

FANTASY FUNDRAISER

By Leslie Hix & Kim Clarke

Thank you to everyone who shared, posted, reached out to spread the word about the BELIEVE Fantasy Fundraiser. And BIG THANK YOU to all who donated to the cause, we couldn't have made such an impact without you. See more about what we accomplished in the President's Message on page 2.

Make a difference → [HERE](#)

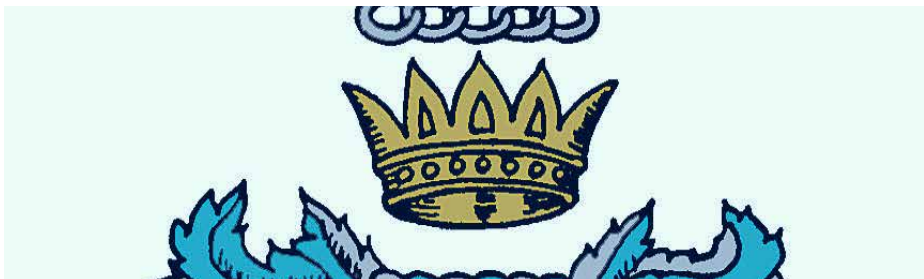


Plan Your Resolution

2019 is just around the corner, so get a jump start on the year by planning your New Years Resolution and maybe start it early! This year, make a resolution to focus on your sisterhood and what it truly means to you. Friends, family, sisters and ZTA is a life time of love and happiness - so share that love at the Holiday Party, or at ZiesTA, or by attending a ZTA event. Maybe join and become a member if you haven't already. We look forward to seeing you and would love for you to get involved for 2019.

Have a Crown? Now What?

This year has flown by, can you believe it?! And now the Board and Committee Chairs are preparing for the next term. Start thinking about which board or committee position best suits you and send in your application. Click here → [Board Survey!](#)



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ZTA Houston Alumnae Association - December Newsletter

Happy Holidays and Merry Christmas to all! Our October and November were great months for us related to our fundraising work. As you all know, we tried something new this year which was a fundraiser without an event attached to it, and for the first attempt it went very well. Leslie Hix, Jennie Baker and Taryn Hryc were the three ladies that truly took this and ran with it. We learned a lot and learned where we can do more and where we need to do less. All in all, it was a terrific experience and we raised over \$23,000 as of the writing of this Newsletter. Thank you to all of you who gave so generously. This is a very important part of what our organization does, and it is always very rewarding to know that we are not only helping our ZTA philanthropy and Foundation but also contributing to our own community. While the online contributions have come to an end, that doesn't mean you can't still contribute. We can take checks made out to the 'Zeta Tau Alpha Foundation' through the end of the year and you can mail them to Treasurer **Jennifer Reyes, 4619 Brookren Court | Pearland, Texas 77584**.

We have a lot going on in December and you can read more details on all the events in the newsletter as well as on the website. There are a few that I want to point out for all our members. We have our annual **Holiday Party** at Leslie Hix's home on December 11th. This is a great way to kick-off the holidays with your fellow Zeta's. Leslie's lovely home is always decorated so beautifully, and if you don't have your holiday spirit yet, you will by the time you leave. Don't forget your toy for Easter Seals. Also, in December is our wonderful event we call **ZiesTA**, hosted by our Zeta sister Nina Hendee at the Taste of Texas on December 16th. If you have not had the chance to experience this event, you have really been missing out. Nina's warm hospitality and the incredible Christmas decorations of Taste of Texas are fantastic. Our legacies and collegians always come out in a big way and it is a great occasion to get to know the future of our great fraternity. Thanks to both Leslie and Nina for their hospitality, generosity and willingness to help kick-off our holidays with the true spirit of Christmas and our sisterhood.

In January, we will begin the process of deciding who our new officers will be for 2019-2020. We will be sending out requests for those interested in holding an office in the Houston Alumnae Association. I can only speak from my own experience as I finish my second term as President, but the opportunity to serve has been rewarding and fulfilling. It has given me a way to get closer to many Zeta's that I would not have been able to know so well. The current Board has worked hard to increase our membership, bring in a new way to fundraise, enhance everyone's opportunities to participate at a level that fits in with their life, embrace our sisterhood, celebrate our traditions and welcome in the future. It has been a joy to work with all of them, but we are not finished yet by any means. We have Texas Zeta Day coming up in Houston, March 1st and 2nd where HAA will be responsible for registration and treasury, our annual social is scheduled to be a blast, UH spring events, additional service projects and our on-going crown connection events like Sisters that Sip, Ladies Dine Out, Book Club and Pop Up events galore.

Have a wonderful and safe holiday season.

Zeta Love,

Kim



ZTA Kim Bruder Clarke
President Houston Alumnae Association



HOLIDAY SERVICE OPPORTUNITY: 4th Annual Toy Drive

By Angèle Wolk, Service Chair

HAA will continue our Holiday tradition of collecting toys for distribution by **Easterseals of Greater Houston!** Bring your new and unwrapped toy to our HAA Holiday Party on December 11th; see Evite for details.

"Santa's List" includes the following developmentally appropriate toys...

Infants: music box for crib, crib mobile, rattles or stuffed toys that squeak when squeezed

Toddlers: stack-able blocks, age appropriate puzzles, and push toys

Children: puzzles and board games

Tweens & Teens: books, board games or discovery art sets

Be sure to remember these precious little ones as you start your holiday shopping and contribute to spread the holiday cheer by bringing a donation.



Thank you to everyone who donated or came out to participate in the MDACC's BOOT WALK to #EndCancer.





BREAKING HAA ZTA NEWS

Information and More about Zeta Tau Alpha Sisters

ZTA Sisters Only has a New Look!

On November 27th, National announced the launch of the new and improved Sisters Only website. This members-only area is more user-friendly and better all-around resource for members to access their information, search for sisters, and ZTA resources. Check out out → Visit Sisters Only.

Book Club by Candy Bourgeois

Calling all readers! The list of suggested books has been collected and is ready for your vote; 18 sisters nominated 74 books, but there can only be 10. We're trying something new for voting, using Google Forms to submit votes. Use the link attached to send your top 20 votes before it's narrowed down to the final choices! Voting is open from Dec. 1 - 9th; click here → to cast your VOTE. (You do not need a Google/Gmail account to vote, open to all.)



Lead the HAA Charge!

Get more involved by heading a chair and help make HAA grow in 2019. By joining the Board or Committee Chair, you can have a voice, share ideas and show how sisterhood is forever. Take a peek at the Board Survey and see what catches your eye → Board Survey.



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Someone's Expecting!

Kelley and Jonathon Brege are expecting baby number 4 in May 2019. Giuliani, Dominic and Audriana [left to right] are thrilled to add another player to Team Brege. Congrats!!

The newsletter is a collaboration of great sister events, send a contribution to be included for next month - promotions, engagements, baby info, favorite recipe and more! Share it by emailing newsletter@ztahouston.org.



BREAKING HAA ZTA NEWS continued ● ● ● ● ●



The Call of Zeta Tau Alpha for Collegians & Legacies : ZiesTA

By Kim Watson, ZiesTA Chair

Please provide a list of collegians and legacies you know in the Houston Area so they can be invited to this years **ZiesTA!** Let's make this a grand event together. Provide your invitee list with mailing address (parents) and email address (if applicable) at your earliest convenience. Also, indicate whether the invitee is a collegian or a legacy.

Sunday, December 16, 2018

Noon to 2 PM at Taste of Texas

10505 Katy Freeway | Houston, TX 77024

HAA of ZTA members, ZTA collegians, legacies and their parents are invited to attend this beautiful event hosted by Nina and Edd Hendee. Nina shares a heart-warming reminder of what is truly important in our ZTA lives and gifts us with a lovely lunch. See Evite for more details. Email your list to Kim Watson, ziesta@ztahouston.org.

HAA DIRECTORY

By Taryn Hryc

The HAA directory is updated and will be distributed soon, so be on the look out! The directory is an accumulation of your membership form, Sister Search and previous information from completed forms. This information could have errors, but we do our best to verify with Sister Search.

If you haven't updated your National ZTA information in awhile, take a moment to do so → **here**. Don't miss out on National news, mail-outs and more, while helping to keep our directory perfect.



BREAKING HAA ZTA NEWS continued ● ● ● ● ●



By Jennie Baker

HAPA & HAPF Annual Scholarship Luncheon

Honoring 2019 Scholarship Winners & Celebrating the Installation of
2019-2020 President Connie Zieba, Alpha Gamma Delta

Thursday, May 2, 2019 - Check-in 11 AM and Ballroom opens at 11:30 AM

The Junior League of Houston

Proceeds benefit Houston Alumnae Panhellenic Foundation Scholarships

\$150 for Patrons and \$65 for Individual Tickets

Houston Alumnae Panhellenic Association, Ways and Means Committee is thrilled to kick off our work planning and hosting the 2019 Houston Alumnae Panhellenic Association and Houston Alumnae Panhellenic Foundation Annual Scholarship Awards Luncheon. Our theme is Women of Purpose and we're honoring scholarship winners, featuring discussions of purpose between Andrea White, novelist, community volunteer, and editorial board for the Houston Chronicle, and Y. Ping Sun, attorney, community volunteer, Texas Hospital Board Member, and multiple leadership Roles at Rice University, and celebrating the installation of Connie Zieba, Alpha Gamma Delta, as the 2019-2020 HAPA President.

HAA has come out in force! The following ZTA's are signed up to help on our committee: Susan Bourdon, Cheryl Brady, Marcy Cann, Mary Cooper, Melana Dalby, Kathy Goss, Carolyn Greene, Melinda Hickey, Leslie Hix, Judy Jackson, Sandy Lewis, Francine Meyer, Carol Petrusek, Sherry St. Aubin, Renee Svitek, Cyndi Tucker and Angele Wolk. There is room for more! Jennie Baker is serving as Chair. Thank you, sisters!

Make a table reservations today by mailing your check(s) made payable to 'HAPF' to
ZTA Delegate, Cheryl Brady at 13627 Pinerock | Houston, TX 77079

OR

use ZELLE for reservation payments, now accepting for Luncheon Reservations. Use the ZELLE email
houstonpanhellenicfoundation@gmail.com. Include "luncheon reservation & sorority" in the memo line.

Support HAPA and celebrate ZTA Sherry St. Aubin, 2018-2019 HAPF President as we chair this luncheon. We're ready to accept Patron Donations, Table Reservations and Door Prize Tickets Proceeds. Let's kicking off Women of Purpose! Please note that the Door Prize tickets price has changed to \$5 for one ticket or \$20 for five tickets. Contact Jennie Baker for door prize tickets.

Four ZTA Patrons, as of October 21, 2018: Jennie Baker, Zeta Tau Alpha; Sandy Lewis, Zeta Tau Alpha; Rolland St. Aubin and Sherry St. Aubin, Zeta Tau Alpha

MEET TARYN HRYC

Sisterhood Spotlight

This Houstonian lady was born and raised in the Lone Star state, and came back after living in Oklahoma for a time. She loves the heat of the city, the mix of foods and festivities, and is always up for a bike ride to find something new to do in Houston. Taryn attended Oklahoma State University in Stillwater and was initiation into ZTA at the Alpha Upsilon chapter in 2006. She joined performance shows, volunteered on Pumping Committees and served as Social Chair. She majored in Studio Arts with a certification to teach Pre-K through high school.

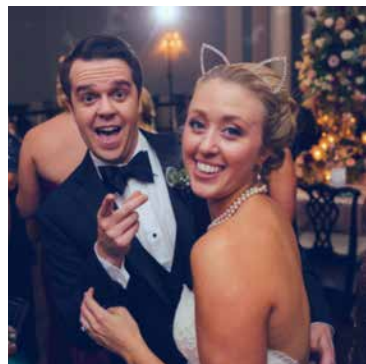


Taryn's fondest memories of her collegians years involves pulling an all-nighter during Recruitment. There was an old chalkboard in the hallway that wasn't very pleasing to the eye. Taryn and sorority sister Paige Mahaffey stayed up all night repainting it. The two didn't know each other that well, but paint, no sleep, and energy drinks will definitely make you fast friends. Paige and Taryn are still good friends to this day, but don't know where the painting ended up.



Taryn recently married Corey Hryc in September after waiting 3.5 long years for him to ask. The 'techy' couple meet online and were inseparable after the first date. They have one fur baby, Monet, who is a 15 pound Ragdoll cat.

Taryn joined HAA in 2011 after going to Book Club to meet some of the ladies. She joined the Board in 2014 as Recording Secretary, helped as Treasurer and now does the HAA website, eMarketing emails and Newsletter and services as President Elect. She was awarded Zeta Lady at the Texas Zeta Day in Dallas 2018.



FUN INFO ABOUT TARYN:

- Favorite movie is Jurassic Park, and she played the theme song as the 'send-off' song at the wedding while her brother, dressed in a T-Rex outfit, chased guests.
- Always in her purse is a bullet journal and an assortment of pens.
- Loves elephants and has from a very young age. When Taryn had to give up her pacifier, she took it to the zoo and tried to give it to the baby elephant. And that was the end of the pacifier.
- Has a fat cat named Monet that can say hello, fetch, and likes to be taken on walks.

Nominate a member for Sisterhood Spotlight by emailing Newsletter@ztahouston.org

SAVVY SISTERS



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

Senior Service Soiree

Support the Gamma Omega sisters and show them that ZTA sisterhood is forever by joining us to take part in our ritual to celebrate the newest class of graduating sisters.

Next happening: **December 3rd**, see Evite for details.

Sisters Who Sip (SWS)

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 [members only].

Next happening: **December 5th**, see Evite for details.

Holiday Party & Gathering

Open to any and all sisters in the Houston area, join us for a fun evening of activities as we gather to catch up, enjoy a feast and participate in holiday cheer. Don't forget your toy donation to Easter Seals, see page 3.

Next happening: **December 11th**, see Evite for details.

ZiesTA

Open to all sisters in the Houston area, join us for a celebration of ZTA members, collegians, legacies and their parents as we honor our ZTA collegians; see page 5.

Happening: **December 16th**, see Evite for details.

HAA Directory

Be on the lookout for the HAA Directory being released soon by your sisters.

Take a moment to verify your information in the ZTA National Sister Search.

Happy Holidays

May you have a joyous holiday season with close ones and we will see you in the new year!