# MU ALPHA

# 75th Anniversary

1938-2013

Come celebrate 75 years of Mu Alpha history in the Charleston community



On November 16<sup>th</sup> of this year, the Mu Alpha Chapter of Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, Inc. will be observing its annual Achievement Week. This year, in conjunction with that event, we will commemorate Mu Alpha's

75th Anniversary with a Gala Night Celebration. The annual achievement awards will be presented the following evening (time and location TBA). For more information please regularly check www.portcityques.com

## **SPECIAL EDITION**

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Mu Alpha continues in providing service to the youth in our communities. The Black History Bowl

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Golf finds a home at Mu Alpha. The annual tournament raises funds and builds relationships with the corporate community at large.

Community



Mardi Gras continues to provide the social connection of our Brotherhood and the community.



Mu Alpha continues its support of local education and the presence in our schools. Our commitment to scholarship remains strong.

"Pick no man for Omega unless you know that he is a friendly man. For he who would have a friend, must be one." – Rev. Edgar A. Love

## For an evening to be remembered, your presence is needed

Since it's beginning, Mu Alpha Chapter has provided service to the Charleston community through its nationally mandated programs and the personal contributions of its members. To commemorate our 75 years, we are asking brothers to support the Gala Night by purchasing tickets at a cost of \$50 per person. We are also planning a souvenir journal and

soliciting ads from all brothers, active and inactive, (family members of our departed Brothers in Omega Chapter) and are asking that pictures be provided which may reflect the history of Mu Alpha's 75 years of excellence in service. For more information please regularly check <a href="https://www.portcityques.com">www.portcityques.com</a>

# Supporting Our Youth: Keeping the principles Omega alive

Since the inception of the Mu Alpha Chapter, the ranks of our Brotherhood has been filled with men who have answered Omega's call in our commitment to providing opportunities for the youth of our community. Through programs such as Talent Hunt, The Black History Bowl and more recently Bridge Builders, Mu Alpha has remained steadfast in serving our children. Over the past 75 years hundreds of youth have benefited from the efforts and diligent work of our organization. Thousands of dollars have assisted in the educational pursuits of our youth that was raised through our various activities and programs. Mu Alpha has and will remain a vital organization in the

development of the Lowcountry community, past, present and future. In maintaining our high ideas, standards, and principles; it has been the effort of each Brother to adhere to the legacy set forth by the charter members of our Chapter. In keeping with that tradition we have continued to support programs that have assisted with the artistic development of our youth as well as aiding in the costs of their collegiate pursuits in the form of scholarships. With your continuing support, we can provide more and do more. We have accomplished much, and have plans to do so much more.



Talent Hunt remains one of the popular mandated programs. Mu Alpha has had success with sending students on to the district

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# Continuing to build on a strong foundation



37<sup>th</sup> Grand Basileus George Grace and 34<sup>th</sup> Grand Basileus C. Tyrone Gilmore at the 2012 Golf tournament

Mu Alpha has implemented a cadre of programs to compliment our initiatives and internationally mandated programs. The annual golf tournament is a program that not only raises funds for scholarships and programs, but also serves as a networking and relationship building experience with Omega men and our community participants and sponsors. Over the past several years, Mu Alpha has enjoyed the privilege of hosting several former Grand Basilei and at the 2013 tournament had one of its own, the Honorable Bro. James Clyburn delivers the keynote address at the tournament reception. Mu Alpha continues to strive to serve with same rigor

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# IMPACT: With your support we can continue to change lives

Each year Mu Alpha participates in support of the Sixth District Boys Summer Camp program. The summer camp experience provides an opportunity for students to enjoy recreational and learning experiences under the leadership of Omega men from across the district. The program could not exist without the financial support of the efforts made on the local chapter level. Mu Alpha has sent hundreds of students since the program's inception and will continue to do so.

## **Together We Can**

Through the decades, Mu Alpha has garnered a place of leadership not only in the African-American community, but also in the overall lowcountry community. From our membership being present in various facets of the community in such areas as education, business, politics, health care, civil servants, etc., there was and is, no walk of

life that one will not encounter an Omega Brother here in Charleston or any of the surrounding areas. However we can be only as strong as our membership allows.

#### Reclamation

Participation of every able Brother is key and paramount to our success. In order for us to remain a force in our community it will require the ranks of Mu Alpha to remain solid and committed to Omega and her cause. If you are not currently active with a Chapter, we would like to take this opportunity to extend an invitation to rejoin our ranks as we march forward to our 80th, 90th, and centennial celebrations. Please contact Bro. Linus Brown, KRS at <a href="mailto:mulliplacemolegamail.com">mulliplacemolegamail.com</a> or 843.568.2708 for details.

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From the first meeting in the office of Bro. Hoffman, the loyal sons of Omega and those who have enter our ranks over the past seven decades, continue in our quest to be the impetuses of social change through our platform of service. The past 75 years has seen a tremendous amount of change and the technological growth has cause many changes in our societal and family constructs. This has also impacted our fraternal organizations as it has caused us to expand our programs and innovate the manner in which we must now engage our



youth. The systemic social ills that plagued our communities have transformed and now require us to approach them with new creative strategies and approaches, challenges that every Omega man is designed and built for.

# **Supporting Our Youth** (Continued)



Bro. Taylor and Bro. Grigsby wrap gifts for the students of Mitchell Elementary during the Christmas holiday



Team members of the 2013 Champion Black History Bowl. 2nd place honors on district level



Bro. Freeman reading to students of Charleston Development Academy during Omega Day

## CONGRESSIONAL VISIT



The Honorable Bro.
James Clyburn, MA '68
was the keynote speaker
for the 2013 Mu Alpha
Golf tournament. Past
speakers included former
Grand Basilei Bro. C.
Tyrone Gilmore, Bro.
Dorsey H. Miller and Bro.
George Grace



Bro. Kweisi Mfume

The Mu Alpha Chapter participated in hosting Bro. Kweisi Mfume during a recent visit at the College of Charleston Bro. Reginald Brown presented Bro. Mfume with some gifts on behalf of the Chapter.

# Continuing to build on a strong foundation (Continued)

that was forged in 1936. Mu Alpha has continued over the decades to foster and promote the ideas of our beloved Fraternity that has now affected generations of families, local and abroad.

Like the golf tournament, other programs have been created to address the pressing needs of not only the Chapter, but of the community as well. The Bridge Builders program was created to address the issues of mentoring and the provision of proper role models for the young boys of our elementary school population. With a strategy of early intervention, it is the Chapter's goal to assist and enhance the positive behavior in the youngsters that participate in the program. Participants who demonstrate the positive characteristics that the mentors aim to instill within the students over the course of the school year are allowed to attend the Sixth District Summer Camp.

In order to spread our efforts to neighboring schools, the Brotherhood extended our efforts to Charleston Development Academy in the form of Omega Day at CDA. On designated Omega Days, members of the Chapter visit the school throughout the course of the school day. Students are actively engaged by the members through reading, discussions, presentations and various activities. Mu Alpha plans to implement some of these programs to other schools in the Charleston, Dorchester, and Berkeley county school districts.

## **HOTEL FOR 75TH CELEBRATION:**

The Sheraton Charleston Airport located at 4770 Goer Drive, near Montague Avenue

Double Occupancy Rate: \$79.00

Must Be Reserved By: Saturday, October 16

Call (843)-747-1900

## and request MU ALPHA 75th ANNIVERSARY

To Purchase tickets for the 75<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Banquet visit <u>www.portcityques.com</u> or contact a Brother in the Chapter. (cost of ticket \$50.00)



## SAVE THE DATE: NOV 17<sup>t1</sup>

Trayvon Martin family and 7th District Counselor is the speaker for the 2013 Mu Alpha Achievement Week Program Location TBA

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