

# Stephanie Tubbs Jones Inaugural Retreat

## EMBODI

### EMPOWERING MALES TO BUILD OPPORTUNITIES FOR DEVELOPING INDEPENDENCE

Eight Delta EMBODI Committee members, four Male Partners and 10 young men braved the snow squalls on Saturday afternoon, November 6<sup>th</sup> and made their way to Camp Forbes to participate in their first Leadership Development Retreat. Their experience began with a welcome, hearty snacks and reciting The EMBODI Pledge. Cabin Dads Kris Latten and Daron East along with Partners David Bloodsaw and Greg Moore marched the boys to their cabin where they settled in and created a Cabin Yell. The evening activities began with rounds of board games. After dinner, the young men prepared two acts for an awesome performance entitled The EMBODI Idol. Committee member Lorna Jones Askew led the boys on a moonlight walk in the snow, which resulted in hilarious flashlight flashing and snow antics. The boys were more than ready for the steaming hot chocolate prepared for them when they returned to the dining hall. The evening ended with a flashlight spotting rendition of The Never Ending Story, a saga created as each boy spontaneously added his dialogue to an impromptu story. Did you notice that flashlights were the highLIGHT of the night?

challenges until parents arrived to take them home. By then, the weather was warm and sunny creating great melting pools of slushy water for EMBODI boys to get in their last splashes.



**EMBODI participants with Male Leaders**

Co Chairpersons Diane Bloodsaw and Renee Harrison send bouquets of violets to committee members Phyllis East, Lorna Jones Askew, Alison Floyd, Dolores Del Anderson, Ruby Turner and Kellie Morris for their creativity, hard work, enthusiasm and physical stamina. Hats off to our speaker coordinator, ΔSara Corprew, Cabin Dads and EMBODI Partners.



**EMBODI male Leaders engage in conversation**

Sunday morning the Delta Sorors were awakened to the sound of marching EMBODI members "hutting one, two, three" trudging past their cabin chanting their Cabin Yell, on their way to the dining hall. Chef Ruby Turner was ready for them with a breakfast of cereal, eggs, grits, sausage and toasted bread.

Sunday's Developing Leadership session was led by Elder Fred James, Youth Leader at 4 Real Empowerment Center. He engaged the boys by having them express their goals and ambitions. He then gave them Five Rules to attain those goals. Co-Chairperson Renee Harrison followed up the concept of Developing Leaders by engaging the boys in an activity in which they had to simulate developing and promoting leaders in various scenarios, such as selecting a candidate for school president and getting him elected to the position. EMBODI Camp ended with lunch and board game



**EMBODI Leadership Team**

Each camp ended with the participants writing narrative journal entries evaluating their camp experiences. Very proud, happy, and tired committee members beamed at the glowing reports of The Stephanie Tubbs Jones Leadership Development Retreat. Many thanks to all who made it a success, especially our photographer extraordinaire, ΔMary Boone. **ΔΣΘ Diane Bloodsaw**

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### Delta Academy

The Annual Leadership Development Retreat was held November 5-7<sup>th</sup> at Camp George Forbes. Delta Academy, in its 14<sup>th</sup> year serving young ladies ages 11 to 14 in the Greater Cleveland Area was founded by Congresswoman Marcia L. Fudge during her tenure as the 21<sup>st</sup> National President of the sorority. Her theme for the Academy: "Catching the Dreams of Tomorrow and Preparing African American Young Women for the Challenges of the 21<sup>st</sup> Century".



Delta Academy Girls and Leaders during Retreat

On Friday evening forty eight girls from the Greater Cleveland area were welcomed by Congresswoman Fudge. Her stirring message motivated the girls to internalize the objectives of the retreat presentations and interactive workshops. She particularly emphasized the various facets of leadership and assured them that they have the potential to become the leaders of today and tomorrow in a myriad of capacities.

The young ladies were then treated to a delicious spaghetti dinner with all the trimmings. The evening was highlighted with creative team building activities that were designed to rotate leadership positions and responsibilities. A late night visit from Greater Cleveland Chapter President Barbara Walker was a special treat as she greeted and congratulated the girls for being a part of this extraordinary opportunity. She told them of the respect her sister Stephanie Tubbs Jones had for education, how she loved young people and that the Stephanie Tubbs Jones legacy was for every young person to reach their highest potential.

As it happened, November 5<sup>th</sup> ushered in the first snowfall of the year, so as the girls concluded the evening activities filled with all the traditional camp snacks they could eat, they scurried through the snow, sleet and slush to their cozy warm cabins led by volunteer Cabin Moms, ΔMonica Reese, ΔJulie Snipes-Rea, ΔTeresa Dews, Patricia Taylor, Martine Biggers, Rachel Hannah, Crystal Tarrence, Roeshanna Boyd and Toiya K. Washington.

Saturday morning began with a stimulating jog to the dining hall, a round of dance exercises, a bountiful breakfast and a rousing choir rehearsal led by ΔGlenda Lottier in preparation for participation in the Delta Christmas Vesper Service. The girls then focused their attention on The Leadership Academy. The Academy opened with a dynamic panel of expert presenters, moderated by ΔLisa Farmer Cole. Mrs. Cole set the tone for the presentations with a thought provoking "lesson to be learned" story. Panelist ΔSharon Cole's topic was "Lessons in Teen Leadership", ΔJessica Williams Norton encouraged young women to "Find Their Voice" and Reverend Courtney Clayton Jenkins eloquently concluded the presentations with "As We Have Opportunity Let Us Do Good to all People".

The lunch hour consisted of pizza seasoned with Leadership Table Topic Discussions. Discussion Leaders and their table topics were ΔSharon Cole: Run, Run for an Office, ΔLisa Farmer Cole: Leadership Lessons, ΔLorna Wisham: Setting Goals, ΔDorothy Curtis: Money Management, ΔAisha Mason: Making the Grade, ΔAngela Kane: Keeping Your Balance, ΔMylayna Albright: Good Citizenship and Reverend Courtney Clayton Jenkins: Your Spiritual Self.



Leadership Retreat Panel Members

The Camp concluded with appreciations to the Panelist and Table Topic Leaders, fond farewells and anxious anticipation from the girls for their December Delta Academy Meeting. Delta Academy Chairpersons: Darlene Walker and Saroya Queen Tabor expressed hearty thanks to the Camp Committee Sub-Chair ΔDiane Bloodsaw and to the dedicated and enthusiastic committee members: ΔMargaret Williams (camp chef), ΔSara Corprew (presenters coordinator), ΔGrace Scales (Saturday chef) ΔMary J. Smith and ΔDeborah Cartwright (registration) Martine Biggers and Roeshanna Boyd (parent liaisons). Special Thanks to ΔFontella Smith (cabin moms coordinator). The Committee Members then packed up, trudged to their snow covered cars and headed for home to make way for.... (Continued on back page).

# PROJECT ACE Literacy Festival

The Project A.C.E. Committee held its fourth Fall Literacy Festival on October 23, 2010 at the Daniel E. Morgan School in Cleveland's Glenville area. The committee collaborated with our Arts and Letters Committee, Theta Eta, Cleveland Citywide Chapter and Epsilon Mu Chapter, Kent State University to produce a fun, educational and enlightening event for over 80 students and 27 parents.

Students attending were to dress up as their favorite storybook character as they made their rounds throughout the beautiful facility embarking on fun educational challenges such as, Synonym Match, Parts of Speech, and Vowel Bingo to name a few.

More than 280 books were donated by our sorors so that each student in attendance received 4 new books. Parents also received resource materials to assist them at home with homework.

A hot dog lunch was served to students and parents and they also received a 'goody bag' filled with sweet treats of the season and trinkets.

In addition to the planned events for students, parents were encouraged to attend special sessions conducted by Soror Sheila Williams, Vicki Beggiani, and Obu Lloyd, that addressed such topics as enjoying literacy with your children; what can be done at home to encourage reading; the services the Cleveland Public Library has to offer. Linda Sperry, director of the Cleveland Public Library's mobile unit had the Bookmobile on site for every student to obtain a library card and check out additional reading material.

Thanks to the Project ACE Committee members, Andrea Dockery and the Social Action Committee, Cheryl Taylor, principal of Daniel E. Morgan, who provided an exceptional venue for this project, Melonie Frazier for planning and organizing the games, Carol Wagner, Martha Jewett, Katrice Cain, Paula Spencer, Bonnie West, Alison Floyd, Mildred Foster, Emma Jordan Wren, and Keisha Wagner (community volunteer) for tirelessly assisting the children.



**The Fall Literacy Festival finale had students and parents dancing for the joy of reading with the Rockin' Robots.**

Thanks to sorors Alacia Jones, Ashley Bennett, Alyssa Terry from Epsilon Mu and Stephanie Onuoha from Theta Eta for assisting with bagging candy, setting up tables etc. and making this a successful Alumnae/Collegiate exchange.

**-Carolyn Lockett and Gina Spencer, co-chairs. ΔΣΘ**



**Project ACE Committee members. Standing: Gina Spencer, Cheryl Hudson, Alacia Jones, Melonie Frazier, Ashley Bennett, Carolyn Lockett, Mildred Foster, and Emma Jordan Wren. Seated: Paula Spencer, Katrice Cain, Carol Wagner, and Martha Jewett.**



**Students enjoyed visiting the on site Cleveland Public Library's traveling Bookmobile unit.**

## GCAC Photo Gallery



*Thank you for your participation in the Chapter Photo. Copies are available for purchase from the Publicity Committee. Costs are \$20.00 per copy for an 8x12" copy and \$30.00 per copy for a 20x30" copy. Please see members of the Publicity Committee to purchase. Any proceeds collected that exceed production costs will be donated to the Delta Center.*

# All Aboard! The GCAC Train is on the Go...

The Greater Cleveland Alumnae Chapter train has been making a lot of stops. Here are a few:

## "CLEVELAND — E. 21<sup>st</sup> and Prospect!"

On October 19, 2010, nearly one-hundred Sorors were on board for an important stop—the unveiling of The Stephanie Tubbs Jones Transit Center. Radiant in red, members of Delta Sigma Theta warmed the cool day as they joined family, friends, elected officials, RTA representatives and distinguished speakers for grand opening ceremonies of the unique regional transit center.

A staunch supporter of public transportation, Congresswoman Stephanie Tubbs Jones fought hard to secure the funds needed to build a center to benefit both the community and the region. An amazing public art installation of the Congresswoman is prominently displayed at the E 21<sup>st</sup> Street center entrance.

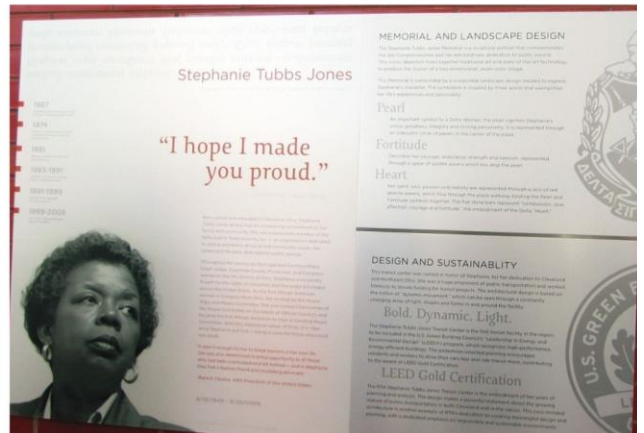
"The likeness is incredible. . . it's so clear, it really keeps her memory alive," said Fontella Smith. Inside the state-of-the-art center, there is a display with information about Delta Sigma Theta—the pearl, fortitude and the heart of Delta women; words from Stephanie, details about the building design is featured; a transit police mini-station, vending, an indoor

waiting area, customer information system, bus bays and an adjacent parking garage.

Present to share in the grand opening, were her family—Son Mervyn Jones, Sister Barbara Tubbs Walker, Stephanie's Delta line sisters'; friends—Cleveland Mayor Frank Jackson, Congresswoman Marcia Fudge; and her mentor and predecessor—former Congressman Louis Stokes who crafted a keynote speech comprised of heartfelt words.

"It was cold, but the event was just a wonderful tribute to Stephanie," said line sister Lois Roberts. Special kudos go out to her line sisters who helped to make this a most memorable event. In a touching tribute, all members of Delta Sigma Theta present held hands and sang The Sorority's 'Sweetheart Song' in memory of Stephanie.

"It was a privilege and pleasure to be there, and show appreciation for all she has done. Stephanie was such an unselfish person; she always wanted to help people. To celebrate her in presence of so many Delta's warmed my soul," added Roberts. "It was simply amazing!" **ΔΣΘ**



*Stephanie Tubbs Jones*

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RTA Transit Center  
October 19, 2010



## ***GCAC on the go. A few more stops:***

### **"Akron—QUAKER SQUARE!"**

The celebration began on Friday evening, October 22. A "Red Shoe Soiree" provided old school "stepping" as Akron sorors stepped in time for each decade since 1960. National President Cynthia M. A. Butler-McIntyre enjoyed the occasion, as did GCAC President Barbara Tubbs Walker.



**GCAC President Barbara Walker fellowships with National President Cynthia Butler-McIntyre**

*On Saturday, October 23<sup>rd</sup> more of The GCAC Train headed down I-77 south.*

More than fifty members of Greater Cleveland Alumnae Chapter travelled south to celebrate Akron Alumnae Chapters' 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary during a lovely Crimson & Cream Luncheon. More than two-hundred and fifty members of Delta Sigma Theta Sorority and guests were present at the luncheon to share in the



**GCAC in Akron for their 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary**

celebration of the wonderful milestone. A keynote from National President Cynthia Butler-McIntyre made the luncheon was an afternoon of insight and inspiration. After walking the audience through memory lane with recollections of popular culture—Ray Charles, 'Georgia On My Mind'; the movie Psycho, made it hard to take a shower— in 1960, the National President paused.

"Congratulations Sorors of Akron Alumnae Chapter. You even had the mayor of Akron here, in a tuxedo!" delighted National President Butler-McIntyre. She added, "Growing old is mandatory, growing up is optional! Sorors don't just celebrate 50 yrs

and go back to business as usual. . . you have to change your head, hands, and heart. There is work to be done! You've got to think differently, help someone and get your hands dirty sometimes."

During her presentation, National President Butler-McIntyre acknowledged many present including Immediate Past National Secretary Pamela Smith and GCAC President Barbara Tubbs Walker. She also expressed well wishes Akron Alumnae President Torey J. Stewart, who received and accepted a surprise proposal during the meal, and her fiancé. "Torey," she said, "I'll be back for the wedding." **ΔΣΘ**

### **Cincinnati-Ohio/Michigan Cluster**

On October 16, 2010, several GCAC sorors were on board for the Ohio/Michigan Cluster meeting in Cincinnati Ohio. Sorors gathered from all over Ohio and Michigan to attend informational workshops and fellowship with sorors from the two states. Midwest Regional Director Regina Harper, the keynote speaker, provided uplifting remarks. Soror Fontella Smith captivated the audience with much needed insights into appropriate protocol and traditions. Soror Earline Cottrell presented "Preparing to Win" Chapter awards at the regional during a workshop. Her remarks were well received and outlined specific steps towards demonstrating a chapters community services in order to win the award. GCAC Chapter President Barbara Walker brought greetings from the National Social Action Commission, and encouraged sorors to take friends and family to the polls for the November mid-term election.

### **Beloved Servant Passes**



**18<sup>th</sup> National President Hortense G. Canady**

As with many trips, there are bumps and rough patches along the way. Prior to giving her passion-filled presentation, with a heavy heart, National President Cynthia Butler-McIntyre shared the news that the 18<sup>th</sup> National President of Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Hortense Golden Canady, passed away at her home a few hours earlier (on October 23<sup>rd</sup>). Services were held in Lansing, Michigan, on October 28<sup>th</sup>. Several GCAC sorors attend the Omega Omega service in Michigan.