recently recognized for its important community service work by Zeta Phi Beta Sorority. It was the only organization to receive a double award Information Contact: 202-822-9116.

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## Women's Missionary Society/AME Church

Quadrennial Convention July 11-16, 1987 in Atlanta, Ga. Information Contact: 202-337-1335.

#### Youth Organizations USA (YOUSA)

Blacks in community businesses as merchants, licensed professionals, mechanical and technical service providers, manufacturers, design creators, etc. is not an impossible dream. YOPUSA is beginning with teenagers to make the "dream" a waking-state reality. For information, contact YOUSA, 19 Humphrey Street, Englewood, N.J. 07631. Or call 201-836-1838.

#### Zeta Phi Beta Sorority

Current Zeta projects include Project Hunger, relief for Ethiopian and other famine victims; Stork's Nest, services, including transportation, clothing and legal consultation for mothers-to-be at area clinics; National Education Foundation, annual scholarships for students and support for the United Negro College Fund; Media Watch, monitoring of bias in news reporting on issues affecting minorities; and training and resources to improve reading and writing skills. We are also deeply committed to the national Assault On Illiteracy Program (AOIP). Information Contact: Virginia Hansberry, 205-735-3511.

The following and other national community-building organizations are entitled to listings. However, we have not received their calendars of events, and we are awaiting information from them.

Academy on Human Rights and Peace
American Health & Beauty Aids Institute (AHBAI)
American League of Financial Institutions (ALFI)
American Women's Clergy Association
Association for the Study of Afro-American Life and History
Association of Corporate Professionals
Auxiliary to the Nat'l Medical Association
Booker T. Washington Foundation
CME Church
Congress of National Black Churches
Council of Construction Professionals
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Federation of Masons of the World
Gamma Phi Delta Sorority, Inc.
Gospel Music Workshop of America
Iota Phi Lambda Sorority, Inc.
Lambda Kappa Mu Sorority, Inc.
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National Association of Black Cauling and Language Educators
National Association of Black Reading and Language Educators
National Association of Black Women Attorneys
National Association of Black Women Attorneys
National Association of Marketing Developers (NAMD)
Nat'l Asso. of Negro Business and Professional Women's Clubs
National Association of Megro Musicians
National Basociation of Negro Musicians
National Black Caucus of State Legislators
National Black Police Association
National Black Republican Council
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National Caucus and Center on Black Aged, Inc.
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National Council for Black Family and Child Development
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National Council of Negro Women
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National Sudent Business League
Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, Inc.
Order of Eastern Stars
Operation PUSH
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