



January 2018

ZETA TAU ALPHA

— Seek the Noblest —

Our beautiful, recently updated website includes: an up-to-date calendar, links to the board survey, membership forms (now easy to use online) and more! Check it out today!

www.ztahouston.org

2017 Holiday Parties





Crowns & Concerns



Sisters please keep HAA sister Carolyn Moore in your prayers. Carolyn recently was in the hospital but now is home and asking for prayers. Additionally, she says she would love "Thinking of You" cards, but no phone calls or visits at this time.

Carolyn Moore's home address: 7400 Clarewood Drive, Apt. 920 | Houston, TX 77036

Sisters please keep HAA sister Kelly Davis in your thoughts and prayers. Kelly's father passed away unexpectedly on December 18th.

January Day Meeting: January 9th at Jennie Barker's Home
13614 Perthshire Rd. | Houston, TX 77079

The Day Group will have an Accessory Swap. Alyssa Melancon from French Cuff Boutique will be our guest speaker at 11AM.

We all have accessories we collect, were given as gifts, bought and thought we'd like and never wore. Why not choose one or two accessories and bring to an Accessory Swap so someone else can take it off your hands? They might really love it more than you do and might even actually use it! Accessories can consist of handbags, scarves, hats, belts, gloves, jewelry, watches, shawls, socks, etc.

Remember to bring spare change (coins) and used bras for our service collection. Lunch will be served after the meeting.

January Night Meeting: January 9th at Angela Ramm's home
35 West Terrace Drive Houston, TX 77007

Get a review about CPR from our guest speaker, Nurse Jaine Cobb (this presentation does not count toward any certifications! it is a demo/overview of CPR). Then, we'll hear from the President and key personnel about exciting things happening this year.

Bites and drinks will be available --> Feeling generous? Donate a bottle of wine or three to the meeting! Please just bring it with you!

6:30 PM - Greeting
7:00 PM - Speaker, Nurse Jaine Cobb
7:30 PM - General Meeting Begins
8:30 PM - General Meeting Ends



THINK PINK... Next Steps

Hello Everyone,

I've been asked by the Board to update everyone on Think Pink.

In 2017 Think Pink was well underway prior to Harvey hitting Houston. 2017 was to be the alternate year we voted on several years ago for a non-luncheon event and the Think Pink team had put together a new venue and had invitations ready to mail out. However after the storm, it was decided that a fundraiser at this tough time for Houston might not be the right thing to do and because of the very difficult situation (many of our members were flooded and many of our vendors were no longer able to participate), it was decided to cancel the event.

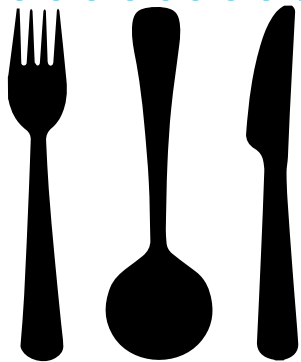
The Board then began to discuss Think Pink for 2018. For some time, there has been an ongoing difference of opinion within the group related to wanting to continue the support of Think Pink as a luncheon and this subject came up again. We have many members who want to continue having the current Think Pink luncheon in its current format and just as many members who think it is time to move to a new fund raiser. This has become a subject that we are spending an enormous amount of time in ongoing discussion. So the Board spent significant time to discuss this situation and came to the conclusion that we needed to take some time to really decide on what we want to support going forward. With that in mind, the Board recommended to the membership to take a break in 2018 from our traditional Think Pink event and spend the year concentrating on growing our membership, enjoying our sisterhood and putting a team together to tackle our fund raising plan for 2019. The membership passed the recommendation by a narrow margin and reinforced our need to have further discussion and develop a plan that we can all work with and support.

While we use this time to set our plan for our fund raising future, our Vice President of Fundraising will be planning a number of activities for us to participate in to keep our fund raising skills sharp during 2018 and raise funds for both our foundation and local charities. If you are interested in being a part of the committee responsible for setting our go forward fund raising strategy for 2019 please email me at kimclarke2016@gmail.com.

No matter if we re-ignite the Think Pink Luncheon or start down a new fund raising path, I look forward to our future fund raising efforts.

ZLAM,
Kim Clarke





Ladies Dine Out
Relish Restaurant & Bar
2810 Westheimer Road
Houston, TX 77098
Tuesday, January 23rd
@ 6:30 PM
Please RSVP on Evite
or to Renee, RSBgirl@aol.com

YAPs

Join HAA of ZTA for our Young Alumnae Professionals gathering. YAPs is for ZTAs that graduated in the 2000s.

Thursday, January 4th @ 6:30PM

Better Luck Tomorrow

544 Yale Street

Houston, TX 77007

If you are new, text Lauren {713-906-3246}

Book Club

2018 HAA of ZTA Book Club list revealed...

All Houston area ZTA's are welcome to join us for literary discussion, sisterhood and dinner! You do not have to finish the book to participate. Meetings are held at Barry's Pizza (6003 Richmond Ave) at 7pm. Contact Candy Bourgeois at crbourg@gmail.com or 281.787.7279.

ZTA BOOK CLUB 2018 Reading List

January 17 – "Eleanor Oliphant is Completely Fine" by Gail Honeyman

February 21 – "Emily & Einstein: A Novel of Second Chances" by Linda Francis Lee

March 21 – "Secrets of a Charmed Life" by Susan Meissner

April 18 – "Artemis" by Andy Weir

May 16 – "Kitchen Daughter" by Jael McHenry

June 20 – "Bossypants" by Tina Fey

July 18 – "Before We Were Yours" by Lisa Wingate

August 15 – Share your favorite summer read

September 19 – "What Alice Forgot" by Liane Moriarty

October 17 – "Gift of Fear: Survival Signals that Protect Us from Violence" by Galvin de Becker

November 14 – "Miss Pettigrew Lives for a Day" by Winifred Watson



Save the Dates!

January

- Tuesday, January 9th - Day Meeting
11AM @ Jennie Barker's home
- Tuesday, January 9th - Night Meeting
6:30PM @ Angela Ramm's House
- Sunday, January 14th - Service Project
9AM-12PM @ Houston Food Bank
- Wednesday, January 17th - Book Club 2018 Kick-off!
7PM @ Barry's Pizza (6003 Richmond Ave)
- Tuesday, January 23rd - Ladies Dine Out
6:30PM @ Relish Restaurant & Bar (2810 Westheimer Road)

February

- February 24-25, 2018 - Texas Zeta Day
Omni Frisco Hotel (11 Cowboys Way Frisco, TX 75034)
Alumnae dinner "awards banquet" on Friday night!

March

- March 13th - Joint Meeting
More details to come, check our website and the next newsletter for updates!
- March 24th - Kids Meals @ 9AM at Sally Evan's (more details to come)

Evite Links:

- Day Meeting - <http://evite.me/ZWD1R6qzHu>
- Service Project @ Houston Food Bank - <http://evite.me/RqyeqaVGfG>
- Night Meeting - <http://evite.me/rnCkRRFHeS>
- Service Project - <http://evite.me/RqyeqaVGfG>
- January YAPS - <http://evite.me/zfMhVM8Sm9>
- January Ladies Dine Out - <http://evite.me/vgC8GG4Sj1>
- January Book Club - <http://evite.me/MnkKG1GpZQ>



March Service Project: Kids Meals!

When: Saturday, March 24th, 2018

Where: Sally Evans' home

More details to come on how you can help!

HAPA/HAPF Annual Scholarship Luncheon

Smooth Sailing for Scholars!

Honoring 2018 Scholarship Winners and Featuring Leslie Blanchard, Author of the hilarious blog "A Ginger Snapped" and the installation of 2018-19 HAPA President Debbie Etheridge, Delta Gamma

Thursday, May 3rd at 11:30AM at the The Junior League of Houston
Proceeds benefit Houston Alumnae Panhellenic Foundation Scholarships

Early Bird Reservations Deadline: April 24, 2018

Patrons \$150, Individual \$65 per person

After April 24th - Individuals \$75

Checks payable to HAPF c/o Julie Vowell-Ramirez (j-vowell@hotmail.com)
3407 Palm Desert Lane | Missouri City, TX 77459

Lift Up Your Sisters

Look for bra bins labeled "Lift Up Your Sisters" at future HAA of ZTA gatherings. Taryn Cheesman will be collecting any and all bras that are broken, bent, falling apart or just don't fit anymore! Soma (women's clothing store) takes the bras and repairs them for women in need {FREE OF CHARGE!} for NNEDV (National Network to End Domestic Violence) who has partnered with Soma.

Change for Change

Blue bottles shaped like a purse will be available at night and joint meetings. Anyone can add their spare change, from the bottom of their purse, to this donation bottle! As a group, at the end of the year, we can decide what we want to use it for. Some ideas include: add to the GO gift, scholarship fund, cover cost that didn't meet original budget, etc.

Questions? Comments? Have something to share/contribute?

Please send an email to me:

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