



# THE TORCH

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## THIS CHRISTMAS SEASON

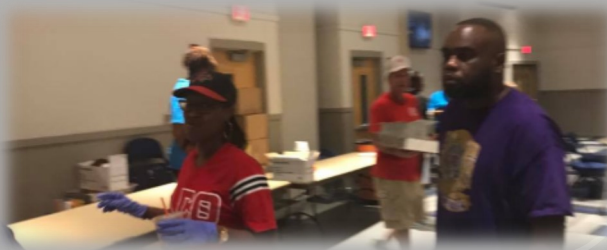
May your heart always know joy, your home always know love, and your life always know peace. Wishing you a Merry Christmas and a blessed and Happy New Year. **CAC Technology, Information and Communication Team**





# Disaster Relief Effort

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Volunteers working at the Frank Chester Recreation Center



# Breast Cancer Awareness

Soror Gloria Weston-Smart celebrated two birthdays during the month of October. On October 10, she celebrated her 62nd birthday and on October 15, she celebrated her 5th year of being cancer free. She praises her Lord and Savior Jesus Christ for being faithful to His word and blessing her with His healing power. She proudly proclaims that Faith, Family, and Friends helped her through her breast cancer journey. She thanks God for the peace that surpasses all understanding when she made the decision to have a bilateral mastectomy with no reconstruction. After surgery she faced six chemo treatments and a year of antibiotics as she tested positive for the Her2 virus. She never hesitates to give God the glory for she knows it was His grace that brought her through!







# Breast Cancer Awareness

Members of the CAC of DST wear pink for a cue while attending the Columbus Regional Health Foundation 12th Annual Breast Cancer Awareness Luncheon.







# Breast Cancer Awareness

Members of the CAC of DST participated in the Paint the Town Pink Columbus and Butterfly Release sponsored by The West Central Georgia Cancer Coalition.





# Breast Cancer Awareness

October is Breast Cancer Awareness Month: The median age for breast cancer diagnosis is younger for black women (59) than white women (63). Know the facts.



Red *goes* Pink

OCTOBER IS BREAST CANCER AWARENESS MONTH

KNOW THE FACTS:

DURING 2010-2014, THE MEDIAN AGE AT THE TIME OF BREAST CANCER DIAGNOSIS WAS 62. THE MEDIAN AGE OF DIAGNOSIS IS YOUNGER FOR BLACK WOMEN [59] THAN WHITE WOMEN [63].

SOURCE: AMERICAN CANCER SOCIETY/WWW.CANCER.ORG

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We wear pink for the cue.







# Breast Cancer Awareness

While breast cancer incidence rates are highest in non-Hispanic white women, breast cancer death rates are highest in African American women. Know the facts.



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WHILE BREAST CANCER INCIDENCE RATES ARE HIGHEST  
IN NON-HISPANIC WHITE WOMEN, BREAST CANCER DEATH RATES  
ARE HIGHEST IN AFRICAN AMERICAN WOMEN.

SOURCE: AMERICAN CANCER SOCIETY/WWW.CANCER.ORG







# Domestic Violence

## National Domestic Violence Statistics

- ◆ 1 in 4 women and 1 in 7 men will experience severe physical violence by an intimate partner in their lifetime. (CDC, 2017)
- ◆ 1 in 10 women in the United States will be raped by an intimate partner in her lifetime. (CDC, 2010)
- ◆ Approximately 16.9% of women and 8.0% of men will experience sexual violence other than rape by an intimate partner at some point in their lifetime. (CDC, 2010)
- ◆ Data on sexual violence against men may be underreported.
- ◆ An estimated 9.7% of women and 2.3% of men have been stalked by an intimate partner during their lifetime. (CDC, 2017)
- ◆ Nearly half of all women and men in the United States will experience psychological aggression by an intimate partner in their lifetime. (CDC, 2017)
- ◆ Over half of female and male victims of rape, physical violence, and/or stalking by an intimate partner experienced some form of intimate partner violence for the first time before 25 years of age. (CDC, 2010)

### Domestic Violence Experienced by Race/Ethnicity

- ◆ Almost half (47.5%) of American Indian/Alaska Native women, 45.1% of non-Hispanic Black women, 37.3% of non-Hispanic White women, 34.4% of Hispanic women, and 18.3% of Asian-Pacific Islander women experience contact sexual violence, physical violence, and/or stalking by an intimate partner in their lifetime. (CDC, 2017)

### Intimate partners can include:

- ◆ Current or former spouses
- ◆ Boyfriends or girlfriends
- ◆ Dating partners
- ◆ Sexual partners

### Columbus, GA Domestic Violence Programs

There are currently 2 domestic violence and abuse shelters and programs in Columbus, GA offering a hotline and emergency shelter. [Columbus Alliance for Battered Women, Inc. dba Hope Harbour](#) and [Hope Harbour](#). Outside of this city and still nearby, you can also find help at other domestic violence and abuse shelters and programs in places like [Phoenix City](#), [Opelika](#), and [Lagrange](#).





## Arts and Letters Committee

The Arts and Letters Committee of the Columbus Alumnae Chapter organized a friends and family day at the theater for the play DREAMGIRLS.







## Arts and Letters Committee

### "Marshall" The Movie



Columbus Alumnae Chapter's Arts and Letters Committee hosted the Red Carpet movie experience watching "Marshall" at MAX 15, Sunday, October 15, 2017. It was a wonderful movie about the experience of Supreme Court Justice Thurgood Marshall.



# Congratulations!



**Lauren Davidson-Chambers** - Received The Eco Courier Latino's 2017 Community Service Award



**Jeanella Pendleton** - Received The Eco Courier Latino's 2017 Community Service Publishers Award



**Eva Smith** - Received plaque honoring her as the Founder of the Spencer House Restoration Committee



# Congratulations!

Sorors Latasha Stephens-Archibald Jasmine Pernell, Ebony Hamilton, and Cynthia Suber-Huffman received the following awards.



**Latasha Stephens-Archibald** - Baker Middle School 2017-2018 Teacher of the Year



**Jasmine Pernell** - Forest Road Elementary 2017-2018 Teacher of the Year



**Ebony Hamilton** - 2017-2018 Teacher of the Year Nominee



**Cynthia Suber-Huffman** - North Columbus Elementary 2017 Teacher of the Year



## Upcoming Event

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## Save The Dates

- **Dec. 28,** IAI-Kwanza
- **Jan. 12-14,** GA State Cluster
- **Jan. 31,** Scholarship Applications Due
- **Feb. 3,** Gospelfest
- **Feb. 10,** 70th Anniversary Celebration
- **Feb. 25-26,** Delta Days at State Capital
- **Mar. 20,** Senior Citizens Luncheon

## Program and Planning Reminders

**Background Screening:** Please complete emailed background screening.

**Gala Seating Assignments:** Will be made on December 8 at Chapter Meeting.





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