

The Eta Eta Chapter Petersburg, Virginia

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The Eta Eta Chapter of Chi Eta Phi Sorority, Incorporated. was organized April 14, 1984 in Petersburg, VA at Petersburg High School, Annually, we have provided scholarship funds for nursing students locally and/or nationally; made donations to other non-profit organizations such as United Negro College Funds, nationally, CARES shelter for women and children, and Mary Carter Beacon House, locally. We have supported or provided community programs and projects to citizens in the Tri-City area and surrounding counties, for individuals, Health Fairs, Relay for Life cancer project, VSU Cares project with the Dental Association and Mission of Mercy Charity Organization. We have provided our own educational programs with Black History, Heart Diseases, Hypertension, Stroke, Diabetes, and other Disease Prevention programs in the areas. And, we maintain membership with the National Council of Negro Women.

Sorority of professional nurses meets in Petersburg

By PAULINE UHRAIN P-I Features Editor

PETERSBURG - More than 280 professional nurses will gather here this weekend to discuss how to improve their profession and to enjoy the company of other fellow nurses when the Chi Eta Phi Sorority holds its annual northeast region meeting.

The local Eta Eta Chapter of Chi Eta Phi Sorority Inc. is hosting the 35th annual meeting which began with registration Thursday night and will continue until noon on Sunday.

According to Damaris Johnson, Eta Eta member in charge of the arrangements for the meeting, this is the first time the northeast region meeting has been held in Peters-

She said the meeting will include

greeting by Petersburg Mayor Florence Farley, in-house workshops for members, and two educational workshops on Friday, which will be open to the public. Workshop speakers will be Shirley Bugg, a registered nurse who is coordinator of the nursing program at Southside Virginia Community College, and Gertrude H. Clark, a registered nurse who is coordinator of the high blood pressure control program of Baptist General Convention of Va., Virginia State Department of Health.

Ms. Bugg will speak on "Networking Through Communication," and Ms. Clark will speak on "Writing - A Visible Tool of Communication."

On Saturday there will be an awards and recognition luncheon as well as an evening program featuring local soloist, 13-year-old Janella E. Johnson, The Children's Theatrical Group from St. Stephen's Episcopal Church in Petersburg and an improvised program by The Playmakers Ltd.

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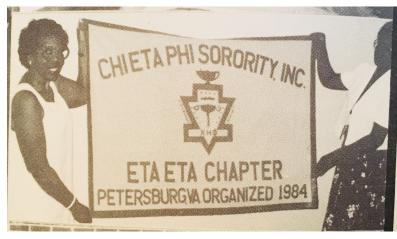
The local Eta Eta Chapter was chartered in 1984 and currently has 31 members who are all professional registered nurses. Ms. Johnson said the chapter holds health fairs, participates in various health screening programs and its members speak to organizations about health care when requested. She said although the organization is active they are a young group and hope to become even more involved.

"We hope to become more active in the community with a focus on health care," she said.

The sorority has members from the Tri-Cities as well as surrounding counties.

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The Chi Eta Phi Sorority was organized in 1932 in Washington, D.C. and now has more than 2,000 members throughout the United



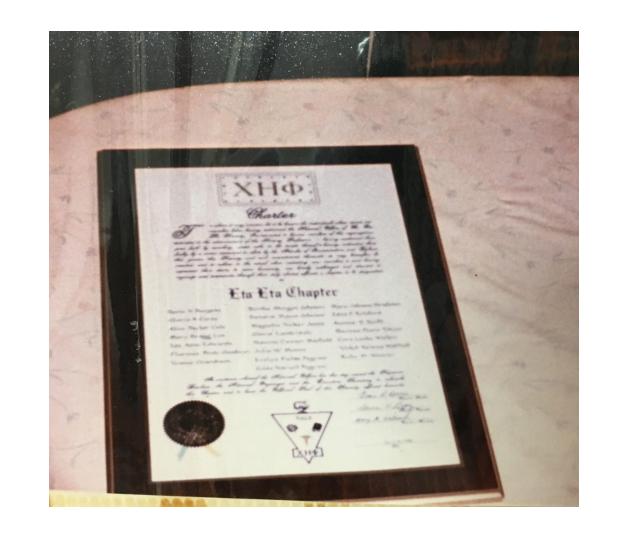


Eta Eta Charter Members

Doris Burgess Gloria A. Carey Alice Cole* Mary Cox Ida J. Edwards Florence P. Goodwyn Yvonne Granderson (Luster) Bertha Johnson* Damaris M. Johnson Magnolia Jones (Rivers) Gloria Lauderdale Maxcine C. Maxfield* Julia Moore* Evelyn Pegram* Marie J. Pendleton Edna Relaford* Avonne Scott* Theresa Tatum* Cora Walker Violet Walthall* Ruby Weaver*



*=Deceased



Service Programs

Programs for Youth & Young Adults

These programs may be varied and include a variety of experiences that are offered for youth and young adults. Programs may include health education sessions, peer forums, mentoring, and health care experiences.

Community Health Outreach

Screening and education programs may be offered solely by Chi Eta Phi Sorority.
Incorporated, or offered in collaboration with professional organizations, community organizations, regional associations, and national partnerships. Emphasis is placed on high risk groups, vulnerable and under-served populations.

Hypertension Education and Screening
 Cancer Education and Screening
 Sickle Cell Disease



Research Development

The research development program is design to provide assistance to novice and seasoned researchers with scholarly activity that addresses research investigating health promotion, disease preventions, and health maintenance projects in vulnerable and underserved populations.

Activity within the research development program provides mentoring for novice researchers to write grants that will assist in data acquisition related to Chi Eta Phi's "service for humanity".















Educational Scholarships

The Sorority provides financial assistance to nursing students who meet established criteria as identified by the National Office. Awards are also made on local and regional levels.





Childhood Obesity

Childhood obesity is a serious medical condition that affects children and adolescents. It occurs when a child is well above the normal weight for his or her age and height.

Childhood obesity is particularly troubling because the extra pounds often start children on the path to health problems that were once confined to adults, such as diabetes, high blood pressure and high cholesterol. Childhood obesity can also lead to poor self-esteem and depression.

Leadership Development

Leadership development programs are designed to assist the membership in the development of effective leadership skills. These programs include member development, officer development, the Leadership Fellows Program and the professional development program.



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Programs for Seniors

Programs for seniors provide various services such as travel assistance, health education, assistance with navigating the health care system, a system for checking on the well being of the elderly who live alone, as well as other programs as assessed by chapter members, that fit the mission of 'service for humanity'.

Disease Prevention/Health Promoti...

Within the framework of disease prevention and health promotion are health screenings and health education. Health screenings are methods developed to identify potential and actual health problems in targeted populations.

An appropriate list of healthcare referrals for use in follow-up of identified problems is provided during screenings. Health education is conducted in the community for professionals and lay individuals to address potential and actual health problems.



Recruitment & Retention

Programs are provided to promote interest in nursing careers. Financial, tutorial assistance and mentoring are provided to matriculating undergraduate and graduate students enrolled in accredited nursing programs.





















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