

LINDA M. WHITE MEMORIAL COMMITTEE  
EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE REPOST  
Saturday, September 2, 2017

The Soror Linda M. White Memorial Committee was established in response to a request by the Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority Incorporated International Archives Committee. In early March 2017 Soror Bertina Power-Stewart, Basileus and Soror Loann Honesty King, Chapter and Regional Historian were contacted by Soror Theresa Sanders; Central Region's representative to the International Archives Committee regarding erecting or establishing a permanent marker/memorial for Soror Linda M. White as part of the sorority's goal to honor all deceased Supreme Basilei. She further reiterated that several chapters and/or regions had already established these memorials.

An ad hoc committee was appointed. Following several meetings of the committee, discussions with the family, vetting and investigation of memorial types and possible location of the memorial the committee is recommending the following:

In recognition of the sorority's 26<sup>th</sup> Supreme Basileus that Theta Omega Chapter erect the Linda Marie White Commemorative Garden on the grounds of the Theta Omega Chapter/AKArama Foundation, Inc. Community Service Center. The purpose of the Garden will be twofold: to fulfill the goal of erecting a permanent marker and to perpetuate the awarding of the AKArara Foundation Linda Marie White Scholarship

The Commemorative Garden will be located on the South East Front of the building and will consist of an environmentally friendly recycled six-foot green bench with commemorative plaque and a staked commemorative plaque, including picture, describing the contributions of Soror White to the sorority and community.

The Estimated Budget for Erecting the Permanent Marker:

Preparation of Grounds (Flowers, Pavers & Concrete)	\$ 500.00
Bench including Install and Plaque	\$ 450.00
Staked Commemorative Plaque	<u>\$ 800.00</u>
Total	\$1,750.00

The Total Cost Will Be Absorbed by the current AKArara Foundation and Theta Omega Chapter Budgets: \$500.00 Preparation of Grounds from the Landscaping Line Item, \$450.00 Bench including Install and Plaque from the Environmental Ownership Budget (Thanks Soror Kara); \$800.00 Staked Commemorative Plaque from Theta Omega Chapter Contingency.

If approved the target date for dedicating the Commemorative Garden is Saturday, November 4, 2017 during the 95<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebration Open House.

The second purpose of the Linda Marie White Commemorative Garden will be presented by committee member Soror Alana M. Broady.

To perpetuate the awarding of the AKArama Foundation Linda Marie White Scholarship, since scholastic excellence was a cause and mission cherished by our 26<sup>th</sup> Supreme Basileus, herself a magna cum laude graduate of HBCU Clark-Atlanta University. Donations will be acknowledged by having the donor or donor designee's name engraved on a permanent feature in the Commemorative Garden if this proposal is approved by the AKArama Foundation. Proposed donor categories follow:

<b>CATEGORY</b>	<b>RECOGNITION DESCRIPTION</b>	<b>PROPOSED MINIMUM DONATION</b>
<b>Patron</b>	<b>Donor name engraved on a 2 ½"x2 ½" individual marker</b>	<b>\$100.00</b>
<b>Benefactor</b>	<b>Donor name engraved on a 3"x3" individual marker</b>	<b>\$250.00</b>
<b>Philanthropist</b>	<b>Donor name engraved on a 3 ½"x3 ½" individual marker</b>	<b>\$500.00</b>

### **Frequently Asked Questions**

**Q. How will the donor names be displayed?**

A. Under consideration is an ivy vine with leaves fabricated in a material/metal designed for outdoor installations. The ivy vine with leaves would be affixed to the building wall behind the bench. Donor names would be engraved on the leaves which would come in various sizes.

**Q. If I donate to the Linda white scholarship fund in 2017 or thereafter, when will my name appear on the permanent installation?**

A. If approved by the Foundation, the timeline for mounting of the installation will likely be in two phases. The target date for the initial installation of the bench and plaque is Fall 2017. The timeline for the initial installation of the individual donor name recognitions is Spring 2018, with annual updates.

**Q. Do donors or donor designees have to be sorors or AKArama Foundation members?**

A. No. Donations will be accepted from any sorors, as well as from non-soror individuals and groups. All donations of \$100 or above will be recognized in the Commemorative Garden.

**Q. How many names can be submitted for display with each donation?**

A. The name of **ONE** donor or donor group will be displayed for each donation received at the approved minimum levels.

Preliminary examples of types of displays: Soror Mary Smith; Mr. & Mrs. John Smith, Jr.; The Class of 1979

**Q. Will AKArama Foundation, Incorporated members receive AKArama credit for their donation?**

A. Yes

Respectfully submitted,

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