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Dr. Rose Butler Browne, 11th Alpha Zeta Omega President and the 1st Mid-Atlantic Regional Director

The women of the *Amazing* Alpha Zeta Omega Chapter of Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Incorporated® have been women of substance, pride, and integrity. As we look back and celebrate the accolades of the women in the chapter during the 1950s and 60s, let us never forget the organization, leadership, and mark we have made within the *Marvelous* Mid-Atlantic Region of Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Incorporated®. It is an honor, as a chapter, to have been under the leadership of Dr. Rose Butler Browne from 1951–1952. After serving as the 11th chapter president, she presided as the inaugural Mid-Atlantic Regional Director from 1953–1955. During the 33rd Boule, Dr. Browne fought for North Carolina and Virginia to separate from the South Atlantic Region as there were different economic, cultural, and political prominence. While serving as the Regional Director Dr. Browne chartered the first graduate chapter under the region, the Zeta Epsilon Omega Chapter in Franklin-Smithfield, Virginia on February 12, 1954 and one week later the Delta Theta Chapter at Elizabeth City State University on February 20, 1954. She, along with a steering committee, planned the first Mid-Atlantic Regional Conference, two months later, April 9–11, 1954. The conference was held in Newport News, Virginia and hosted by the Lambda Omega Chapter. Six months later, on October 16th Dr. Browne held the first Mid-Atlantic Presidents Conference in Lynchburg, Virginia with Gamma Iota Omega Chapter serving as the host chapter. We honor Dr. Rose Butler Browne and the legacy she shared and left with the Alpha Zeta Omega Chapter and the Mid-Atlantic Region.

## THE BUSY FIFTIES



Now here's a blast from the past. The members of the *Amazing* Alpha Zeta Omega Chapter of Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Incorporated® in their finest threads. Captured above are the women of the chapter after a meeting in the 1950s at the Scarborough Mansion. The photo below was taken at a chapter meeting in 1956.



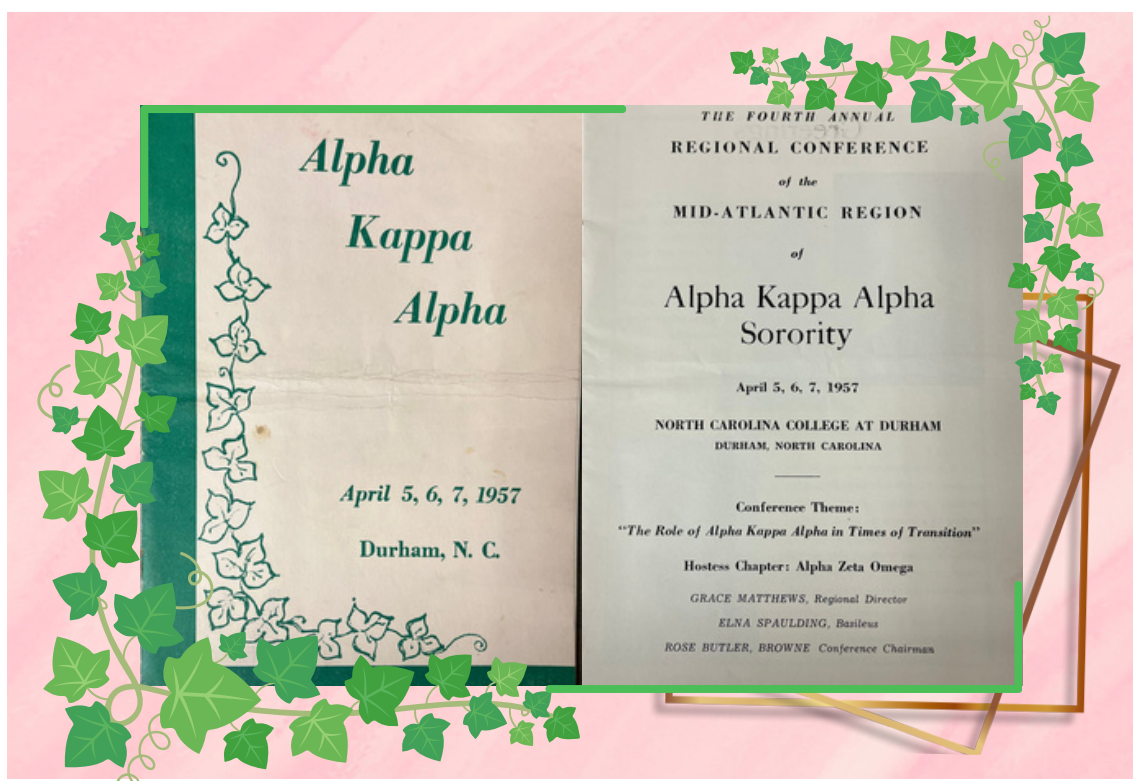
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Regional Planning, 1957, Alpha Zeta Omega Chapter.

Above are members of the Alpha Zeta Omega Chapter planning the Mid-Atlantic Regional Conference in 1957. Below is the program for the 4th Annual Mid-Atlantic Regional Conference held in Durham and hosted by the Alpha Zeta Omega Chapter.

The conference was held April 5-7, 1957 at North Carolina College now North Carolina Central University. The Conference Chairman was Dr. Rose Butler Browne, Regional Director Grace Matthews, and Chapter President was Elna Spaulding. The conference theme was *The Role of Alpha Kappa Alpha in Times of Transition*.



# ROLLING IN THE SIXTIES



Not to move too swiftly, we would like to recognize the presidents of the 50s and 60s. Starting off the new decade Beatrice Burnette served from 1949-1950. Dr. Rose Butler Browne followed from 1951- 1952, followed by Lucille J. Hancock from 1953-1954, Elna B. Spaulding 1955-1956, Elizabeth Pratt 1957-1958, and Jocelyn Stevens rounding out the decade from 1959-1960. Serving a second term, Beatrice Burnette started the 60s serving the chapter as president from 1961-1962. Grace Massey served following Beatrice, from 1963-1964, Gwendolyn Newkirk served from 1965-1966, Thelma Bass from 1967-1968, and Katherine Thomas rounded out the decade from 1969-1970.

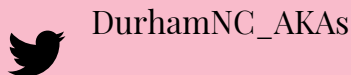
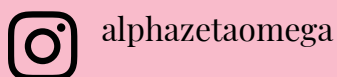
Under the leadership of President Grace Massey the chapter hosted the first Leadership Conference at North Carolina College, now North Carolina Central University, in 1963. The chapter also sponsored health programs and consumer projects during 1965-1967, under the Newkirk and Bass leaderships.





As we get closer to the 95th chapter anniversary, join us in rediscovering all of the wonderful accomplishments and history of the *Amazing* Alpha Zeta Omega Chapter of Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Incorporated®.

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