

## DeKalb History Center

### Alpha Kappa Alpha, Tau Pi Omega chapter

**Scope and content:** The Tau Pi Omega Collection consists mainly of photos and scrapbooks. There is also a VHS tape, a book, and some paper material in the collection. Collection covers the years 1993-2018.

**Provenance:** Gift of Valerie Ayer, historian of the Tau Pi Omega chapter, Accession #2023.18

**Access:** Single photocopies may be made for research purposes. Reproductions of photographs and permission to publish materials from this collection must be requested from the Archivist, DeKalb History Center. Citations should be made as follows:

Description of specific item; Tau Pi Omega Collection, DeKalb History Center Archives.

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**Size:** 19 boxes of scrapbooks, 2 document boxes

**Brief Organizational History of Tau Pi Omega (from their website):**

“The mission of Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Incorporated ® is to cultivate and encourage high scholastic and ethical standards, to promote unity and friendship among college women, to study and help alleviate problems concerning girls and women in order to improve their social stature, to maintain a progressive interest in college life, and to be of ‘Service to All Mankind.’

Tau Pi Omega supports this mission through our international service initiatives on a local level by continuing to strive for excellence. Our overall mission will be achieved through the following diverse and collaborative efforts: spirituality, sisterhood, leadership, scholarship, cultural awareness, and the implementation of our programs throughout our community.” The chapter serves communities in Lithonia, Stone Mountain, and Stonecrest.

<http://www.akataupiomega.com/home>

**Description:** 37 scrapbooks, with various forms of decoration and flare, containing photos, papers and other ephemera from Tau Pi Omega service initiatives. Photos (some with negatives) were mostly housed in paper bags (from photo processing shop), some with descriptions, others without descriptions. Others were loose in boxes or bound with rubber bands. Folder titles were taken from descriptions on paper bags; otherwise, they were given “unidentified” titles.

**37 scrapbooks:**

Box 1

2019- "Crowned with Excellence"

2016- "Wild About LNDS" (scrapbook binding has come loose)

Box 2

2018- "Launched New Dimensions of Service while Exemplifying Excellence"

2015- "Sisterly Relations"

2016- Freddie L. Groomes McLendon Caring award

Box 3

2002

1993-2003- "In The Beginning"

Box 4

2002

2011- Publicity, 58<sup>th</sup> South Atlantic Regional Conference

2006

Box 5

2007- "Public Relations"

2011- "Connection Cares"

Box 6

2008- "Program"

Box 7

2018- "Connection- Making a Path to the Community"

Box 8

2017- "Kreme Always Rises to the Top"

1995

1996-1997 "Memories"

Box 9

2019- "The Tau Pi Omega Times"

Box 10

2010 "Program"

Box 11

2009 "Publicity"

Box 12

"Be the Voice and Take Flight"

Box 13

2011 "The Ivy Insider"

2012 "Program"

Box 14

2011 "Programme"

Box 15

"I See the Light"

"New Dimensions in Women's Work"

Box 16

"Tau Pi Omega Launched New Dimensions of Service While Exemplifying Excellence"

"Making a Difference One Task at a Time"

Box 17

2008 "Connection"

2007 "Program"

Box 18

2008 "Publicity"

2001

Box 21

2013 "Global Poverty Initiative"

2013-2014 "Emerging Young Leaders (EYL)"

2013 "C.A.R.E.S" (Collaborate, Advocate, Register, Educate, and Stimulate)

2014 "C.A.R.E.S"

2013-2014 "Timeless Service"

Figurine with a book, boxed

"Global Leadership Through Timeless Service" bags, pink, 2

"Global Leadership Through Timeless Service Emerging Young Leaders" banner, pink

Penelope Ann bag, white with black and red letters, red flower

<b>Box</b>	<b>Folder</b>	<b>Contents</b>	<b>Date(s)</b>
19	1	Framed photos	
	2	Loose photos	
	3	Photo books	
	4	Photo discs	
	5	Photos- 16 S.O.U.L.S intake	2003
	6	Photos- Academy	
	7	Photos- Arlington, VA. & Washington, D.C.	October 1998
	8	Photos- Award recipients	
	9	Photos- Centennial Walk	June 28, 2008
	10	Photos- Chapter anniversary	2001
	11	Photos- Chapter meeting	1999
	12	Photos- China banquet, Stephenson Middle	2002
	13	Photos- Cluster conference	2000
	14	Photos- Cluster conference	2001
	15	Photos- Cultured Pearls	January 1993
	16	Photos- DeKalb Emergency Shelter	2001
	17	Photos- East Lake Golf Tournament	2003
	18	Photos- Entrepreneur seminar	2008
	19	Photos- Founders' Day	2001
	20	Photos- Gordon Parks exhibit	2001
	21	Photos- Highway clean up	September 1998
	22	Photos- Highway safety	2003
	23	Photos- Highway safety, DMV in Stone Mountain	2004
	24	Photos- Installation of officers; Chapter Incorporation	January 2002
	25	Photos- International headquarters, Chicago	1998
	26	Photos- Metro Atlanta Founders' Day	2000
	27	Photos- MIP	1996
	28	Photos- MIP Luncheon	2002
	29	Photos- Miss Ivy Princess, Wynbrook Elementary	2003
	30	Photos- Pink Ice Gala	2001

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20		The First Member: Ethel Hedgeman Lyle video	
	1	Photos- Redan Elementary	
	2	Photos- Retreat	1998
	3	Photos- Shelter activity	April 2000
	4	Photos- Sickie Cell Walk	2001
	5	Photos- Sigma Phi chartering	2013
	6	Photos- South Atlantic Regional Conference	1998
	7	Photos- South Atlantic Regional Conference	2001
	8	Photos- St. Mountain Freedom Bell celebration	2000

9	Photos- Summer Soirée	2003
10	Photos- Unidentified event	June 10, 1998
11	Photos- Unidentified event	June 27, 1998
12	Photos- Unidentified event	November 25, 1998
13	Photos- Unidentified event	December 14, 1998
14	Photos- Unidentified event, green room	
15	Photos- Unidentified event	
16	Photos- Unidentified event w/ negatives	
17	Photos- Unidentified event w/ negatives	
18	Photos- Unidentified event w/ negatives	
19	Photos- Unidentified, loose	
20	Photos- Unidentified school event	
21	Pink Ice Gala booklets	
22	Proclamations and awards	

## Other items:

Tau Pi Omega chapter canvas bag, black

Ivy Box, pink

“Our 25 Year Anniversary” booklets

oversized photo, 2003

oversized photo, 2006

plaque with photos

*The Spirit Within*, hardcover book