

# Iota Iota Ques News

## Iota Iota Chapter Celebrates 62 Years of Service

**Next Chapter Meeting:**

Thursday April 13, 2006  
 Garner Road YMCA  
 J.D. Lewis Building  
 Dinner: 6:30pm-7:00pm  
 Meeting: 7:00-8:30pm

**Important Future Dates:**

**May Meeting:**  
 Thursday May 4, 2006

**June Family Day:**

Saturday June 3, 2006  
 Location: Shaw Farms

Four founding members, Brothers Cecil H. Flagg, Dr. Nelson Harris, C. A. Toole and William Hurdle, chartered Iota Iota Chapter on April 10, 1944. All of the founders have entered Omega Chapter, but their tenacious spirit and devotion to Iota Iota lives on throughout the chapter.

On Saturday April 8, 2006 brothers, quettes and friends celebrated the 62nd anniversary of the Iota Iota Chapter at Zydeco's Restaurant and Lounge in the City Market area of Raleigh, NC.

The celebration kicked off

at 7:00pm. With plenty of food, socializing and the ambiance of a relaxed atmosphere, the occasion seemed to be the perfect ending to a long week.

The anniversary was sponsored by the chapter's Reclamation and Retention Committee, chaired by Bro. Andre Bruinton.

At 9:00pm, the jazz band hit the stage and added those familiar and rhythmic sounds that the crowd would enjoy for hours to come.

Bro. Geoff Simmons stated, "it's good to see the brothers get together and enjoy themselves in a relaxed atmosphere with no agendas and time constraints." He also added, "maybe this type of networking and socializing is something the chapter can do every other month or so."

Bro. Vice Basileus Eric Fairfax was on hand to greet and welcome the brothers, quettes and friends to the party.

On the other side of the restaurant, brothers and

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other guests were glued to the big screen that displayed the Zab Judah vs. Floyd Mayweather welterweight championship title fight.

Every round was filled with excitement as the punches were exchanged by Judah and Mayweather. Many guests seemed to

think Mayweather was going to win the fight and their predictions turned out to be true. The fight went the distance of 12 rounds and in the end, "Pretty Boy" Floyd Mayweather arose as the champion by a unanimous decision.

After the fight ended, the crowd seemed to grow even more on the jazz side.

Brothers continued to socialize for a few more hours and at the end of the celebration, they were pleased with the location, the invited guests and the opportunity to fellowship in the name of Omega.

For those brothers that did not get a chance to attend, we hope to have future events that will allow you to be present.

- 39th & 41st



## Reasons to Create an Iota Iota Chapter Educational Endowment Fund

Every so often, organizations must review their policies and procedures to determine whether they are relevant and meeting their objectives. In doing so, the leaders are presented with the findings and must decide what to do with the information. Most often times, it is easier to "do things the same way we've always done them" instead of being proactive and planning for the future.

With the rising cost of tuition and the ever-increasing financial needs of minority youth, now is the time for the Iota Iota Chapter to revisit our methods for funding our scholarships.

Year after year, our designated scholarship certificates of deposit only receive approximately 1.5—2% interest, well below the market average. **It's time to make a change.**

During the fiscal year, part of the proceeds from the chapter's fundraisers are the main source of revenue for the scholarships. While that method of funding our scholarships accomplishes the objective, we must ask the question whether

there are additional ways or sources to fund scholarships without depleting the principle balance year after year? **An educational endowment is the best solution.**

An endowment fund is a permanent savings vehicle for non-profit organizations. Endowments are the most effective financial instrument to develop long-range stability and growth and to ensure resources over time. The principle is placed in established and credible investments. Only the interest or earnings generated on an annual basis will be used for scholarships.

Schools often maintain endowments, as well as churches, and other not-for-profit organizations. The growth of the portfolio is not subject to tax, and individual and corporate donors receive tax deductions for gifts made to endowments.

Reports reveal that private corporations are more likely to support educational endowments with contributions because they can be assured that 100% of the contributions will be used according to the guidelines of the endowment statement.

Many organizations such as the Triangle Urban League, and fraternities and sororities use the Wake County affiliate of The North Carolina Community Foundation (NCCF) to create and administer their endowments.

The NCCF is a well-respected agency that administers educational endowments across the state. The procedure for setting up an endowment fund is very significant, yet it is fairly simple. An initial gift (minimum of \$5,000) and an agreement outlining Iota Iota Chapter's particular goals and specifications for the scholarship are required to get started.

As visionaries for the future of our chapter and the deserving youth that we have yet to help, establishing the Iota Iota Chapter Educational Endowment Fund is the right thing to do right now. Come to the April meeting and show your support for this initiative.

**Bro. Basileus Michael A. Boykin**

## NC State Alumnus (Kappa Lambda 1986) Addresses Black Alumni



Bro. Guy Marshall (4-KL-86), Creative Director of The Frye Company, delivered the keynote address at the Second Annual NC State Black Alumni Conference on Saturday April 8, 2006.

Bro. Marshall is a 1990 graduate of the NCSU College of Design. He has been a strategic part of the fashion design industry and success of companies such as Adidas, Ford Motor Company, Puma, and Tommy Hilfiger.

Bro. Marshall's latest assignment with The Frye Boot Company has taken him to new heights in his career. The company is the oldest continuously operated shoe company in the United States. It was founded in 1863.

Since Bro. Marshall has joined the Frye team, his designs have helped to propel the recognition of the Frye brand name. *Footwear News* named Frye its 2004 Brand of the Year, a distinction spurred by Bro. Marshall's creations.

He lives in Manhattan, NY and commutes to his office in Long Island.

At the end of his address, Bro. Marshall was presented with the Kappa Lambda Chapter Distinguished Alumnus Award. He was initiated at Kappa Lambda Chapter in 1986. Many KL brothers attended the banquet.



## Iota Iota Basileus Runs for 6th District Assistant Keeper of Records & Seal

Brother Michael A. Boykin, Basileus of Iota Iota Chapter 2005-2006, has received support from the chapter in his quest to pursue the office of Sixth District Assistant Keeper of Records & Seal.

Brother Boykin is the Immediate Past Sixth District Chaplain, an office he occupied for one year prior to being deployed to serve in Iraq.

After much consideration regarding the office and the fact that his military career is coming to an end, Brother Boykin is looking for an opportunity to further serve the Mighty Sixth District.

There are several platforms Brother Boykin will be campaigning on, particularly incorporating a level of technology that will allow the recorded speeches (with DR approval) at the various meetings to be shared with chapters throughout the district. The recorded history, when shared with brothers that cannot attend the council and annual meetings, can help chapters keep those brothers connected in a way that goes above and beyond a written summary of the meetings.

Brother Boykin is in his third elected and final term as Iota Iota Basileus and

believes that the office of Sixth District Assistant Keeper of Records & Seal is an important step in learning the operations of the Mighty Sixth District.

Brother Boykin is looking forward to a very positive campaign at the 61st Annual Meeting in Myrtle Beach, SC. He wishes all opponents for this office the best of luck and wishes to thank the Iota Iota and Kappa Lambda Chapters for their support and the many brothers that have extended words of encouragement and well-wishes.



Bro. Boykin runs for 6th District AKRS

-Kenneth F. Douglas

Chartered April 10, 1944

## Amenities & Announcements

To submit articles, announcements or other information, please contact

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Information for review may be sent to [mboykin@iotalota.com](mailto:mboykin@iotalota.com).

Please visit our website at [www.iotalota.com](http://www.iotalota.com) for the latest activities, photos, and information for the chapter.

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Please keep the following brothers and their families in your prayers:

- Ω Bro. Sylvellie Cloud underwent double-knee replacement surgery and is recuperating in rehabilitation at Wake Med.
- Ω Bro. Rock Artis's son had surgery at Duke Med. Center.
- Ω Brothers Frederick and Terrance Burroughs recently had a cousin pass away.
- Ω Bro. Bennie Mack, Jr.
- Ω Bro. Larry Keith
- Ω Bro. J. D. Lewis
- Ω Bro. Harold High

- Ω Happy 62nd Anniversary to the Iota Iota Chapter.
- Ω Congratulations to Bro. Johnny Townsend's wife on her recent position as Education Consultant with NC State University.
- Ω Bro. Levon Shade (Iota Iota 1997) has recently moved back to the Raleigh area.
- Ω Congratulations to Bro. Carlos Goins, who recently joined IBM as a Procurement Engineer after completing his master's degree at NC A&T State University.
- Ω Happy 2nd anniversary to the 2004 "Unconquerable Souls" of Iota Iota Chapter.

## Brotherhood Spotlight: Bro. Kenneth A. Johnson

Bro. Kenneth A. Johnson is truly an "**Omega Man on the Move!**" Bro. Johnson, a long-time IBM senior executive, has recently said goodbye to "Big Blue- (IBM)" and accepted a position as Vice President of Operations for Portescap (a Danaher Company) which is in the Motion Platform (motors) line of business.

Bro. Johnson resigned from IBM in February 2006 after 17.5 years of service. His last position was Manager, Service Parts Procurement and Warranty which encompassed the procurement responsibilities globally for all IBM service parts used to support hardware that was installed in homes and businesses.

At the point of departure, he had 234 employees in 17 different countries, managed a \$20 million dollar expense budget and spent approximately \$1 billion dollars per year in the acquisition of parts.

IBM is a \$90 billion dollar company.

Danaher Corporation is a leading industrial company, designs, manufactures and markets innovative products, services and technologies with strong brand names and significant market positions. Danaher is an \$8 billion dollar company and is a conglomerate comprised of approximately 200 different companies.

Bro. Johnson will be responsible for manufacturing plants that make miniature motors that are used in the medical, dental, defense and aerospace industries. He will have responsibility over the following areas:

- Manufacturing Plants:  
West Chester, Pennsylvania;  
St. Kitts, Caribbean; Mumbai, India;  
Switzerland; and Singapore/  
Malaysia
- Supply Chain in Switzerland  
\* Logistics and Procurement

- Organization: approx. 1,300 people

Bro. Johnson will continue to reside in NC with offices based globally.

In addition to his many professional accomplishments, Bro. Johnson holds a master's degree in engineering and has held numerous fraternal positions on the local (including Iota Iota Basileus, KRS, and KF), district and international level.

He is married to Zelma Dixon-Johnson.



Bro. Ken Johnson, Iota Iota 92  
VP for Operations, Danaher