

2007-2008 Chapter Annual Summary

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New member news: Installation Ceremony
January 19, 2008
Solivita Polk County Florida

More than 100 Continentals and guests enjoyed a beautiful celebratory afternoon shared with the new Solivita Polk County Chapter at the Venezia Pool and Club Room in Solivita Active Adult Community. Some of the Notables sharing this fastidious occasion included:

Florence Blount, National First Vice President
Patricia Miller, South Eastern Region Director
Joanne Nichols, President, Metropolitan Philadelphia
Ann Adderley Ricks, Immediate Past President,
Metropolitan Philadelphia

Shirley Williams, President, North Dade, Broward County
Earlene P. Dotson, President, Greater Miami
Christa Dotson Dean, National Chaplain

and many other Continentals, family members and friends.

Chapter Happenings: HEER Project: Health

The Interest Group Project “Say It With APicture” was shared with those attending the Installation. Children from the Parkview Center participated in a workshop on practicing “Good Nutrition”, as a way to avoid ‘Obesity’. The workshop included a video presentation and discussion followed by an art contest during which children drew the memorable points grasped from the Nutrition workshop. The Art that the children submitted was judged. Prizes were awarded. The Project Coordinator was Continental, Diane Gill.

Number of Youth Served: 15
Dollars Spent: \$150.00
In Kind : \$300.00
Parents: 8

More Chapter Happenings HEER Project: Education

The Solivita Polk County Chapter promoted a schoolwide Book Fair as the culminating activity for their Reading Buddies Program at Eastside Elementary. Continentals shared Book Fair duties throughout the five day Fair – helping students think about just which books really appealed to them. Several Book Buddies received additional books from the Fair . Books were also purchased for some classes of Book Buddies.

Other News: Chapter Fund Raiser

The Solivita Polk County Chapter Continentals Incorporated, is busy preparing for their first annual ‘Oldies but Goodies Dance’. The dance will be held in the Solivita Ballroom. Approximately 250 are expected. The music will be provided by “Act III”, a well known group of three –four singers who have a wealth of songs from the good ol’ days. They sing Mo Town Hits, Latin songs ,familiar ballads and lots of popular music. Their repertoire is enormous !!! This affair promises to magical and quite a good PR introduction for the new Solivita Polk County Continentals.

The following article was submitted for inclusion in our Southeastern Newsletter.

Solivita Polk County Trivia

Who is it?

This Solivita Polk member has two biological sisters who are Continentals. The sisters are Julianne James and Kathryn Butler.

The Continental is Pamela Sykes. She is President of Solivita Polk County Chapter.

This Solivita Polk member recently traveled from Florida to Virginia to see her daughter accept the Teacher of the Year award.

The Continental is Juanita Diane Gill. She is first Vice President of Solivita County.

This Solivita Polk member has a wonderful new canine ‘pal’, named Lady Chelby.

The Continental is Ellie Graham. She is Second Vice President of Solivita Polk County Chapter.

This Solivita Polk member just transferred from the Mathews Virginia Chapter.

The Continental is Cynthia Hobley. She is Recording Secretary of Solivita Polk County Chapter.

This Solivita Polk member just finished reviewing ‘Earth Day’ papers written by her 8th grade Science students.

The Continental is Helen McDowell. She is Corresponding Secretary of Solivita Polk County Chapter.

This Solivita Polk member plans to play in two golf tournaments within the next two months, although her time on the golf course thus far, has been limited.

The Continental is Pat Davenport. She is treasurer of Solivita Polk County Chapter.

This Solivita Polk member just introduced a beautiful new granddaughter named Noemi which means “Joy”.

The Continental is Dianne Solomon. She is Fund Raising Co Chair of Solivita Polk County.

This Solivita Polk member is a licensed Minister.

The Continental is Vivian Edwards. She is Financial Secretary of Solivita Polk County Chapter.

This Solivita Polk member recently sponsored a men’s ‘cook off’ that was a great ‘sell out’!!

The Continental is Maureen Williams. She is Chaplain of Solivita Polk County Chapter.

This Solivita Polk member is Mahjong Queen of her neighborhood. Wanta play?

The Continental is Linda Matthews. She is Sergeant at Arms for Solivita Polk County Chapter.

This Solivita Polk member can boast of record ticket sales for our major fund raiser.

The Continental is Alma Diggs. She is Parliamentarian of Solivita Polk County Chapter.

This Solivita Polk member is training to run in the 5K Susan B Konen race for the cure.

The Continental is Marguita Thompson, a faithful member.

This Solivita Polk member will arrange for you to cruise or fly ‘til your heart’s content. She’s Solivita’s best travel agent.

The Continental is Phyllis Watson, a faithful member.

This Solivita Polk member recently traveled to China and described it as a wonderful experience.

The Continental is Kathryn Butler, a faithful member.

This Solivita Polk member will sell your house for you and make sure you get another. She’s our real estate agent.

The Continental is Julie Johnson, a faithful member.

This Solivita Polk member now has two new knees and she’s ready to kick ‘em high!

The Continental is Bernice Dillard, a faithful member.

This Solivita Polk member no longer has an empty nest. She’s now raising her neice.

The Continental is Betye Brown, another faithful member.

The Solivita Polk County Chapter of Continental Societies, Incorporated, was installed on January 19, 2008. Sponsors were the Metropolitan Philadelphia Chapter Continental Societies, Incorporated. Great guidance was received from our South Eastern Regional Director, Patricia Miller and of course our National Second Vice President, Blanch Campbell.

We also thank Florence Blount who actually performed the Installation. The Solivita Polk County Chapter is unique in that it is largely comprised of retirees who live primarily in a 55+ community called Solivita. Some of the members are also Snow Birds who live in Solivita only part of the time. As you see from the trivia above, the interests and involvements are as broad as the spectrum yet each of these dynamic women has a special place in her heart reserved for children. Helping our children and youth is a priority. Since our recent installation we have conducted a school wide book sale as a culminating activity to our Book Buddies / classroom Reading program at Eastside Elementary. Continentals served as reading Buddies. Continentals helped students select books. Some books were purchased by the Continentals for groups of

students and individuals. This was a great way to say “It’s nice to have a book to read with a Buddy”. Solivita Polk is very happy to represent the Continental Societies Incorporated.