

The Mole Gram

Featuring: The Portsmouth Moles



Our 4th Installed Chapter

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“Make It Happen”
Mole Jodi Gallman, National President

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From My Heart To Yours



Sister Moles,

Can you believe it? Another year has flown by, spring has sprung and our 69th Annual Conclave is on the horizon! Our **National Courtesy Committee** has compiled an extraordinary *April 2019 Mole-O-Gram Edition* for your pleasure!

The **Louisville Moles** have sounded the **Bugle** for a *Derby City Extravaganza* in anticipation of your arrival! There is guaranteed to be excitement, you can **Bet!** So, bring your race-day hats, your discerning taste buds and your party shoes for the **Post Parade**. Our **Louisville Sisters** and your Leadership team of National Officers, Past National Presidents, National Committee Chairs and Chapter Representatives will meet you at the **Starting Gate**.

The events will begin on Thursday with a trip to the legendary race track for *Churchill Downs After Dark*. Arriving on Friday? Don't worry, you'll be just in time to participate in the *Gate Welcome* or hit the dance floor during Friday night's *We're Off* escapade. The **Houston Moles** will, also, strut their stuff with a *Yellow Rose Luncheon* to entertain the Board of Directors as they meet to chart our course.

We'll round the **First Turn** on Saturday with our Conclave Business Meeting and the *Run to the Roses Luncheon* and hit **The Stretch** with *The Winner's Circle* event that evening. The weekend finale will be the *Finish Line Brunch*.

By way of business, we are still making great strides to address your inquiries and feed your body, mind and kindred spirit with *ideas for THE MOLES*. As you interact with Sisters from **31** Chapters during Conclave, consider this! How would you like to expand our **Circle of Moledom** with another new chapter? We can chant...Thirty-two will do!

#MolesLivingOurBestLife.... Make It Happen! See you in Louisville at **Post Time!**

From my heart to yours,
Mole Jodi

Note: As far as images for the page are concerned, our *Mole Lady* is already doffing her derby flair!

Our Portsmouth Chapter
THE PORTSMOUTH MOLES...1951 TO THE PRESENT
"OUR FEATURED CHAPTER"



The Portsmouth Moles

On *March 3, 1951*, fifteen women of similar interests, background and life styles were installed as the **Portsmouth "Moles."** The ceremony was conducted in the home of Ruth R. Waters, Founder/organizer, with the **Mother Chapter Norfolk** serving as their sponsors. Through the efforts and interest of **Mole Celestyne Porter** – member of the **Mother Chapter** and the first National President – **Portsmouth** became the **Fourth Chapter** of the organization.

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We continue our legacy and embrace our **Mole Sisterhood**. A **Mole Sister** is a gift to the heart, a friend to the spirit, a golden thread to the meaning of life.



Donna Alexander, Inductee



Delois Bailey, Inductee



Valora Baskerville, Inductee



Laurel McCant, Inductee

Our Charleston Chapter

EXCITING CELEBRATIONS FOR THE CHARLESTON MOLES!



NEW YORK, NEW YORK!

Mole Sshune and **Mule Dr. Harold Rhodes** celebrated their wedding anniversary in January by traveling to the *Big Apple*-New York city! They enjoyed a special dinner date at *The Porter House* in the Time Warner Center, where they enjoyed a special, intimate dinner. **Mole Sshune** said the highlight of date night #2 in the fabulous City was experiencing musical Broadway hit, "*Hamilton*" in a "prime real estate section" of the Richard Rodgers Theatre, Center Orchestra, Row F. Congratulations on 29 years of marital bliss, and may you be blessed with many, many more!

DELTA SIGMA THETA SORORITY, INC. NEWS

Mole Kaye Jefferson celebrated her 45th DeltaVersary with the Spelman "Supreme 18" in December 2018. **Mole Kaye** was initiated into DST in December 1973. While she was not able to travel to Spelman for the festivities, she was showered with paraphernalia by her Charleston Delta Sister, **Mole Cheri Franklin**.

PINK OR BLUE?

Blue is the answer for Andrea and George Mathis with the arrival of baby boy George Andre on January 17, 2019. Andrea is the daughter of **Mole Elizabeth "Bezie" Stanley**, granddaughter of **Charleston Charter Mole Rosemary Carr**, and niece of **National Treasurer, Mole Tomette Richards** and **Mole Elaine Hardy**. Congratulations to the parents, great grandmother, grandmom, and aunts.

HERE COMES THE BRIDE!

Charleston is excited to share the engagement announcement of National Treasurer, **Mole Tomette Carr Richards'** to beau, James C. Edwards, III. Plans are for a Spring wedding in 2020. We love "Jay!"

ALPHA KAPPA ALPHA SORORITY, INC. NEWS

Graduate chapter Gamma Xi Omega, and undergraduate chapter Iota Omicron at the College of Charleston, celebrated AKA Founders' Day in February 2019, at Morris Brown Baptist Church. The event was chaired by our **Mole Sshune Rhodes**, and the theme was "Remembering Our Past While Sustaining Our Future." The South Atlantic Regional Director, Carolyn G. Randolph, was the keynote speaker and Charleston Mayor, John Tecklenburg, extended greetings from the City.

WOMEN IN HISTORY – WELL DONE MOLE LINDA!

Mole Linda Rousseau will be an honoree at the luncheon for "CSU Women in History." **Mole Linda** is the Assistant Director at the Charleston Southern University (CSU) library. She was selected for this award due to her "professional presence and commitment to helping integrate faith in education; enriching the lives of students, faculty and staff..." and recognizing her "special service...over time" and her "ability to make a difference" in the lives of the many people she touches through her work.

IS THERE A DOCTOR IN THE HOUSE?

The daughter of **Mole Jamella** and **Mule Ramnarine Jaglal**, Runala S. Jaglal, will graduate from The University of South Carolina School of Medicine in May 2019. Kudos, young lady, for completing a long, arduous road to success!

Our Charlotte Chapter

SO MUCH TO BE THANKFUL FOR!
"#MolesLivingOurBestLife"

Mole Vivian Williams welcomed her first granddaughter – *London Christina Williams*



Mole Nancy Webber (below left) received the *Woman of the Year Award* from her church in appreciation of dedicated service to the church.



Please support **Mole Vi Lyles** (pictured right) who will run for re-election of Mayor of Charlotte. She has had a very successful first term. You may contact her at vi@vilyes.com for contributions.



Mole Linda and Mole Wil Brooks (pictured below) were recently honored at the 15th Annual Crown Jewels Chapter of the Links, Incorporated Mardi Gras fundraiser.



Our Chicago Chapter

Recently, the **Chicago Moles** attended **Mole Clarabelle Claiborne's Celebration of Life**. **Mole Clarabelle** was remembered for her roles as mother, homemaker and servant to her church and community. **Mole Clarabelle** enjoyed life and was a treasure in our Chapter. She was loved and will be missed for her sparkle, creativity, kindness and caring spirit.



Chicago Moles celebrated the life of Alumni Mole Clarabelle Claiborne with her son, Daniel Mark Claiborne.



L to R: Moles Monica Morrow, Linnie Sims, Kim Carmen, Lesley Gool, Joan Mattox-Gray and Irby Bray



L to R Moles Kim Carmen, Guest, Joan Mattox-Gray, Irby Bray and Monica Morrow.

Chicago Moles celebrated **"Magic with THE MOLES"** at the Chicago Magic Lounge for "The Showcase: New and Experimental Works." **Mole Sisters** enjoyed magic at their tables and a stage performance of magical illusions.



Congratulations to **Mole Andrea Flynn** who will be admitted to the United States Supreme Court Bar next month! Bar admission is essential for attorneys practicing before the Supreme Court.

Our Cincinnati Chapter

**PROUDLY CELEBRATES ITS 50th YEAR IN MOLEDOM
1969 – 2019**

January 2019 Mole Induction of Lillian Shockley



From left to right Moles, Dr. Blanche Kabengele, Charter Member Lois Conyers, Brenda Berry, Doris Jackson, Alva Jean Crawford, Betti Hinton, Carole Rigaud, Lillian Shockley, President Dr. Marcia Irving-Ray, Pat Brown, Nedra Scott, Helen O'Neal, Nicole Dowdell, Johnie Davis, Phyllis MacCallum



The Chapter meets every 3rd Friday of the month, alternating a Business meeting with a Moles and Mules social evening, with events such as a Wine and Paint Party shown above and to the right!

CINCINATTI PRIDE



Mule Gary Dowdell husband of **Mole Nicole** receives prestigious award from HBCU, Central State University



Mrs. Monica Scott Haynes, daughter of **Mole Nedra** and **Mule Will Scott** was inducted into the *Morgan State University Athletic Hall of Fame*.

Our Columbia Chapter

COLUMBIA'S "SILVER JEWELS" RECOGNIZING 25 YEARS OR MORE OF "SISTERLY SERVICE"



The **Columbia Chapter of THE MOLES** recently recognized five of our lovely members for giving **25** or more years of *Sisterly Service* to our chapter and our national organization. Each of our *Silver Jewels* was presented a \$25 gift card and a *Certificate of Appreciation* during our fabulous March 1st chapter meeting hosted by our beloved **National President, Columbia Mole Jodi D. Gallman** and **First Mule (Dr.) Burnett Gallman**. Our honorees included: **Moles Janice W. Marshall (33 years); Jeanne G. Felder (31 years); Wendi J. Huff (26 years); Jean B. Pinkston (25 years); and Lillian "Bunny" Jones (25 years)**. We love and cherish our *Silver Jewels* and deeply appreciate all of their contributions to our *Columbia Mole Sisterhood*!

Charity Begins at Home



Pictured Above: The Mule Ivan and Mole Sharon Earle Family

At 6 years old, Bryson Earle (now 17 pictured above 3rd from left), the youngest son of **Mule Ivan & Mole Sharon Reynolds Earle**, noticed a flaw in the world in which he lived: An underdressed homeless man lying on a bench in a Columbia park on a cold day.

Instead of turning his head, Bryson asked his mother to let him help the man by giving the gift of a warm blanket. That act of kindness birthed *Share the Warmth of CHRISTmas*, an annual drive led by the **Earles** as they welcome guests to their home for their family Christmas party.

What started out almost 12 years ago as 35 blankets delivered to the park has now grown into two trucks filled with coats, blankets, as well as food baskets to help those in need through the winter.

Sara Fawcett, president & CEO of the United Way of the Midlands, reports that philanthropy is a learned skill that must be taught. It begins with creating a culture of understanding and grace at home and teaching children to support one another."

The **Earle** family exhibits, first with young Bryson's small act of kindness and now a large act of philanthropy, one's desire to give back can create waves of impact in the community. Starting small (or young) is all it takes.

Quincy Jones Presents Sheléa



Sheléa (left) and Mole Jean Pinkston (right)

A bright star is rising in the music world! Sheléa!

Mole Jean Pinkston, Director of Fundraising at South Carolina ETV, presented the program concept to PBS and traveled to Los Angeles in November for the recording of *Quincy Jones Presents Sheléa*, an intimate concert produced by colleagues at PBS SoCal.

Mole Jean interviewed Sheléa, special guest David Foster and Music Director Greg Phillinganes.

The program premiered on PBS stations across the country in March.

Our Columbus Chapter

THE YOUTH VOTE: MAKING IT HAPPEN ~ A TIMELY MESSAGE!



Mole Janice White

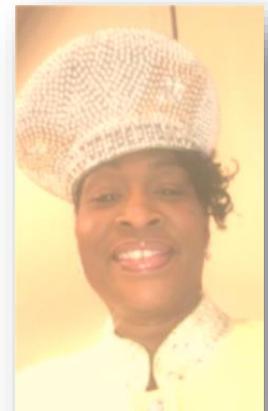
Mole White is an Emeritus Member of the Columbus Alumnae Chapter of Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc.

In recent election years there has been a focus on the “youth vote.” Too many young people report that it is a lack of access, not lack of interest, which keeps them on the sidelines at election time. **Registration is the key to unlocking the potential for millions of young voters.** The League of Women Voters believes they have a special responsibility to reach out to special young people who are most often left behind because they fall into the 37% of Americans with no college experience, do not live in predominantly white neighborhoods, or do not frequent places where most registration drives are held. That means we need to reach out to new voters while they are still in high school. To that end, the Columbus League of Women Voters partnered with a number of groups—including The Columbus Alumnae Chapter of Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc.,-- to go into district high schools and register students who were 18 years of age and over or who would be 18 in time for the November 18 midterm elections. When we dealt

with students, we asked them questions such as **do you care about crime in your neighborhood, trash collection, health care for your family the cost of college, job opportunities, gun control and police response time in your neighborhood?** Their responses not only gave us insight into their views but, more importantly, helped them to focus on the key issues that they should be aware of in order to cast an informed vote.



Meet **Columbus’** newest **Mole** member, **Yvette Weaver**. **Mole Yvette** is associate minister of Mt. Olivet Baptist Church and is working on her Doctorate of Ministry Degree in Formational Counseling. She has worked at the Ohio Department of Medicaid for the past 32 years. Welcome aboard, **Mole Yvette!**



Mole Yvette Weaver



Mole Randi & Mole John Mitchell



Mole Randi and Mole John Mitchell say “So Long” to Columbus’ “winter blahs!” and “Aloha” to the beauty and warmth of their visit to Hawaii. Randi’s **Mole Sisters** have one request, that she save some sunshine and tropical breeze for us here at home! (Br-r-r-r!)

Our Greenville Chapter

GREENVILLE MOLES ARE MAKING IT HAPPEN!!



Mole Nerissa Lewis

Mole Nerissa Lewis has been named as Assistant Superintendant for Elementary Leadership for Greenville County Schools effective June 2019.

Ms. Lewis has been a successful principal of more than 13 years, serving three very different school communities: Baker's Chapel Elementary, Mitchell Road Elementary, and currently Bethel Elementary. She received her B.S. from Winthrop University and M.Ed. from Furman University. Under her leadership, Bethel Elementary has achieved National Blue-Ribbon School status. The school's high achievement has also been recognized with a Palmetto Gold Award.

Nerissa evidences a depth of instructional knowledge, a high degree of organizational skills, and an aptitude in building a positive culture. As a principal she can be depended on to speak her mind, question established practices, and provide a practical perspective, and to do so in a manner that assists in developing the most advantageous approach to an issue. She has contributed to many of the current established instructional practices in the District, including the implementation of balanced literacy.

Congratulations to Kinsley Amiya Robinson who was recently crowned Miss Sub-Debutante at the ETO Chapter of Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Inc., 2018 Cotillion. She is the daughter of **Mole Katrina Johnson Robinson** and Mr. Quentin Robinson. Kinsley attends JL Mann Academy where she is a sophomore Honor student. At JL Mann, Kinsley is a member of the Patriot Track team. She excels in the 100, 200, 4x1, and 400 track events. She is also a member of the Beta Club and Youth in Government Club.

Kinsley attends Bethlehem Baptist Church and in her spare time enjoys modeling, public speaking, theatre, Broadway shows, and most of all hanging out with her friends.

Kinsley is a member of the Greenville Chapter of Jack and Jill of America, Inc.; where she recently won 2nd place in the Mid Atlantic Regional Teen Conference Oratorical Contest. She believes in having her voice heard. Kinsley plans to attend college and major in biology to become a pediatric dentist.



**Kinsley Robinson and
Mole Katrina Johnson Robinson**

Our Jacksonville Chapter



“TOUCHING LIVES. BUILDING FOR TOMORROW.”



Mole Wanda Willis

HONORING GREATNESS. Mole Wanda Willis was awarded the **Professional Minority Woman of the Year** by the Jax Chamber Professional Women’s Council at its inaugural “Women Connecting Women” event on October 18th, 2019. **Mole Wanda** is Director of Development for Major Gifts for the Florida State College at Jacksonville (FSCJ) Foundation. The Jax Chamber Professional Women’s Council offers women the chance to network with other women, share business ideas, and participate in community involvement activities within the Jacksonville region.

“There is no greater gift you can give or receive than to honor your calling. It’s why you were born”

Oprah Winfrey

Our Memphis Chapter

MEMPHIS MOLES ON THE MOVE



Greater Memphis Chamber announced the hire of **Mole DeQuanda Roberson** (Creator & Executive Producer of broadcast show, “Memphians on the Move”) to fill the newly created role of sponsorship development manager, part of the organization’s membership team. “In addition to a strong understanding of this market, DeQuanda understands how to develop solutions-based strategies for clients,” Rob Recker, the Chamber’s senior vice president of growth, said in a prepared statement. “We believe she will be a great asset to our membership team.”

Roberson is coming to the Chamber from a 20-year media sales career at Nexstar Broadcasting, which owns local channels WATN Local 24, WLMT CW 30 and Fox 16 in Jackson, Tennessee.

Roberson most recently served as Nexstar Broadcasting’s local sales manager, and last year, she founded WiB — Women in Business Expo, an event that showcases the women who are shaping the local workforce and business industry.



Mole Estella Mayhue-Greer became Mid-South Food Bank President & CEO on January 1, 2011.

She streamlined warehouse and distribution operations while upgrading safety standards, worked with the University of Memphis on an operations assessment and a nutrition plan for Kids Cafe and the Backpack Program and increased both the quality and the quantity of food distributed to member agencies to fight hunger in the Mid-South Food Bank’s 31-county service area.

Because of her robust work at the Mid-South Food Bank, Estella was honored by WiB-Women in Business as one of Memphis’ most influential executives contributing to the growth and success of the city.

In 2015, Mayhue-Greer received the Memphis City Council Humanitarian Award and she is featured in Memphis Magazine’s Who’s Who in Memphis and as a Power Player in Memphis Business Quarterly.

Our Newport News Chapter
NEWPORT NEWS FOREVER!!



Newport News Moles celebrated *Black History Month* by wearing red, black and green at their February meeting at the home of **Mole Jeannie Russell**. After the business meeting, there were games, food and lots of fun! Pictured (seated) are **Moles Ruth Chance, Alexis Swann, Arlene Blount, Erma Covington, Bonita Hunter, Brenda Graves, Jeannie Russell, Elaine Eatman, Vivian Blake, Michelle Hammond, and Karen Bland-Greene**. Standing are **Moles Alexis Swann, Glorya Roberts Phipps, Kellie Mason, Marqueta Tyson, Donna Tapp-Reid, Tishon Green, Tammy Royster and Olivia Dale Spriggs**.



Mole Janice Grace (pictured above) welcomed her first grandchild, Emily Joyce Walden into the world on February 23, 2019. We hope to welcome her into **Moledom** in a few decades!



Congratulations to **Mole Alexis Swann** (pictured left) who received the 2019 Humanitarian Award from at the 51st Annual Center for Inclusive Communities. We are so proud of her and all the work she does to improve our community!



Mole Glorya Roberts and **Luke Phipps** (pictured left) tied the knot on 10/27/18 at Hermosa Cove Villas in Ochos Rios, Jamaica. The wedding was attended by 25 friends and family members including several Moles from various chapters. Congratulations to the newlyweds!

Our Norfolk Chapter

LIVING LIFE TO THE FULLEST IN NORFOLK!!!



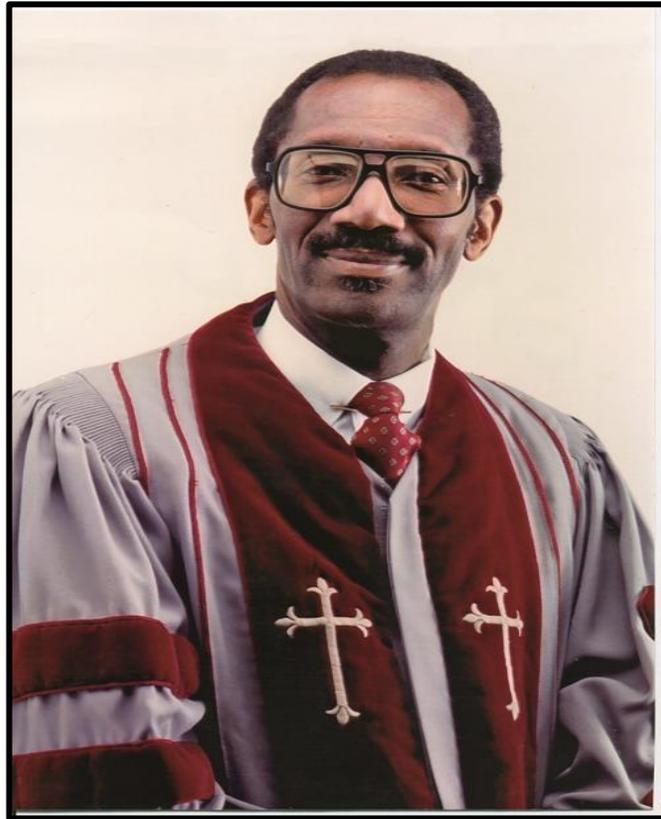
Valentine cheer was the order of the day as the **Norfolk Moles** celebrated the holiday with a gathering at the home of **Mole (Dr.) Pat King**. **Moles** and their **Mules** wore red, partook of good food, fun and enjoyed each other's company. Salud!



Following four decades of sweet memories, **Past National Vice President, Mole Dr. Wanda G. Brockington** (above right) is ready to begin a new chapter! She recently announced her upcoming retirement from Norfolk State University. As Associate Professor and Chair of the Department of Mass Communications and Journalism, **Mole Wanda** has had a lasting impact on hundreds of young minds and will be missed by many. Family, friends and colleagues look forward to celebrating **Mole Wanda's** 40 years of career accomplishments during a retirement party to be held in April.

Our Petersburg Chapter

PETERSBURG HONORS MULE ANDREW WHITE



Mule Rev. Dr. Andrew J. White, Sr.

<http://edu.lva.virginia/changemakers/items/show/361>

The **Petersburg Chapter** is proud to share that **Mule Rev. Dr. Andrew J. White, Sr.** was honored as one of seven (7) **2019 Strong Men & Women in Virginia History** award recipients on **February 8, 2019**, at the Richmond Marriott Hotel. The event was sponsored by Dominion Energy and the Library of Virginia. Dr. White was recognized for his commitment to education, healthcare, and community service. Born in 1932, Dr. White is a native of King & Queen County, where he attended segregated schools. He received a bachelor's degree from Virginia Union University, and earned his divinity degree from Virginia Union's School of Theology. He became the Pastor of Zion Baptist Church in Petersburg in 1963 and retired in 2011. He continues to mentor younger pastors in the community. In 1969, Dr. White founded the interracial Downtown Churches United, which helped provide food, clothing, shelter, and job assistance to those in need. Because of his concern about affordable access to healthcare, he became a board member of the Southside Mental Health Association serving as its first African American president, and was a member of the Petersburg Hospital Authority. He was also the secretary of the Board of Trustees for the Virginia Negro Baptist Children's Home, and most recently, co-chaired a successful capital campaign to construct the new Petersburg Public Library, which opened in 2014. Dr. White was also presented with our Chapter's Resolution in 2013, one year before we honored our **Mole** sister and his wife of 61 years, **Mole Gracie White**, with a resolution for all of her contributions to Petersburg and surrounding communities. Together, they have forged an undeniably rich legacy of service in the Commonwealth of Virginia.

Our Philadelphia Chapter

PHILADELPHIA INDUCTS FABULOUS NEW MOLES!



Baby Moles from left to right: Regina, Pam, Sirena, Marilyn, Bonita, & Tracey.



Officiating (from the left) Rev. Eltra, Gertie, Connie, Thelma, and April.



Joining Baby Moles at forefront President Arlene and (from the left) Sponsors: Barbara, Marcella, Terri, Gertie, and Kweli.

The **Philadelphia Chapter**, our circle of sisterhood, welcomes our **Baby Moles**. These are our new faces in **Moledom** and we were very proud to induct them. On January 22nd at 7:00 pm an awesome installation service and repast was held at the prestigious center city law firm of which **Mule Robert Archie** is a partner.

At this momentous occasion, the exquisite colors of white and green enhanced the spirit of this induction. It was an evening remembered by all. Guided by the true tenets of **Moledom** a beautiful orientation event **"The Ruth Johnson Baby Moles Brunch"** was held at a center city restaurant for our newest members and their sponsors on March 24th. An atmosphere of love, joy and laughter prevailed at this orientation. The **'Baby Moles'** have joined in with their fellow **Mole** sisters in the spirit of **"Enjoy yourself; It's later than you think."**

Our Richmond Chapter

ENJOYING THE RICHMOND SISTERHOOD!

Is it any small wonder that we in Richmond have such fun at our monthly meetings and other gatherings? We are all so connected in the **Richmond Chapter**. This month we are sharing pictures that display that "connectedness" in our chapter. There are mother and daughter sets, sister sets, an in-law set, cousins, neighbor sets, and several others that we will continue to show in an upcoming issue. It was a real joy bringing this to our membership. We thought it would be interesting for our **Sister Moles** also.



Figure 1, Mole Karen Pettis-Walden, Incoming President, with Sister Mole and mom Thelma Y. Pettis



Figure 3, Mole Branda Price with Sister Mole and daughter Holly Alford



Figure 2, Mole Carla Harrell with Sister Mole and mom LaVerne Spurlock



Figure 4, Mole Shirley Harris with Sister Mole and daughter Kelly Harris-Braxton.

Our Roanoke Chapter

NEW RECOGNITIONS AND NEW LEADERSHIP



The **Roanoke Chapter of THE MOLES** (all pictured above) entertained and presented beautifully framed resolutions to two community leaders on Saturday, February 23, 2019 at the Holiday Inn, Ordway Drive. **Moles Francine McLaughlin and Gaynelle Pierson** hosted the meeting. The honorees were pleasantly pleased with the entire evening events. The honorees were Reverend Ulas N. Broady and his wife, Delois, presented by **Mole Gloria Randolph-King** (recommended by **Mole Sandra Barlow**) and Mr. Peter Lewis and his wife Carla, presented by **Mole Saundra Butcher**. Also included in the photo is **Mole Marzetta Sinkler**, local chapter Resolutions chair. **Mole Gloria Randolph-King** is the **Roanoke chapter** president.

NEW OFFICERS TAKE CHARGE!



We salute our 2019-2020 Mole Officers who serve us well. Pictured Left to right **Moles Carolyn Patterson, Parliamentarian, Stella Carpenter, Financial Secretary, Saundra Butcher, Recording Secretary, Gloria Randolph -King , President, Diane Jones, Courtesy Chair, Althea Polk, Membership Chair**. Missing from the photo are **Moles Lutheria Smith, Vice president, Sandra Barlow, Corresponding Secretary and Brenda Debose, treasurer**.

SAVANNAH HONORS THE PAST AND CELEBRATES THE FUTURE



A SAVANNAH HISTORIAN

Savannah Mole Elinda Gorman (pictured left) is a Board member/facilitator of Oceans, Inc., the group that organized the commemoration of the **largest recorded slave sale in U.S. history that took place in Savannah, Georgia** on March 2nd & 3rd, 1859. Mole Elinda is pictured in front of the recently unveiled marker which sits on Butler Island Plantation (McIntosh county), Georgia, from which 436 enslaved people were transported for the sale. The two-day commemorative program marked 160 years since this horrific event. It is called the **Weeping Time** because of the torrential rainfall which lasted for the two days that the sale took place. Once the last sale was completed, the rains mysteriously stopped!

IS THERE A VET IN THE HOUSE?!

Jermaya Patterson, daughter of our recently inducted **Baby Mole Keenya G. Mosley** and **Mule Paul W. Mosley Sr.**, was recently elected President of Purdue University's Veterinary Medicine *VOICE* (Veterinarians as One Inclusive Community for Empowerment). *VOICE* is a student run organization that seeks to increase awareness, respect, and sensitivity to differences among all individuals and communities in the field of veterinary medicine. *VOICE* also aims to celebrate diversity within the profession, encourage campus environments that embrace diversity and promote the success of all students. Jermaya is a first-year student in Purdue University's Veterinary Medicine Program. She graduated from Hampton University in 2018 with honors in biology and in 2015 from Savannah Country Day School with honors. She is also the founder and executive director of *Black Girls DO STEM*.



Jermaya Patterson

Our St. Louis Chapter

ARE YOU READY FOR SOME FOOTBALL?!!



The **St. Louis Moles and Mules** certainly were ready for *Super Bowl LIII*!! Members gathered at the home of **Mole Bonnie and Mule George Gipson** for our chapter's annual Super Bowl Party. The afternoon began with hors d'oeuvres and cocktails. They then dined on a lavish and abundant buffet. Friendly wagers were made by the members. Although many of the **Mules** claimed the game was not very exciting, most of the **St Louis Moles** had excitement chatting and laughing at the many jokes told by **Mole Frances "Cookie" Whitfield**. All of us definitely remembered our **Mole Motto**:

"Enjoy yourself; it's later than you think!"

WELCOMING FOUR NEW MEMBERS!



The **St. Louis Moles** were happy to welcome four lovely ladies to our wonderful sisterhood on Saturday, March 1, 2019, at the Norwood Hills Country Club. The new members of our chapter are **Moles: Ethel Neal**, sponsored by **Mole Sylvia White**; **Karen Morrison**, sponsored by **Mole Frances "Cookie" Whitfield**; **Patricia Thornton**, sponsored by **Mole Jo Anne Hamilton Parks**; and **Denise Smith**, sponsored by **Mole Patricia Sanders**.

After the induction ceremony, we all dined on a scrumptious lunch specially prepared by Norwood's chef. We delighted in toasting our new sisters with glasses of champagne with strawberries. The "**Baby Moles**", as we lovingly called them, then celebrated "Christmas in March" by opening the plethora of gifts given them by the chapter members. Everyone enjoyed their day that was filled with lots of laughing, chatting, and getting to know each other better.

Our Washington, DC Chapter

MOLES SUPPORTING SISTERS AT D.C. MAYOR MURIEL BROWN'S WOMEN OF EXCELLENCE AWARDS PROGRAM

Moles DeVera Redmond and Carolyn Rudd Johnson attended Mayor Bowser's *Women of Excellence*



Awards program in celebration of Women History Month. Among the celebrants was journalist and author Dorothy Butler Gilliam who received the Washington Trailblazer Award. The **Washington, DC Chapter** will also honor Dorothy Gilliam with a national **Moles'** resolution noting her accomplishments to include being the first African American female reporter hired by the Washington Post and publishing her second book entitled, *Trailblazer: A Pioneering Journalist's Fight to Make the Media Look More Like America*.

Left to Right: Mole Carolyn Rudd Johnson, Dorothy Butler Gilliam, Mole DeVera Redmond

AKA Iota Gamma Omega Chapter Honors First Diamond Soror

We are proud to share the good news that our beloved **Mole Dora Spriggs Halton** (pictured right) was honored by Iota Gamma Omega (IGO) Chapter of Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Inc. as its first Diamond Soror. For 75 years, she has been the epitome of an Alpha Kappa Alpha Woman, committed to service to all mankind. Among her Mole and AKA sisters, **Mole Dora** is known as a "true energizer bunny." who enjoys life with an infectious smile, class and grace. Congratulations **Mole Dora** for your outstanding achievement!



Party With A Purpose

When **Mole Norma Stewart** decided to celebrate her "birthday with a purpose", she invited friends and high school classmates to join her in her hometown of sunny St. Petersburg, Florida at the new Carter G. Woodson African American Museum, located exactly 2 blocks from where she grew up. They came from all across the country including several Delta Sorors, Links, Continentals and 4 **Moles** from her chapter. Many others who could not join her in Florida, sent donations to help carry out her theme. In wishing **Mole Norma** a Happy Birthday, she requested that they give a donation to either the Museum in St. Petersburg or the *Stewart Family Foundation* in DC that provides scholarships and community assistance to those in the DC, MD and VA areas. Collectively, Norma and her friends and high school classmates donated \$5000 to the Museum and over \$4000 to the Stewart Family Foundation. Norma's famous saying, which she paraphrases, is "Good friends are those who care without regard to the situation...who remember without limitation...and who remain the same without communication" (author unknown). To Norma and her friends and classmates, a birthday is just the 1st day of another 365-day trip around the sun.....so enjoy the journey.



Left to Right Above: Moles Dora Halton, Norma Stewart, Gloria Quick-Alexander, Verna Frazier, Patricia Hobson Wilson

Mole Moments, Milestones and Memories

SAVANNAH

Savannah Mole Wanda Wood-Knox and **Mule Lee Knox** welcomed their newest granddaughter, Adrienne Rose Knox to the family. Adrienne was born on February 17, 2019 and weighed in at 8 pounds 3 ounces. Their son and daughter-in-law, Kyle and Christine Knox of Columbus, Ohio are the proud parents. They also have a 2 1/2 year old daughter, Julianne Bree Knox. Congratulations to the Knox family!

NEWPORT NEWS

During Women's History Month, **Mole Renee Escoffery-Torres** was the keynote speaker for a *Virginia State University Founders Day Event* on March 14, 2019. On March 19, she was one of four panelists participating in an engaging discussion sponsored by ASALH and the Hampton 1619 Commission, at the Hampton University Museum. Her paper, "Chicken bones and Sheets: Black Migration and Safety," provided an interesting viewpoint on a topic to be explored throughout the year. Congratulations, **Mole Renee!**

On February 6, 2019, **Mole Monica Hunter Barnes**, a YWCA Woman of Distinction Honoree, presented a \$20,000 check on behalf of the Mary Kay Foundation to the YWCA South Hampton Roads for making a difference for the women in their local shelter and affected women in our community

Dates to Remember



April 15, 2019
Conclave Registrations Due
to Host Chapter

June 20-23, 2019
69th National Conclave of
THE MOLES
Hosted by the
Louisville Chapter

