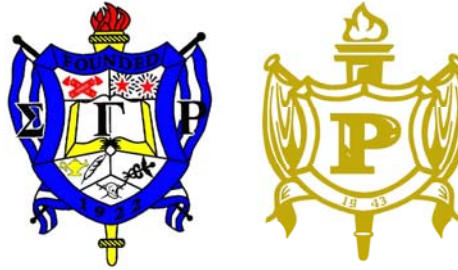


Community Service

The Philo Club supports the National Projects of Sigma Gamma Rho Sorority.

- **Project Reassurance** - Chapters sponsor workshops and other activities that assist pregnant teens and educate teen mothers about the importance of pre-natal and post-natal care, and to better understand infant care and child development.
- **Project Wee Savers** - The goal of Wee Savers is to allow young people aged 6-18 years to become knowledgeable of the real life skills of saving and buying stocks and bonds.
- **Operation Big Book Bag** - This project is designed to provide school supplies to children in need.
- **Sigma Youth Symposium** - Sigma Youth Symposiums gather young people and experts in the community to discuss some of the prevalent concerns that negatively impact our youth: drugs, teen violence, abuse, low self-esteem, suicide, teen pregnancy, etc. Alumnae Sigma Chapters host symposiums simultaneous across the nation on the second Saturday of March.
- **Mwanamugimu** (Wah-nah-moo-gee-moo) **Essay Contest** - The goal of Mwanamugimu is to increase young people's knowledge of the historical and contemporary development of Africa. Chapters sponsor local essay contests that usually include awards programs

The women of the Alpha Lambda Sigma Chapter of Sigma Gamma Rho Sorority, Inc. work very closely with their Philo Affiliate



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The Philo Affiliate

OF
SIGMA GAMMA RHO SORORITY, INC.
ALPHA LAMBDA SIGMA CHAPTER
CLEVELAND, OH

{ "Philo" - Greek Word meaning
"Friend" }

The Alpha Lambda Sigma Philo Affiliate

History

The Philo Affiliates, friends of Sigma Gamma Rho Sorority, Inc., have a long and illustrious history. In 1943, the Galveston-Houston area Philos began as the Galveston Comrades. The group was organized under the leadership of Mary Scales Greenwood, Syntaktes of the Southwestern Region, and Basileus Minerva Jones.

The Sigma Comrades of Gamma Sigma Chapter, Houston Texas, were organized on June 10, 1949, under the leadership of several officers in the chapter: Lorene Lancelin, Syntaktes; Merle K. Davis, Basileus; Maudest Stewart, Parliamentarian; and Ernestine P. Smith. Over 100 letters were mailed to special women in the Houston area inviting them to take part in a meeting. The purpose was to organize an auxiliary that would work with the chapters in promoting the objectives and principles of Gamma Sigma Chapter.

In 1951, still under the auspices of Maudest Stewart, the name of the affiliate group was changed to Sigma Philos, creating Galveston's Alpha Theta Sigma Philos and Houston's Gamma Sigma Philos.

From 1961 to 1971, several Philo Chapters were formed. In 1976, the National Sigma Gamma Rho Sorority, Inc. grand body approved the creation and naming of Philos as a national affiliate of the sorority. On June 9, 1972, in Galveston, Texas, under the leadership of Virgie Reynolds, Southwestern Regional Syntaktes, and Vida Taylor, Southwestern Regional Advisor, six Philo Chapters were united regionally. The Handbook for Philos was adopted at the 37th Boule in New Orleans, Louisiana in 1978.

In 1980, the Sigma Philos in attendance at the 38th Boule in Oklahoma City, Oklahoma were organized nationally with the consent of Grand Basileus Evelyn H. Hood. Philo Sallie R. Williams of Houston, Texas, became the first National President. This also marked the initial First Lady Philo Pageant. Philo Geneva Young, Southwestern Region President, submitted the idea to Grand Basileus Hood that the pageant be made a national event. The idea was accepted, and the first national Philo Pageant was held during the New Orleans Boule. Credentials were formed and adopted by the beginning chapter of Philos and sorority members. Since 1943, 50 Philo Chapters have been formed.

Requirements

Women invited to join the Philo Affiliate must meet the following criteria:

- At least 18 years of age
- Non-degreed or possesses an Associate Degree (*women with a bachelor degree or higher are encouraged to join Sigma Gamma Rho Sorority*)
- Provide history of community service
- Exhibit leadership ability
- Uphold high standards of excellence
- Complete an interview process
- Pay the membership fee

Facts

Colors: Gold and White

Flower: White Carnation with Gold Ribbon

