

# IOTA PHI LAMBDA SORORITY, INC

## CALL TO CONVENTION 2015

*“A United Sisterhood of Business and Professional Women Striving For Economic Empowerment”*

### *Message from the National President*



As your 21<sup>st</sup> National President, I invite you to Iota's 86<sup>th</sup> National Convention at Frenchman's Reef & Morning Star Resort in St. Thomas, Virgin Islands. St. Thomas continues to be the premier iconic resort in the U.S. Virgin Islands. Come early and experience Charlotte Amalie, the shopping mecca of the Caribbean, relax on the beach and explore one or more of the 60 islands. Other picturesque sites you may wish to visit are Coral World Underwater Observatory, Bluebeard's Castle, Paradise Point Aerial Tram and St. John National Park.

The National Convention is the official governing body of the Sorority. Each chapter is encouraged to have **three** delegates seated at this historic convention in order to be involved with decision-making events and to have your voice heard. At the convention, you will elect a new president, honor a new Mahala S. Evans Soror of the Year and meet our 2015-2016 Lola M. Parker Woman of the Year. Delegates will also vote for new national officers, have an opportunity to make changes to Iota's bylaws, and make recommendations for the future direction of the Sorority.

This is our first "Family & Friends" Iota Convention at a vacation resort and your National Board has been working diligently to make it a memorable, exciting, and beneficial meeting event. We have listened to your concerns and suggestions and believe that you will be pleasantly surprised with our efforts to present a convention that is informative and professional, but that will also allow time for you, your families and friends to enjoy this beautiful island.

Our current national theme states that we are "A United Sisterhood of Business and Professional Women Striving for Economic Empowerment." As your National President, I am requesting your presence and participation to assist us in achieving our goal of economic empowerment. Make plans now to join your sorors and me July 15-19, 2015.

*Phyllis Shumate*

21st National President

# Iota Phi Lambda Sorority, Inc.

## *Tentative Convention Program*

July 14- 19, 2015

### Tuesday, July 14, 2015

8:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.  
6:00p.m. -

### **Green & White Day**

Executive Board Meeting  
Cultural Night - Epsilon Zeta Host Chapter Event (optional)

### Wednesday, July 15, 2015

8:00 a.m. - 10:00 a.m.  
2:00 p.m. - 3:00 p.m.  
3:30 p.m. - 4:30 p.m.  
4:30 p.m. - 6:30 p.m.  
6:30 p.m. - 8:00 p.m.

### **Regional Gear Day!!**

Early Registration  
Delegates Forum  
**Opening Session**  
Dinner on your own

### **First Plenary Session**

### **Educational Forum**

Reception (All Participants)

8:00 p.m. - 9:00 p.m.  
9:00 p.m. - 11:00 p.m.

### Thursday, July 16, 2015

7:30 a.m. - 8:30 a.m.  
8:00 a.m. - Noon  
8:45 a.m. - 11:45 a.m.  
Noon - 2:00 p.m.  
2:00 p.m. - 3:00 p.m.  
3:00 p.m. - 4:00 p.m.  
4:15 p.m. 6:15 p.m.

Networking Continental Breakfast  
Registration

### **Second Plenary Session**

Re-dedication/Induction of Honorary Sorors Luncheon\*

Memorial Service\*

Convention Picture

### **Third Plenary Session**

### **LEADERSHIP CONFERENCE**

Continental Breakfast  
Registration for Leadership Conference  
Leadership Institute Opening Session  
Leadership Workshops  
Leadership Luncheon

### **Fourth Plenary Session**

Lola M. Parker/Soror of the Year Banquet

### Friday, July 17, 2015

7:00 a.m. - 8:00 a.m.  
7:00 a.m. - 8:00 a.m.  
8:15 a.m. - 9:00 a.m.  
9:00 a.m. - Noon.  
12:30 p.m. - 2:30 p.m.  
3:00 p.m. - 6:00 p.m.  
7:00 p.m. -

### Saturday, July 18, 2015

7:30 a.m. - 8:30 p.m.  
9:00 a.m. - 11:30 a.m.  
1:00 p.m. - 2:15 p.m.  
2:30 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.  
3:00 p.m. - 6:00 p.m.  
7:00 p.m. - 10:30 p.m.

Continental Breakfast

### **Fifth Plenary Session** (Strategic Planning/Headquarters)

Lunch on Your Own.  
Educational Fund Session

### **Sixth Plenary Session (State of the Sorority)**

Awards Banquet/Installation of Officers  
Passing of the Torch

### Sunday, July 19, 2015

8:00 a.m. - 8:30 a.m.  
8:45 a.m. - 10:00 a.m.  
  
11:00 a.m.  
1:00 p.m.

Men of Iota/Pelatis Memorial Service

Prayer Breakfast

Post - Convention Board Meeting

Epsilon Zeta Beach Party (Optional)

\*(Sorors Only)

# What to Wear

## 86<sup>th</sup> Anniversary National Convention Attire

Host Chapter: Epsilon Zeta

**Where:** Frenchman's Reef & Morning Star Resort

**Place:** St. Thomas, Virgin Islands

### Tuesday, July 14, 2015

**Executive Board Meeting** (*Business Attire Sorority Colors*)

**"Cultural Night"** – *Epsilon Zeta's Fundraiser* (Casual)

### Wednesday, July 15, 2015

**Committee Meetings/Delegates Forum** (*Casual Green and White*)

**Opening Session/**FIRST PLENARY SESSION****

***Sorors** – Business Attire Sorority Colors with green/white Kente Stole*

***Pelatis** – Pink Business Attire with pink/ white Kente Stole*

***Men of Iota** – Jacket shirt/tie*

**Education Forum**

**Reception**

### Thursday, July 16, 2015

**SECOND PLENARY SESSION** (*Business Attire - sorority colors*)

**Rededication / Induction of National Honorary Sorors Luncheon** (*All White Business Attire with green/white Kente stole*)

**Memorial Service** (*All White Business Attire*)

**Convention Picture**

**THIRD PLENARY SESSION** (*Business Attire Sorority Colors*)

### Friday, July 17, 2015

**LEADERSHIP CONFERENCE**, Institute, Workshops (*Business Attire Sorority Colors*)

**Leadership Luncheon** (*Business Attire Sorority Colors*)

**FOURTH PLENARY SESSION** (*Business Attire Sorority Colors*)

**Lola M. Parker/Soror of the Year Banquet** (*After-Five Attire: Dress to Impress*)

### Saturday, July 18, 2015

**FIFTH PLENARY SESSION** (*Business Attire Sorority Colors*)

**SIXTH PLENARY SESSION** (*Business Attire Sorority Colors*)

**Awards Banquet/ Installation of Officers/Passing of the Torch** (*Elegant After-Five Attire: Dress to Impress*)

### Sunday, July 19, 2015

**Men of Iota and Pelatis Memorial Service**

**Prayer Breakfast**

# Iota Phi Lambda Sorority, Inc.

## Soror Convention Package

Frenchman's Reef & Morning Star Resort

#5 Estate Bakkeroe

Phone: 340-776-8500

Please type or print:

Title: ( ) Ms. ( ) Mrs. ( ) Miss ( ) Dr.

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Chapter \_\_\_\_\_ Region \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_ City/State/ZIP \_\_\_\_\_

Telephone: Home \_\_\_\_\_ Work \_\_\_\_\_ Email \_\_\_\_\_

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**Please indicate your status and affiliation:**

( ) National Officer      ( ) Voting Delegate      ( ) Honorary Member      ( ) Wheelchair (handicapped only)  
( ) Past National President      ( ) Non Voting Delegate      ( ) First Timer      ( ) Vegetarian Diet

**Special Requests:**

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**Deadline for Pre-Registration: June 8, 2015 (must include full payment)**

Mailed Registration Postmarked **after** June 8, 2015, **must** include a **\$40.00 late fee.**

On Site/Late Registration Fee: **\$40.00**

Registration Transferable but **not Refundable after June 8, 2015**

**Pre-Registration Total - \$425.00**

**After June 8, 2015 - \$465.00**

*Only certified checks, money orders or credit/debit cards will be accepted after pre-registration.*

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**Soror Registration Package Includes:**

Convention Materials  
Delegates' Forum  
Educational Forum  
President's Reception  
Rededication/Induction of Honorary Sorors Luncheon  
Leadership Luncheon/Conference Workshops  
Woman of the Year/Soror of the Year Banquet  
Awards Banquet  
Prayer Breakfast, Memorial Service  
Continental Breakfast on Thursday, Friday & Saturday

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*Make checks payable to: Iota Phi Lambda Sorority, Inc.*

Check # \_\_\_\_\_ Total Amount Paid \$ \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

# Iota Phi Lambda Sorority, Inc.

## *Online Registration and Event Ticket Prices*

### Registration:

|                           |           |
|---------------------------|-----------|
| Soror                     | \$438.00* |
| On-Site/Late Registration | \$479.00* |

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|---------------------------|-----------|
| Pelatis/Men of Iota       | \$289.00* |
| On-Site/Late Registration | \$330.00* |

### Event Ticket(s):

|                             |                 |
|-----------------------------|-----------------|
| Leadership Luncheon         | \$ 50.00        |
| Lola M. Parker/SOTY Banquet | \$100.00        |
| Awards Banquet              | \$100.00        |
| Prayer Breakfast            | <u>\$ 40.00</u> |
| <b>Total cost</b>           | <b>\$290.00</b> |

Event tickets will not be available for purchase in lieu of registration for sorors.  
Event tickets are to be purchased no later than Tuesday, June 8, 2015.

### \* Online Payment:

Payment for Registration and Event Tickets may be purchased online via PayPal. All PayPal transactions include processing and transaction fees. Amounts listed above include all fees.

## GENERAL INFORMATION

**REGISTRATION FORMS:** Duplicate as many registration forms or informational pages from this booklet as needed. If you have additional questions, please contact your Regional Director or Soror Wendy Jacques, National Recording Secretary at 972-274-3533 or e-mail: [Wendyb.iota@gmail.com](mailto:Wendyb.iota@gmail.com).

## Hotel Information

Frenchman's Reef & Morning Star Resort  
#5 Estate Bakkeroe  
St. Thomas U.S. Virgin Islands 00801-0100  
Phone: 340-776-8500

Reservation Cut-Off Date: June 8, 2015. *Reservations received after the above date will be subject to availability and may not be eligible for the group rate.* Each individual guest must make her own reservations by calling Frenchman Reef toll-free line at 800-228-9290. Refer to the IOTA PHI LAMBDA National Convention. A valid credit card number will be required to guarantee reservations. Local phone number is 340-776-8500. Reservations may also be made online by booking via the Web:  
[https://resweb.passkey.com/Resweb.do?mode=welcome\\_groupID=23603119](https://resweb.passkey.com/Resweb.do?mode=welcome_groupID=23603119).

*(You must hold down the control key and click on above link)*

Reservations may be cancelled up to 24 hours prior to arrival with no penalty. If reservations are cancelled beyond 24 hours prior to arrival, a one-night room rate charge plus taxes will be charged at time of cancellation.

### CHECK-IN/CHECK OUT:

Check-in time is 4:00P.M. Checkout time is 11 am.

### GROUP RATE:

Guest rooms are \$195.00 Single/Double per room per night plus 10% state and local taxes and 5% for Bellman and Housekeeping gratuities.

Extra Guest charge is \$40 per guest per night.

### GUEST ROOMS:

Double/Double Room: Two double-sized beds or one king-sized bed. Guest should request either double or king when making reservations. Each guest room feature individual climate control, satellite TV, clock radio, coffee/tea maker, refrigerator, and an in-room safe.

### RESORT FEE:

The Resort Fee of \$30.00 per room per day will be activated on all individual guest accounts to be paid at checkout. The Resort Fee includes the following amenities:

Complimentary wireless Guest Room Internet  
Bottled water in the rooms (2 per room, per day)  
Unlimited local calls  
Free 800 calls  
Free use of Beach Chairs and Umbrellas  
Unlimited use of "Non Motorized" water sports from the beach of Morning Star (Excludes Sail Boats)

### LOCATION:

Frenchman's Reef is six miles from Cyril E. King International Airport and three miles from downtown Charlotte Amalie – the shopping mecca of the Caribbean.

### ACCOMMODATIONS:

Each room features individual climate control, satellite TV, clock radio, coffee/tea maker, refrigerator, and in-room safe.

The resort offers concierge services, in-room dining, distinct dining and beverage options with a variety of experiences ranging from exquisite fine cuisine to casual dining. Two convenient marketplace and deli options are available to grab a quick breakfast sandwich, late night snacks or the perfect souvenir. Take in the St. Thomas scenery from one of four swimming pools or relax at the new Lazule Sea Spa. A full service hair salon and an exercise & fitness center are also available.

### PARKING:

Complimentary self-parking is available.

***FIL, Men of Iota and Pelatis Auxiliaries Convention Package***

**Frenchman's Reef & Morning Star Resort  
#5 Estate Bakkeroe  
St. Thomas U.S. Virgin Islands 00801-0100**

Please type or print:

Title: ( ) Ms. ( ) Mrs. ( ) Miss ( ) Dr.

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Chapter \_\_\_\_\_ Region \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_ City/State/ZIP \_\_\_\_\_

Telephone: Home \_\_\_\_\_ Work \_\_\_\_\_ Email \_\_\_\_\_

Please indicate your status and affiliation: ( ) FIL ( ) Man of Iota ( ) Pelatis

Special Requests:

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( ) Voting Delegate

( ) Honorary Member

( ) Wheelchair (handicapped only)

( ) Past National President

( ) Non Voting Delegate

( ) First Timer

( ) Vegetarian Diet

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Mailed Registration Postmarked after June 8, 2015, must include a \$40.00 late fee.

On Site/Late Registration Fee: \$40.00

Registration Transferable but not Refundable after June 8, 2015.

Pre-Convention Total - \$280.00

After June 17, 2013 - \$320.00

*Only certified checks, money orders or credit/debit cards will be accepted after pre-registration.*

**Men of Iota and Pelatis Registration Package Includes:**

Convention Materials

Educational Forum

President's Reception

Prayer Breakfast, Woman of the Year/Soror of the Year Banquet

Leadership Luncheon/Conference Workshops

Awards Banquet

Continental Breakfast on Thursday, Friday and Saturday

***Make checks payable to: Iota Phi Lambda Sorority, Inc***

Check # \_\_\_\_\_

Total Amount Paid \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Date \_\_\_\_\_

# Iota Phi Lambda Sorority, Inc.

## Convention Souvenir Program Advertising

Frenchman's Reef & Morning Star Resort  
#5 Estate Bakkeroe  
St. Thomas U.S. Virgin Islands 00801-0100  
Phone: 340-776-8500

Iota Phi Lambda Sorority, Inc. is authorized to publish our advertisements in its 86<sup>th</sup> Anniversary National Convention Souvenir Program Booklet. Our message/greeting/advertisement is submitted in the format according to the following descriptions. (Advertisements must be camera ready)

I have enclosed \$ \_\_\_\_\_ for this advertisement as indicated below. The deadline for submitting advertisement and payment is May 4, 2015. Pages are 8 ½ x 11 in black and white. Advertising rates are as follows:

### Chapters – Sorors – Auxiliaries

Full Page \$100.00  
Half Page \$ 60.00  
Fourth Page \$ 40.00

### Corporate – Organizations

\$250.00  
Inside Front & Back Covers  
\$500.00

Outside Back Cover = \$1,000.00

Black and White glossy photograph (\$10.00 additional per picture)

Name of Advertiser \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_ City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Contact Person \_\_\_\_\_ Telephone \_\_\_\_\_

Amount enclosed \$ \_\_\_\_\_ Photograph enclosed: \_\_\_\_\_yes \_\_\_\_\_No

- **Ads are to be emailed to -**  
*em.iota2015ads@gmail.com*

***Make checks payable to: Iota Phi Lambda Sorority, Inc.***

### ***Mail to:***

Wendy Jacques  
National Recording Secretary  
Iota Phi Lambda Sorority, Inc.  
641 Nora Lane  
DeSoto, Texas 75115

***Deadline for submitting advertisements and payment is May 4, 2015.***



# Iota Phi Lambda Sorority, Inc.

## Vendor Program

### Vendor Space Contract

#### Vendor Space

\$75.00 per table - per day  
4 days (\$300.00)

Exceptions may be made for approved Certified National Vendors.

We hereby agree to abide by the rules and regulations of Iota Phi Lambda Sorority's Vendor Program as set forth on the reverse side of this contract, all of which are made a part thereof and request the following vendor's space for our use.

Number of days \_\_\_\_\_ Total number of spaces requested \_\_\_\_\_

We enclose our check for \$\_\_\_\_\_ as payment in full for consideration of the use of rental of vending space(s) requested.

Please Print or Type:

Name of Vending Company/Organization/Agency  
\_\_\_\_\_

Description and pictures of products to be sold  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Title \_\_\_\_\_ Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_ City/State/Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

***Make checks payable to: Iota Phi Lambda Sorority, Inc.***

***Mail to:***

Wendy Jacques  
National Recording Secretary  
Iota Phi Lambda Sorority, Inc.  
641 Nora Lane  
DeSoto, Texas 75115

**NOTE:** Iota Phi Lambda Sorority, Inc. reserves the right to assign space in order to lessen any conflict of displays or products. Space will be available July 15-18, 2015.

*IT IS THE VENDOR'S RESPONSIBILITY TO SECURE MERCHANDISE EACH NIGHT*

## **Iota Phi Lambda Sorority, Inc.**

### ***Vendors' Program/Information***

**Tables** Vendors tables must be confined within the area of the space leased by the Vendor. Selling of exhibited merchandise should be permitted only in the vending area designated by this contract.

**Hours** Vending hours are as follows: July 15 - 18, 2015 (Set up 7:00 a.m.). Hours of operation daily:  
From 8:00 a.m. – 7:00 p.m.

**Liability of Iota Phi Lambda Sorority, Inc.:** It is expressly agreed and understood between Vendors and Iota Phi Lambda Sorority, Inc. that Iota Phi Lambda Sorority shall be under no liability for loss of or damage of goods or property of Vendors or personal injury to Vendors or the Vendors' employees. Each Vendor signing this contract expressly releases Iota Phi Lambda Sorority, Inc. and agrees to hold Iota Phi Lambda Sorority, Inc. harmless from all such claims. Vendor further warrants that he/she will obey all rules, regulations, and laws of Frenchman's Reef & Morning Star Marriott Beach Resort.

**Miscellaneous Regulations:** All Vendors must wear badges. No loudspeakers, photographers, sound movies, or megaphones that interfere with adjoining exhibits will be permitted. Silent movies must be located as not to interfere with other Vendors or aisle space and operation must conform to any regulation as set by the Frenchman's Reef & Morning Star Marriott Beach Resort.

No combustible decorations such as crepe paper, tissue paper, cardboard or corrugated paper shall be used at any time. All packing containers, excelsior and wrapping paper are to be removed from the floor and must be stored under the tables and behind displays. Sales of merchandise in any other authorized space are strictly forbidden and violator shall forfeit any rights granted under this license.

**Subletting:** The vendor agrees not to assign, sublet or share the whole or part of his/her assigned space without the prior knowledge or written consent by the Iota Phi Lambda Sorority liaison. Solicitation by Non-Vendor Firms and representatives of firms not assigned vending space are prohibited from soliciting business in any form. Violators of this prohibition will be promptly ejected from the vending area.

**Vendors and Exhibitors:**

**Iota Phi Lambda Sorority will convene its 86<sup>th</sup> Anniversary National Convention at the  
Frenchman's Reef & Morning Star Resort  
#5 Estate Bakkeroe  
St. Thomas U.S. Virgin Islands 00801-0100  
Phone: 340-776-8500**

Vendors are welcome to display their merchandise in the area designated for Vendors during our national convention from Wednesday, July 15 through Saturday, July 18, 2015.

Vendors desiring to reserve space as a vendor or exhibitor should do so no later than June 1, 2015. Contract, along with the appropriate fee, should be mailed to the National Secretary by June 1, 2015.

**Wendy Jacques  
National Recording Secretary  
Iota Phi Lambda Sorority, Inc.  
641 Nora Lane  
DeSoto, Texas 75115**