

Atlanta Chapter



History of Atlanta Chapter

The inception of the **Atlanta Chapter** of the National Epicureans, Incorporated emerged from an existing friendship between Peggy Burke of Columbus, Ohio Chapter and Inez Hill of Atlanta, Georgia. These two inspired young women were instrumental in organizing the Atlanta Chapter of National Epicureans, Incorporated, sponsored by the Columbus Chapter.

The Atlanta Eppies were members of a couple's club "The Dirty Dozens." Early October 1977, the wives of this group organized under the name of the Atlanta Pebbles for the purposes of becoming Eppies. Enthusiasm grew and attracted other interested friends, the Atlanta Pebbles were realized on April 28, 1979 at the Atlanta Stadium Hotel during their installation activities.

Sixteen chapters across the Eastern United States were present. Thus, the Atlanta Chapter of the National Epicureans, fourteen in number, became a reality. The National officers performing the ceremony were National President Rheba Smithea, National Vice President Erma Thomas, and National Treasurer Jacqueline Porter.

Members Inducted: President Tommie Griffin, Vice President Kathleen Harris, Recording Secretary Margaret Askew, Corresponding Secretary Alma Hayward, Treasurer Verna Anderson, Parliamentarian Rose Bruce, Journalist Dorothy Palmer, Chaplain Bobbie Carter, other members Leatrice Bell, Cathryn English, Lorraine Quash, Peggy Rose, Wilhelmina Smith, Mattye Sullivan.

Atlanta held its first conclave June 1989 and the second one June 2012. The Atlanta Chapter has grown and is active in the community. The Atlanta Chapter makes annual contributions to Sickle Cell Foundation, Stocking stuffers, Thanksgiving baskets to needy families; provide clothing and gifts to My sister's house and Dress for Success and yearly contribution to UNCF.