



## Chi Zeta Omega's New President Madame Shelby Reece



### Greetings,

I have the most distinct honor of serving as Chi Zeta Omega's 5th President for the 2011-2012 administration. I am blessed and filled with excitement to give my talents and time to the FIRST and BEST sorority in the world.

As we migrate into supporting the newest administration of Alpha Kappa Alpha, Sorority, Inc., I am overjoyed to lead Chi Zeta Omega chapter to accomplish the objectives coming from our 28th National President, Carolyn House-Stewart.

Over the past 8 years, Chi Zeta Omega has been guided by exceptional leadership that has warranted us local, regional and national visibility, awards, partnerships, grants and an overwhelming sense of confidence and accomplishment amongst members in the chapter. We must forge on. We must continue to build our bond amongst our members worldwide. We must continue to build leaders in the community.

While our work of the past has indeed expanded our outreach; we will turn our spotlight to those activities that we have done well, fine-tune them to accommodate the new international platform, and implement them with the vitality that invigorates our sisterhood. In the process, we will build more solid procedures around our notable events and programs that will ensure we operate effectively and efficiently for years to come. We will build leaders in our youth offering opportunities to empower our children with the tools and knowledge they need to proclaim their future. We will build our leadership internally by conducting more training to ensure we are equipped with the necessary components needed to lead the chapter and enhance our own professional skills.

Thank you for the opportunity to lead Chi Zeta Omega to **SERVE ALL MANKIND**. I look forward to serving with you.

Sisterly,  
Shelby Reece

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### Upcoming Events

#### National Founder's Day Celebration

January 13-16  
Little Rock, AR

#### Plano MLK Celebration

January 15, 2011  
Southfork Hotel  
1600 N. Central Expressway  
Begins 8:30am

*This event is open to the Public*

#### DFW Founder's Day Luncheon

January 22, 2011  
12 Noon

[www.dfwfoundersday.com](http://www.dfwfoundersday.com)

*This event is open to the public.*

## A Message From our 1st Vice President

Members of Chi Zeta Omega,

Greetings and Happy New Year! Thank you for the honor and privilege of serving as your 1<sup>st</sup> Vice President for the 2011-2012 Administration. I am thrilled to serve this outstanding chapter of this tremendous sorority in a new capacity.

As we embark upon a new year, I pray that we all keep alive the spirit of the holiday season in our hearts. The holidays are a great time to reflect on our many blessings. It's pretty easy to imagine our lives taking a different path had it not been for the guidance of parents, relatives, teachers, counselors, etc. How can we best say thank you to the people who selflessly gave for our benefit? We **PAY IT FORWARD**. This concept will be our Chi Zeta Omega approach to implement our new Alpha Kappa Alpha National Program Platforms:

**P**earls **A**lways **Y**ielding

**I**ncredible **T**riumphs

**F**or

**O**ur Youth (**E**merging Young Leaders Initiative)

**R**ights & Equality (**S**ocial Justice & Human Rights Initiative)

**W**ealth Building (**E**conomic Security Initiative)

**A**verting Diseases (**H**ealth Initiative)

**R**educing Poverty (**G**lobal Poverty Initiative)

**D**eveloping all Mankind (**I**nternal Leadership for External Service Initiative)

By **PAYING IT FORWARD**, we honor the past and continue to perpetuate the progress of our community. We've come a long way as a people, but there is more work to be done. Through servant leadership, refining processes, and increasing communication, Chi Zeta Omega will continue to be a beacon of light in the community. Our platform chairs are ready to charge forward, and I know that this chapter will continue to enthusiastically answer the call! I can't wait to **PAY IT FORWARD** with you!

Sisterly,  
Tuere Davis



## Chi Zeta Omega's New 2011-2012 Administration



by Robin Coward

The 2011-2012 Executive Committee (EC) kicked-off the new year with excitement as the "Game Day" themed chapter meeting was called to order. Our EC is excited and ready to begin **"Polishing Our Pearls"** and **"Paying it Forward"** with innovative ideas, energy and a dedication to serve.

Led by our President Shelby Reece the chapter will forge ahead to reach new heights in "Service to All Mankind" and Leadership in our communities as well as within the chapter.

In order to lead effectively, one must know how to serve. The new administration is here and ready to serve Chi Zeta Omega in sisterhood and love.



## The New 2011 Pearls of Service Board

by Dewanna Jefferson

To Whom Much Is Given, Much Is **Required...**

**Reinvest** in our community; **Empower** all who are served; **Quality** initiatives versus quantity initiatives; **Understand** our demographics; **Inspire** through faith; **Respond** to those in need; **Engage** others to support causes; **Dedicate** our time to service.

The general purpose of Pearls of Service, Inc. is to raise and distribute funds for charitable purposes within Collin County.

**Pearls of Service, Inc.'s Vision** is committed to creating access to resources that will ensure underrepresented citizens of Collin County are empowered to reach their full potential.

**Pearls of Service, Inc.'s Mission** will work to be the recognized community leader by providing a vessel to:

- Scholastic Scholarship for Collin County minority high school senior girls
- Education and awareness events for communities within Collin County
- Support of the arts

### Pearls of Service, Inc.'s Core Beliefs and Values

- We believe that all citizens of Collin County should have access to quality educational programs regardless of economic status, race, creed, gender, nationality, age or health insurance status.
- We are committed to supporting minority senior high school girls achieve an education based on merit, service, and need.

Our largest fundraiser is the Pearls and Ivy Cotillion, where we reinvest into the community annually by awarding academic scholarships to Collin County high school senior girls and provide funding for community based programs such as youth leadership conferences, health and wellness fairs, and support of the arts.

2011-2012 Pearls of Service, Inc. Board

Dewanna Jefferson, President

Cassandra Gallaspy, Vice President

Andrea Broyard Johnson, Treasurer

Kim Scott, Financial Secretary

DeAnna Luster, Recording Secretary

Mia Patterson, Fundraising Chair (not pictured)

Shelby Reece, Chi Zeta Omega Representative (not pictured)



## Chi Zeta Omega Gives Selflessly to Those in Need

by Karen Austin

In December Chi Zeta Omega provided "Timeless Service" to Pepsico Social Services of Mesquite. In lieu of the typical chapter Christmas gift exchange, members were asked to bring items to be donated to Pepsico Social Services to help needy families during the holiday season. The items requested included: blankets and coats as well as food goods; such as, potatoes, canned goods, cake mix, and cans of frosting. Thank you members of Chi Zeta Omega! You answered the call and gave selflessly to serve others.



## Chi Zeta Omega

2011-2012

### Executive Committee

**PRESIDENT**  
Shelby Reece

**1st VICE PRESIDENT**  
Tuere Davis

**2nd VICE PRESIDENT**  
Deena Rember-Neason

**RECORDING SECRETARY**  
Victoria Odom

**ASST. RECORDING SECRETARY**  
Charyl McAfee-Duncan

**TREASURER**  
Monica Hawkins

**FINANCIAL SECRETARY**  
Jessica Cofield

**ASST. FINANCIAL SECRETARY**  
Pamela Scott

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Felicia Layeni

**HOSTESS**  
Patrice Withers-Stephens

**SARGEANT-AT-ARMS**  
Tracy Lotten

**IVY LEAF REPORTER**  
Robin Coward

**CHAPLIN**  
Lisa Washington

**HISTORIAN**  
Tracee Wysinger

**BUSINESS MANAGER**  
Cherise Wright

**CUSTODIAN**  
Beverly Bruton-Taylor

**MEMBER-AT-LARGE**  
Ashley Brown

**MEMBER-AT-LARGE**  
Mary Dedeaux-Swinton

## Chi Zeta Omega's 2010 Chapter Member of the Year

*Linda Reed*

by Robin Coward



When you think of the lyrics, "We help each other..." in the chorus of our National Hymn, Linda Reed definitely comes to mind. Linda was initiated into the Delta Xi Chapter of Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Incorporated at the University of Texas at Austin in 1974.

As one of our cherished Silver Stars, Linda is a charter member of Chi Zeta Omega who has worked tirelessly in the name of Alpha Kappa Alpha in any and every capacity possible.

With more contributions than one can list, Linda really out-did herself last year! In 2010, Linda set a Chi Zeta Omega record by attending or supporting almost every activity and committee in the chapter. With words of praise and gratitude, our Former Chapter President Felicia Layeni put it best when she said, "There was no task too large or too last-minute for her to tackle for anyone who called on her. This kind of commitment is what makes good chapters great!"

Congratulations Linda! Thank you for your dedicated, outstanding, and always pleasant service with a smile. Chi Zeta Omega loves and appreciates you!

## Members of the Month

by Phyllis Jenkins

This month CZO recognizes THREE Members of the Month: **Roslyn Garner, Veronica Jackson and Shuntel Love!**

All three became members of our chapter on March 28, 2010. In November, they worked tirelessly to make the chapter's photo session a success.



Rosalyn serves on the Social & Welfare and Economic Security committees. She enjoys spending time with her husband and two daughters. Her favorite quote is by Dr. Maya Angelou, "If you don't like something, change it. If you can't change it, change your attitude."

Veronica serves as the Business Manager for Pearls of Service, Inc., and on the Social & Welfare and Health committees. She is passionate about her commitment to serve. She holds fast to the scripture in John 14:27, "Peace I leave with you; my peace I give unto you; not as the world giveth, give I unto you. Let not your heart be troubled, neither let it be afraid."

Shuntel serves on the Health, Social & Welfare, and Membership committees and will lead the 2011 Chapter Book Club. Shuntel is passionate about getting young women of color interested and engaged in STEM (science, technology, engineering, mathematics) related fields. Shuntel's favorite scripture is Philippians 4:13, "I can do all things possible through Christ who strengthens me."

