

# The History of the GCAC Charter...

GCAC started out as the Omega Chapter, which was organized and chartered in 1924 as the twenty-sixth chapter of the sorority under Second National President Dorothy P. Beckley. Founder Madree Penn White spearheaded this effort.

The chapter was a mixed, city-wide chapter. That means that the chapter was mixed with undergraduate and graduate members and served several schools.

The charter members were:

- Olive Davis Streeter
- LaVergne Gregory West
- Ruth Howard
- Amy Stewart
- Clementine Hedges



# Omega Chapter Chartered

The chapter was active until 1927 when it became inactive until May 1932. It was reorganized by Fifth National President Gladys Byram Shepperd. The charter members were

- Gwendolyn Harris Robinson
- Audrey Walker Kelker (past chapter president)
- Gaston Bradford Mosely
- Gertrude Johnson Cobb
- Helen Green Cornwell
- Mildred Smith
- Virginia Houston, Helen Thomas.

This small but mighty group was active socially as evidenced by their participation in many formal community activities. Varied skill sets were brought to this group based upon their occupations and careers in business, retail, banking, health care, social work, and fine arts. They utilized their talents to become a recognized force within the community

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# Greater Cleveland Alumnae Chapter

January 31, 1976, marked the retirement of Omega Chapter and the chartering of Greater Cleveland Alumnae Chapter (GCAC). Past Chapter President Josephine Stokes Horn was the only president to serve as president of both Omega Chapter and GCAC. All financial members of Omega Chapter on January 31st became charter members of GCAC.

Another unique occurrence associated with the retirement of Omega chapter related to a group of five sorors. The "Final Five" were initiated into Delta on January 31, 1976. Only minutes after the initiation ceremony these five initiates became charter members of GCAC once the chapter installation ceremony was completed. The Final Five Line included:

- Linda Flournoy
- Yvonne Balthrope
- Gwendolyn Brown
- Josephine Feimster
- Fontella Smith



# CHARTER MEMBERS

HOLLACE P. AGNEW  
LAVONIA M. ALEXANDER  
DOLORES D. ANDERSON  
ELOISE M. ANDERSON  
JUNE ANTOINE  
YVONNE GERTRUDE BALTHRUP  
GWENDOLYN J. BENNETT  
GLORIA BLACKMON  
LORAIN BOOTH  
BESSIE P. BRADFORD  
VENERINE L. BRANHAM  
DORIS LAMAR BROOKS  
CONELLA COULTER BROWN  
GWENDOLYN M. BROWN  
RUBY C. BROWN  
VIVIAN BULLOCK  
MILDRED TAYLOR BUNDY  
MARY CALHOUN  
ATTY. JEAN MURRELL CAPERS  
SHARON E CASTER  
IRMA F CLAYTON  
BERNICE L. COLES  
MARY P. COLLINS  
BLANCHE P. COOLEY  
DELORES J. COOPER  
DOROTHY MAY CRAIG  
BETTY M CROUTHER  
THELMA (TONIE) DAVIE  
PATRICIA B. DAVIS  
KATHERINE M. DEAN  
SHIRLEY G. DELAINE  
FEDALMA BOYD DREWERY  
CHARLOTTE T. DURANT

ANN M. ENGLISH  
DEBORAH H. ETHERIDGE  
JOSEPHINE FEIMSTER  
ELIZABETH FERGURSON  
LINDA ANN FLOURNEY  
PATRICIA CARTER FOSTER  
RANELLE A. GAMBLE  
ENID E. GAY  
EDDIE MAY GILES  
WILHELMINA DELORES GOFF  
KAREN J. HARDING  
JORETTA D. HARRIS  
ELLEN ERNESTINE WARD HIC  
EDNA W. HOLMES  
MATTIE C. HOPKINS  
JOSEPHINE S. HORN  
ANITA ISLER  
MARIA M. IFILL  
MILDRED L. JACKSON  
MARTHA A. JEWETT  
ELIZABETH S. JOHNSON  
SANDRA M. JOHNSON  
EVELYN D. JONES  
EVELYN RAGLIN JONES  
SNDRA S. JONES  
AUDREY WALKER KELKER  
BOBBY LOU KELLEY  
ADELAIDE G. KYSER  
VERNA LANHAM  
ETHEL KAY LEATHERMAN  
MADELYN R, LEE  
MARION S. LOFTON  
WILMA F. LORITTS

WILLA M. LOWE  
GLORIA H. LOWERY  
JACOLA MARTIN  
GERTHA MENEFEE  
DOROTHY P. MERCER  
MAYME S. MILLIGAN  
LA GRETTA MILLS  
PHYLISS R. MILTON  
A. GRACE LEE MIMS  
CAVESSA MITCHELL  
EVERLENA MORGAN  
LILLIAN J. NIX  
ANN-MARIE OGLETREE  
SELMA W. PALMAR  
LILYAN H. PATTY  
TOMMIE PRADD PATTY  
SYBIL R. PENN  
JEANNETTE F. POTTS  
ARLENE T. PREVOST  
CAROLYN A. PREWITT  
RUTH E. PRICE  
VERA PLAXICO PRINCE  
ETTA REDD  
HELEN S. REED  
LOIS RICHARDSON  
DELORES A. RIDENOUR  
GLORIA L RIDENOUR  
BEVERLY H. RILEY  
CHARLENE RIVERA  
LOUISE ROSEBORO  
CATHERINE S. RUCKER  
BERNICE RUFFIN  
ANNA L. SCOTT

BARBARA BOBO SHAKOOR  
BILLIE SHAW  
NORMA B. SINGLETON  
MAJORIE N. SLAUGHTER  
AMELIA JOYCE SMITH  
FONTELLA Y. SMITH  
MILDRED E. SMITH  
M. SANDRA SNORTON  
CAROLYN E. SPEED  
EVELYN P. STAMPLER  
MARY J. STOKES  
DARNELL L. STUBBLEFIELD  
ESTHER S. SUMNERS  
DOVIE D. SWEET  
MILDRED C. TALBOT  
ALICE M. TIGGETT  
TURA E. TOMLIN  
GLORIA TAYLOR TOWERS  
DORIS PITTS WALKER  
CHRISTINE WALSH  
BERNICE W. WARE  
VIVIAN L. WEAVER  
GRACE WHITE-WARE  
EMMA STEWART WILLIAMS  
LYDIA H. WILLIAMS  
HELEN F. WILLIS  
JUANITA WILLIS  
CHERYL A. WILLS  
EARNESTINE WILSON  
STEPHANIE M. WOOD  
JOYCE L. YOUNG  
DONNA MARIE ZACHARY