

President's Message:

Hello Sisters! December is finally upon us and if you are anything like me, the joy of the season could be immediately felt (and welcomed) once the calendar page turned. I hope many of you had a “thankful” Thanksgiving this year surrounded by your loved ones. I had the chance to go to New York City to walk in the Macy’s Thanksgiving Day Parade with over 600 dancers for a week-long trip, and I couldn’t have thought of a more incredible way to participate in Thanksgiving this year with the return of the parade!

As President, this month also marks the midpoint within my office. It is at this time that I will begin to prepare for the new year ahead by ensuring key steps are taken to help encourage a new group of officers to come forth and serve our chapter. With that said, have you ever had a fun event or programming idea you would like to see incorporated into our organization? Or perhaps you are a natural-born leader and are looking for ways to serve and get back in the groove of Zeta, if so, We Want You! This year’s Board Survey will soon be live and I encourage you all to review and select any positions that interest you. Keep in mind, all responses will be due by mid-January.

Looking to kick off this month with some quality sisterhood? Our next general gathering will be held on Tuesday, 12/14 where both our Day/Night members will gather together for holiday festivities in person. You don’t want to miss this event as it will be filled with seasonal cheer and treat-be sure to RSVP to the Evite.

Our traditional ZiesTA event will take place on Sunday, 12/19. If you are a member that has a daughter, granddaughter, or sister that is a ZTA collegian, we welcome you to take in the holiday sights and sounds offered at Taste of Texas this year. Contact me or Allison Poore directly for any questions you may have.

Wishing you all a safe, healthy and joyous holiday season!



Meghan Johnson

President

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HAA UPDATES

Information and More about Zeta Tau Alpha Sisters

ZiesTA IS ALMOST HERE!



Ziesta Chair, Allison Poore

Our 2021 Holiday 'ZiesTA' is just around the corner. Make sure to **RSVP by December 3rd** so a seat can be saved for you. This annual celebration is for dues-paying HAA alumnae who want to honor our ZTA Collegians and their motherly figures. Looking forward to all the fun on Sunday, December 19th. If you haven't RSVP'd, please do so on the Evite. As a reminder, if you are RSVPing for more than one attendee or child, please list all guests when you respond. If you are bringing a Legacy, please include their age.

HAPF SCHOLARSHIP



Panhellenic Chair, Heather Whitfield

Please spread the word to all collegiates to apply for a HAPF scholarship! Last year HAPA/HAPF awarded over \$81,000 in scholarships to 30 deserving students, FIVE of whom were ZTA sisters! We would love to see more ZTA collegiates recognized at the spring scholarship luncheon this year as well. If you have knowledge of any full-time college students who are also in a sorority, please have them access the additional eligibility requirements and apply using the following link: <http://www.houston-panhellenic.org/scholarships/scholarships.htm>. The deadline to apply is **February 15, 2022!**

100 YEARS NEVER LOOKED SO GOOD



President, Meghan Johnson

I am looking for someone to serve as chair for our 100-year committee! This member will be someone who loves ZTA and HAA, is passionate about celebrating our history, and is willing and able to put on a celebration worth remembering! Please reach out directly to President, Meghan Johnson at president@ztahouston.org with your interest in the position and the Board will vote at the December board meeting. Email your interest now!

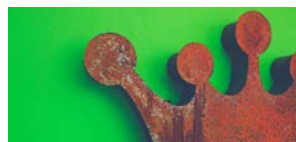
READ, SIP, REPEAT



Book Club Chair, Candy Bourgeois

The nomination list for HAA Book Club is ready for your review. Help us decide next year's 10 books for our 2022 reading list! Open to everyone, reader or not. If you love books then play along with us! You do not have to attend a book club to participate in this activity. Vote for

your top 15 choices out of the 50+ books nominated by 18 Zisters. Cast your vote **before December 12** using the [Google form](#) (Google account not required to vote). A cheat sheet with descriptions for each of the books is also posted but if you can't find it send Candy Bourgeois a message at bookclub@ztahouston.org to obtain the spreadsheet. Our 2022 reading list will be posted by December 16! Google Voting Form: [here](#)



BREAKING HAA ZTA NEWS

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TIS THE SEASON FOR GIVING



Service Chair, Rachel Warwick

This is HAA's SIXTH year of partnering with the Easter Seal's Children's Therapy Program, so let's make it the best year yet! Thank YOU to all of our ZTA Sisters for making our past toy drives so successful. Easter Seals truly appreciates your kind donations.

This year we are challenging members of HAA to donate online using this link: <https://eastersealshouston.org/Programs/donate.html> (1) Under Fund Option, select "Holiday Drive"

(2) Add "ZTA - HAA" in the Additional Information section. The folks at Easter Seals have done some "miracle math" and have a goal of donating \$25 per family member.

You can also mail a (minimum of) \$25 Walmart or HEB gift card to Rachel Warwick 1912 Common Oak Dr., Houston, TX 77080. If you decided to send a

gift card, please ensure gift cards arrive by **December 1st**. I will ensure they all get delivered to Easter Seals the first week of December so families can have them for the holidays. Feel free to reach out if you have any questions, email me at service@ztahouston.org!!



MIA HELP - SEEKING INFO FOR A SISTER



Caring Crowns Chair, Carol Petrussek

If you have Sue Baier's address, please email caringcrowns@ztahouston.org. Her recent holiday cards have been returned and we'd like to connect with her.

LADIES DINE OUT - PIC TO RIGHT

The Crown Connection group* had a great time at City Cellars! Don't miss the next one this month. A fun way to try new restaurants around town with your sisters.

DIRECTORY TIME!!

If you ordered a directory, It will be arriving soon. They will soon be hot of the presses and mailed out so keep an eye out. The electronic version will be sent later this week, to dues-paying members. If you notice a typo or incorrect info, email communications@ztahouston.org so it can be updated in the ZTA Master list.

STAYING CONNECTED: SOCIAL MEDIA

Do you follow HAA on Facebook, Instagram? Don't miss the fun being had in our groups. Here are the links, just click the icons: HAA uses Evites for invitations - download the app for details. Click on the icons to the right for a direct connection.



If you have an announcement that you would like to share, please email Newsletter@ztahouston.org.

SAVVY SISTERS

*Dues-paying members receive Crown Connection Evites inviting members to all the latest and greatest sisterhood activities.



Sisters Who Sip*

Happening: **December 1st**, see Evite for details.

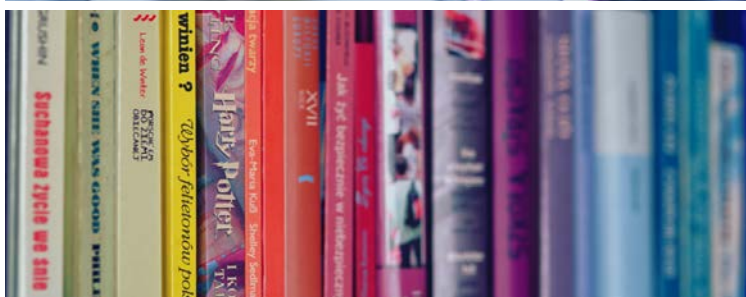
Happy Hour, sisters, and fun times - could you ask for anything else? Check out new bars and hot spots around Houston in this Crown Connection group.



Ladies Dine Out*

Happening: **December 8th**, see Evite for details.

Test your taste buds with this Crown Connection group as we venture to new and exciting spots around Houston and try the most amazing food and cocktails.



Book Club Voting

Happening: **December 12th**, see page 2.

Join this Crown Connection group and cast your vote for next year's reading list - which always involves fun, sisterhood, food and wine.



Holiday Gathering

Happening: **December 14th** at Madison Williams's home, see Evite for more details.

Join your sisters in person to hear about the latest and greatest things happening with HAA.



ZiesTA*

Happening: **December 19th**

This Crown Connection event of sisterhood is joyful and starts the holiday spirit. See Evite for more details.



Winter Begins

Happening: **December 21st**

Bust out the hot chocolate, cozy blankets and fluffy socks - Winter is no longer coming, it's here!