

Jacqueline Gilliard Rosier (Jackie)
1st President of Omicron Upsilon Omega

Jacqueline Gilliard Rosier (Jackie) moved from Dallas, Texas to Stamford, CT in 1983, when she transferred her Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Inc., (AKA) membership from Alpha Xi Omega, Dallas chapter to Zeta Nu Omega (ZNO), Westchester County, New York chapter. Jackie worked in New York for NYNEX. While she loved ZNO Chapter, her vision was to establish an AKA chapter, which would meet and provide services to all mankind in communities closer to her Stamford home, and she was willing to lead the effort with local AKA sisters to establish a new AKA chapter. Jackie and AKA member Phyllis Brown laid the foundation to organize a local chapter. In 1984 Jackie was elected the president of the Norwalk-Stamford AKA Twenty Pearls interest group. She was installed as the chartering and first President of AKA Omicron Upsilon Omega (OUO) Chapter Norwalk-Stamford, CT, April 27, 1985. OUO Upsilon Chapter AKA was welcomed by AKA members attending the chartering celebration from near and far. Ruth C. Easley the North Atlantic Regional Director chartered the chapter. The chapter was also welcomed by the surrounding community, and members of National Pan-Hellenic Council (NPHC), who made special presentations and acknowledgements.

Theme:

The International theme of the AKA Sorority in 1985 was Programs of service, Organizational impact, Women in global issues and Economic development and Renewal (P.O.W.E.R.). OUO incorporated its programs of service under the P.O.W.E.R. theme.

President Rosier presided over the chapter's first rituals, and established chapter committees and programs including:

Support and Partnership with Yerwood Center

Project young Women-Female High School Graduates & Scholarship

Thanksgiving food baskets

Madi Gras Fund Raiser

Christmas Gifts Children

Partnership with the Urban League

Co-sponsor Martin Luther King Day.

Health and Lifestyles Work Shops

President Rosier represented the chapter and Co-Chaired the 1986 North Atlantic Boule/Luncheon Hospitality committee in 1986.

Jacqueline was initiated into the Beta Alpha Chapter of AKA Sorority at Florida A & M University in 1966. Her high school teachers, members of Jacksonville, Florida's Gamma Rho Omega AKA Chapter and former International AKA Sorority President Norma Solomon White, inspired her to seek AKA membership. She is currently a member of the AKA Lambda Kappa Omega Chapter AKA-LKO, in Fairfax County, Virginia.

Most Memorable Moments:

Jackie's most memorable AKA moments include her initiation into AKA, and OUO chartering. Both events contributed to lifelong bonds of sisterhood and service, which she cherishes.

Current/Past Involvement in AKA:

Graduate Advisor Southern Methodist and George Mason Universities
Chapter Vice president, parliamentarian, Ivy leaf reporter
Chapter Committee Chair: Anniversary, Program, Connection, Nominating. Standards, Health, Social, 501 (c) (3) Committee of the Year
Founding President and 1st Director, The Educational and Charitable Foundation, the philanthropic arm of AKA-LKO
Included in Ivy Leaf as a Soror making the “NET Work”

REGIONAL/Internationals Committees

Co-Chair North Atlantic Region Boule Hospitality Committee
Mid Atlantic Regional Nominating, Mid Atlantic Regional Corporate Sponsorship
Boule Elections/Tellers Committee
International Public Policy Conference Committee: Sponsor & Presenter
International Sisterhood Video Focus Group Committee
Democratic National Convention Escort for International President Eva Evans

Academic background:

BS Florida A&M University
Certified Industry Consultant, Graduate USDA Executive Potential Program `

Professional background:

VP/Dir of Marketing AFP Enterprises
Former:
USDA Branch Chief
Director Government Affairs Verizon, Inc.
Director of Marketing CTS
Account Manager, NYNEX, Southwestern Bell

Civic:

Dranesville Democratic Committee, Delegate Democratic District & State Convention
Fairfax County Consumer Protection Commission (Secretary)
Former: Chairman Fairfax County Tenant Landlord Commission, WGR LEADER Foundation Board, Association of Management Women Board, Co-President W&M Football Parents.

Personal:

Jackie was born March 21, in Brooklyn, New York. Her father was in the US Navy, her mother was a teacher. She has six siblings and attended elementary school at St. Francis Xavier, in Key West, Florida. She attended junior high and graduated from Northwestern/William Raines High school in 1966, Jacksonville, Florida, where she was Editor in Chief of her high school, yearbook, one of the head majorettes, and a member of the band.

Jacqueline is married to her college sweetheart Alcindor; they have three children and three grandchildren. She currently lives in Northern Virginia.