



September 27, 2016 AKArama Chairman's Report

We are 30 today's from AKArama 2016. Things have moved with lightening speed. During the September chapter meeting we had a rousing invitational which we hope inspired our members.

This will be my last report prior to our event and this year we will have some exciting additions to AKArama. We will have Donors and Sustainers of the Dream table soliciting funds set up in the reception area of AKArama. We will be highlighting our Programs and our scholarships at this table. Encourage your guests that this is another opportunity to support our scholars and our programs. Please also remember that just because the deadline has passed for names in the souvenir journal it is never too late to become a sustainer of the dream or to make a donation to our scholarships and our programs.

Members we are launching the AKArama stars program today. Members are able to purchase a commemorative Hollywood walk of fame star which will be placed on their table. Any member can purchase a Star but the proceeds will go to the AKArama HBCU scholarship. This will count as AKArama credit and will be considered a donation through our Donors campaign. The stars will be sold at a cost of 50.00 per star and will have the members name and if she wants to include the name of any educational institution she may do so. Please remember these can also be purchased by groups of Members. This will truly make ours a Star Studded event. You may begin purchasing your stars today and the last day to purchase a Star is October 27, 2016 at 5:00pm.

While are Walk of Fame Stars may be taken home please remember that are other decorations are rentals. **PLEASE DO NOT REMOVE THE CENTERPIECES OR ANY OTHER DECORATIONS FROM THE BALLROOM.**

Here are a few important things to remember. The last day to complete your table reservations is Friday, October 14, 2016. The last day to purchase reservations is Monday, October 17, 2016. Please let the reservations chair know of any vegetarian meals needed at your table.

Raffle tickets will be sold until the very last possible moment at AKArama. If you have picked up raffle tickets and do not intent to sell them please turn the tickets back into the raffle chair so that she can continue to sell those books. Please of course feel free to make a donation to raffles but if you are not using the actual tickets please turn them into the Chairman Constance Turner Burkes.

AKArama will begin promptly at 6:00pm with the cocktail hour and the doors to the ballroom will open at 6:45pm. Be early for our event so that you can enjoy the soulful sounds of Opal Staples in the reception area during the cocktail hour.

Finally members look around our wonderful building and then remember what it was like to go to meetings at churches, libraries and homes. We are blessed to host our programs in this space we are blessed to be a Star in this community. Now check your checkbook and see if you can dig a little deeper or lean a little more on a friend to make sure that we are able to continue hosting our programs in this space.

Again thank you to each of you for all that you do.

Thank you

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