



The Diana G. Shipley “Golden Soror” Award - 2019

Soror Martha Hanks



Rho Delta Omega Chapter Palo Alto, CA

Soror Martha was born in Rayne, Louisiana in 1947. At age 10, her family moved to East Palo Alto, CA and began a legacy in what was then a small rural unincorporated community. Her father Joseph Goodwill, a well respected entrepreneur, community activist and family man, helped lead the campaign to incorporate the city in 1983. With his loving and supportive wife, Marjorie, right by his side, there was nothing they couldn't achieve with God as their primary source. She was truly his partner in business and in life and instilled in their children: “Do a good deed for someone and expect nothing in return,” “Get a good education” and “Always value family - unity is mandatory.”

These pearls of wisdom influenced Soror Martha's decision to pledge Alpha Kappa Alpha (Rho Chapter) on January 13, 1967, as she recognized the commonalities between her parents' mantras and the core values of Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Incorporated. It was her continued dedication to these values that inspired her to work in collaboration with several other wonderful Sorors to charter Rho Delta Omega (RDO), a graduate chapter on the San Francisco Peninsula in 1988. She has been active with RDO since.

INITIATED

January 13, 1967
RHO Chapter
UC Berkeley
Berkeley, CA

CHAPTER MEMBERSHIP

1988
Charter Member
Rho Delta Omega
Palo Alto, California

CHAPTER LEADERSHIP

2011-2013
Tamiochous

2009-2011
Epistoleus

2009-2011
Epistoleus

2008, 1988
Anti Grammateus

CHAPTER COMMITTEES

2017-2018
Environmental
Ownership

2015-2018
Chair & Co-Chair
ASCEND

2010-2014
Chair & Co-Chair EYL

2008-2010
Chair ESP

**SOROR MARTHA RECOGNIZED AS
50 YEAR MEMBER IN 2017**



2017 Regional Conference



2018 Houston Boule



RDO Chapter at Houston Boule



Receives 50 years of service recognition certificate at chapter meeting

**CONFERENCES
ATTENDED**

**2018
Boule - Houston**

**2017
Far Western Regional
Conference**

**2016
Far Western Regional
Conference**

**2015
Far Western Regional
Cluster**

**2012
Boule – San Francisco**

**2010
Far Western Regional
Conference**

**CONFERENCE
COMMITTEE
PARTICIPATION**

**2012
Boule Facilities
Committee**

**2010
Far Western Regional
Conference
- Registration
- Prayer Breakfast
- Ivies Beyond the Wall**

SUPPORT OF CHAPTER ACTIVITIES



RHO DELTA OMEGA CHAPTER



MLK Day of Service



RDO Wine, Croquet & Music Fundraiser



National Breast Cancer Awareness Month



Chapter Meeting

IMPLEMENTATION OF SORORITY GOALS - 2018

COOLEY LANDING PLAYGROUND MOBILIZATION



ASCEND and RDO pulled up weeds in the park and surrounding areas of the chapter's adopted area. Soror Martha always encourages ASCEND students to help as well so that they learn how to foster the native wildlife with watering and weeding.

OUT OF THE DARKNESS - SUICIDE PREVENTION WALK

Soror Martha with ASCEND, RDO, and others joined Xi Beta during this Mental Health Awareness Month for the Out of Darkness Walk at Stanford. The walk was a 5K event that fundraises and provides awareness for survivors of suicide loss and those suffering from mental illness.



BLACK COLLEGE FAIR



COMMUNITY SERVICE ACTIVITIES - 2017



ENVIRONMENTAL OWNERSHIP

May 2017 - Soror Martha participated with ASCEND students, partnered with the RDO Environmental Ownership Committee, for a ribbon cutting ceremony to adopt Cooley Landing Park for Playgrounds Mobilization Day! Volunteers helped to maintain the natural habitat and protect endangered wildlife native to the Bay Area by removing weeds and watering plants.

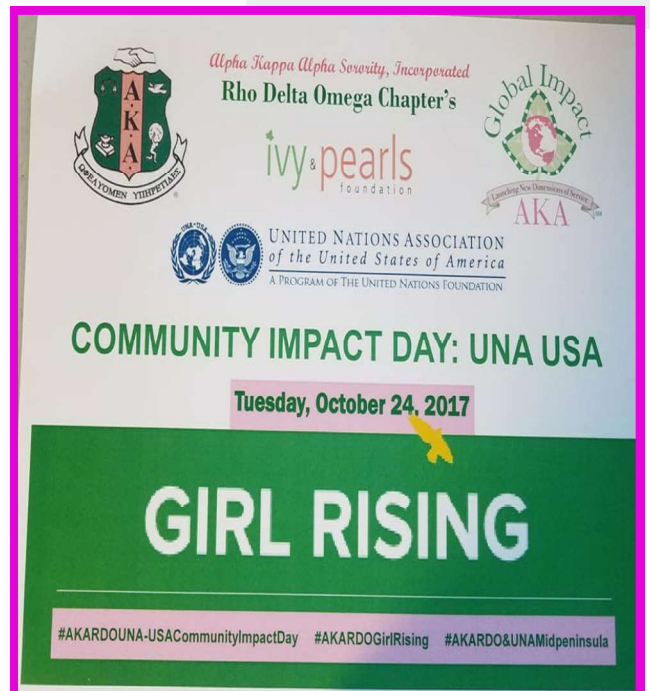
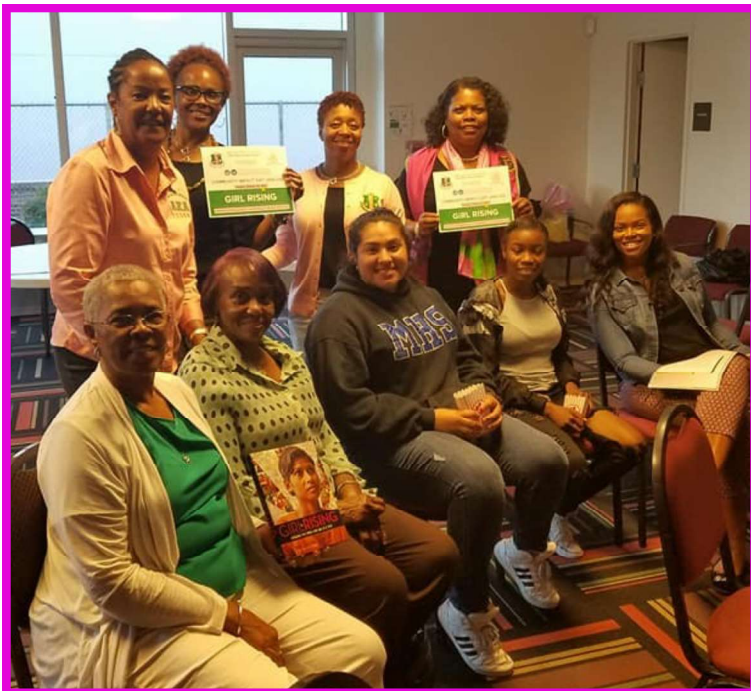


December 2017 - ASCEND planted the first pink flowers – California Buckwheat, around the park in order to help foster the native wildlife. In total, they planted 153 plants. Students learned how to properly plant without introducing any bacteria that could harm their growth. They started planting in RDO's adopted area and branched out to other locations of the park.



2017 COMMUNITY IMPACT DAY UNITED NATIONS ASSOCIATION OF USA

In recognition of United Nations Association (UNA) USA Day, Soror Martha and the ASCEND students, as well as sorors, and guests viewed a screening of Girl Rising at the East Palo Alto YMCA. The film is about the story of nine girls from developing countries and shows them overcoming great obstacles to obtain an education and change their fates.



ASCEND PROGRAM LEADERSHIP ACTIVITIES - 2016

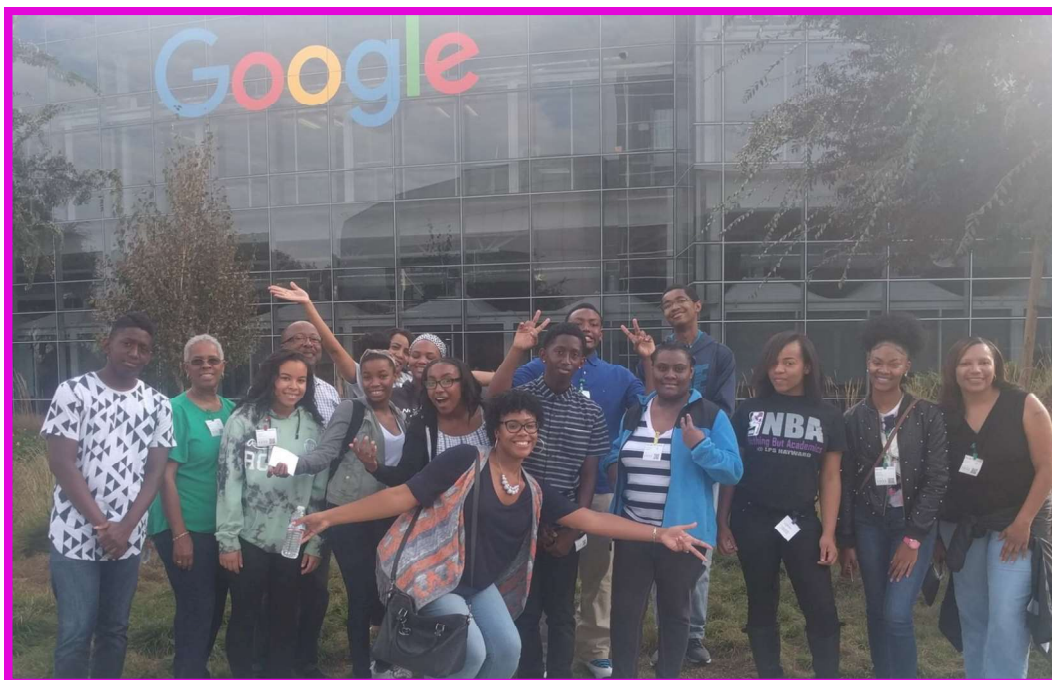


ASCEND PROGRAM

RDO's ASCEND students participated in soup making and veterans feeding in conjunction with the VA recreation therapy services on MLK Day of Service.



Soror Martha accompanied RDO ASCEND mentees on a trip to Google where employees participated on a career panel. Google also set up VIP treatment for a screening of the Ava Du Vernay movie, "13th", and a discussion panel for the students. The movie explores the history of racial inequality in the United States, focusing on the fact that the nation's prisons are disproportionately filled with African-Americans. The students were very well informed and acknowledged by the Google community.



ASCEND & HEALTH INITIATIVE ACTIVITIES - 2015

ASCEND PROGRAM -

November 2015 - Soror Martha was front and center supporting RDO's ASCEND students workshop initiative on Dimensions of Financial Literacy. Research has shown that Financial literacy is an important component of sound financial decision making for our youth.



October 2015 - Soror Martha along with Rho Delta Omega members and ASCEND students met with the local United Nations Association of the USA chapter to review plans that would increase awareness of global affairs in our communities.

January 2015 - Rho Delta Omega Chapter along with undergraduate Xi Beta Chapter, Stanford University, kicked off RDO's first meeting and activity with ASCEND students.



Soul Stroll for Health -

Golden Soror Martha also took time out to take care of herself this year by participating in the annual Soul Stroll for Health walk for mental health awareness sponsored by the African American Community Health Advisory Committee (AACHAC), Mid-Peninsula Health Services where RDO has been an longtime event community co-sponsor.

EMERGING YOUNG LEADERS PROGRAM - 2013-2014

May 2014 - Soror Martha represents RDO in empowering and informing EYL members that Health and Wellness is a part of life. RDO extended the traditional programs with new concepts that allowed Soror Martha to bridge and ensure continued quality of service to the local community.



January 2014 - Soror Martha was present for RDO's Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.'s Day of Service community service activity.

The young ladies of Emerging Young Leaders honored Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. by volunteering at the VA Medical Center. Veterans enjoyed hot soup prepared by volunteers and viewed the inauguration of President Barack Obama in Menlo Park, CA.



COMMUNITY SUMMIT & STEM



HOSTED BY

Rho Delta Omega Chapter's

Emerging

YOUNG

Leaders



COMMUNITY ACHIEVEMENTS



At the American Voice Foundation 2nd EID Festival, Soror Martha was presented with the Martin Luther King Jr. Beloved Community Building Award for an individual who shares King's dream of an inclusive, beloved and harmonious world.



Silicon Valley Women and Girls Leadership Summit with California State Attorney General, Soror Kamala Harris

The East Palo Alto African American Leadership Summit gave special recognition to Soror Martha Hanks for her service to the EPA community for 40+ years in Education.



Soror Martha Hanks received the "Lady of the Year" Award from the Knights of Peter Claver, Western States District Conference for year noteworthy service to Claverism, the Church, and the Community.

