

San Diego Alumnae Chapter Newsletter

February/March 2026

ZETA TAU ALPHA

2025-2026 Executive Board

Co-President: Helen Ransom

VP Programming: Kathleen Jones

VP Membership: Shelly Mosteller

VP Communications: Kim Burton

Co-President: Heather Warren-Reynolds

VP Finance: Michelle Macartney

VP Communications: Kathy Woods

Happy Galentine's Day!

Committee Chairs

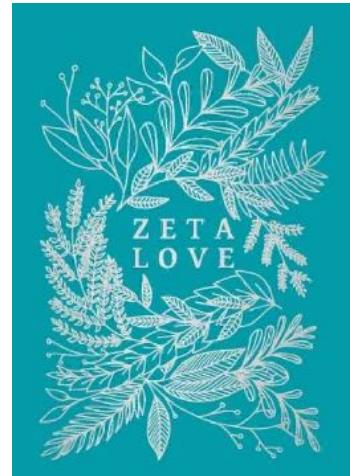
Alumnae Collegiate Relations: Suzanne Hagan

Fraternity Education: Lisa Feren

Social Media Manager: Deanna Rothschild

Think Pink Chair (MSABC): Heather Warren-Reynolds

Website/Technology Chair: Leslie Sachs



Save the Dates!



We look forward to seeing you at one of our upcoming events.

February:

- 10 - Taco Potluck & Collegiate Goodie Bags - Suzanne Hagan's home
(Evite sent!)
- 28 - Zeta Day - CSU Fullerton

March:

- 22 - Dumpling Making Party - Helen Ransom's home

April:

- TBD - Ceramic Cafe

May:

- TBD - Induction of Officers and Strawberry Potluck

June:

- TBD - Sip and Paint

July:

- 16 - 19 - ZTA Convention in Palm Desert!
- TBD - Summer Party with guest

Looking for Hosts and Co-Hosts!

Please Let us know if you are interested in hosting, or co-hosting, an event in your home, or business. Contact Kathleen Jones at FreenieSanDiego@hotmail.com

***An Evite will be sent for all events. If you are not getting our Evites, please contact Kathy Woods at: kkwoods@san.rr.com**



ZTA National Convention!

ZTA is heading to Palm Desert, California for Convention 2026.

Mark your calendars for sunshine and sisterhood **July 16-19, 2026**

at the **JW Marriott Desert Springs Resort**

FRED Facts - Convention

As we gear up for Convention 2026 in Palm Desert, we're taking a moment to highlight some noteworthy traditions, history and sisterhood that make Convention such a meaningful part of ZTA's story.

1903: First Convention held at the State Female Normal School (now Longwood University) in Farmville, Virginia - the birthplace of our Fraternity where key traditions, including the charter design, were established.

1920: "Grand President Dr. May Agness Hopkins had such a full schedule in Dallas that she literally held part of a Grand Chapter meeting while driving around in her car.

1923: Convention wasn't always held in hotels. In 1923, Zetas gathered in the Colorado mountains and slept ten to a tent - complete with rustic cabins, camp-style meals, and all the joys (and chaos!) of outdoor living

1928: When Convention was held in rural Ontario, many sisters drove there, but GPS didn't exist, so ZTA printed driving directions in Themis to help members navigate dirt roads and family farms to arrive at the right lodge

1930s: Before 1930, only scholarship medals existed. In 1930, the first "Silver Award" (a loving cup) made its debut at Convention in French Lick, Indiana.

1930 - 1950s: Before air travel, going to Convention meant climbing aboard a *chartered ZTA train* known as the "Zeta Special." Sisters traveled for days, turning the train into a rolling slumber party full of hat boxes, trunks, sightseeing stops, and nonstop laughter on the way to places like Pasadena, California

1980: During 1980 Convention in Louisville, ZTA hosted a fully costumed, over-the-top mock political convention complete with a parade of states and a giant Uncle Sam

1998 Centennial Flags: For ZTA's Centennial Convention, sisters created a custom flag for every chapter ever installed, featuring university names as they existed in 1998

Evolution Over Time: As ZTA's leadership needs evolved, some traditions like extensive skit nights and certain field trips were phased out to streamline Convention and emphasize leadership training, governance and Fraternity business.

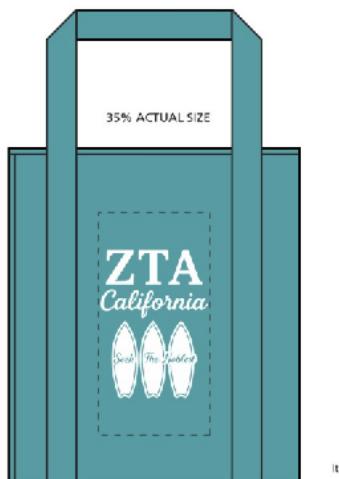
Don't Delay, Send in You Dues TODAY!

Have you forgotten to renew your membership?

Are you interested in meeting friendly Zetas? Do you want to see us earn another Crown Award at our Convention? Whatever the reason, join now!

It's easy...**copy and paste this link to our membership form: <https://sandiego.zetataualpha.org/membership-information>**

*Please complete the Membership Form only if there is new information from last year and return it along with your check for dues payable to **Zeta Tau Alpha** and send to: **Michelle Macartney, 13218 Kingsfield Court, San Diego, CA 92130. Or contact Shelly Mosteller, VP Membership (shelly.mosteller@gmail.com) with questions.**



Picture with Zeta design



Picture of a similar quilted bag

Get your insulated California ZTA shopping bag now!

For \$15 you can show your Zeta pride every time you shop! And, it's a great way to support the Zeta Tau Alpha Foundation, and your San Diego Chapter. Get one before they run out.

Contact Michelle Macartney at michellezta@gmail.com to purchase one.

Description: Therm-o insulated large grocery tote, quilted turquoise bag with foil lining to keep your groceries cold. Zippered top and dual 20" carry handles. Bag size is 15" H x 13" W x 10" D.

2026-2027 Elections

Call for Volunteers

Are you ready to get more involved in Zeta Tau Alpha? We're seeking enthusiastic sisters to volunteer! This is a wonderful opportunity to give back, strengthen your leadership skills and help shape the future of our organizations.

Whether you're looking to dip a toe into volunteer service or you're ready for a bigger role, there's a place for you. If you've ever thought, "I should get more involved," this is your moment. Reach out, ask questions and join us!

Executive Positions

VP Programming - Select, plan, and organize events with the guide of the exec. board.

VP Membership - Encourage membership through emails, events, and other contacts.

Keep an up to date list of members.

VP Communications 1- Take minutes at all meetings and send all correspondence for the chapter. (Evites, emails, newsletters and USPS).

VP Communications 2 - Document events and meetings via photos, update scrap book, and submit chapter news to Themis.

All executive officers must complete their chapter reports in a timely fashion and attend occasional executive committee meetings. (President and VP Finance are 2 year terms and are not up for re-election this year.)

Chair Positions

Service/Philanthropy - Organize and plan service events for the chapter.

Fundraising - Create avenues for chapter to support our national philanthropy

Fraternity Education - Help inform chapter members on Fraternity facts

Alumnae-Collegiate Relations - Work with the Kappa Theta collegiate chapter on needs for rush and organize goodie bag project

Panhellenic Rep - Attend San Diego Panhellenic meetings and report back to chapter

Making Strides Against Breast Cancer Walk Coordinator - work with ACS to help organize the Survivor Tent at the annual walk, and coordinate any other events with ACS.

Website/Technology - Update and maintain website and social media

Nomination Committee Needed! Volunteers needed to participate on our executive committee nominating committee.

Please contact Helen Ransom at: 4ransoms@gmail.com or Heather Warren-Reynolds at: mhkwarren@gmail.com for more info on volunteering for a position or nominating comm.



San Diego ZETA Happenings!



Kendra Scott Event

Raising money for the Zeta Foundation!



Holiday Party (members and guests)



January White Elephant Party



December Zeta Lunch Ladies
gathering at Jake's Del Mar.



January Zeta Lunch Ladies at
True Food Kitchen

**Do you want to join us for
lunch on the first Monday of
the month? Contact Kathy
Woods at kkwoods@san.rr.com
to be added to the email list.**