

President's Message:

Hi Sisters,

I wanted to take a moment to wish you a Happy Holidays. I spent most of my Thanksgiving break picking up some extra shifts at Texas Children's Hospital - there is a special kind of magic that happens in hospitals this time of year!!

There are so many opportunities over the next months to celebrate the season with sisterhood, and I will talk more about them later, but first a call to action. We are in search of a **Service Chair** to finish out this year. This position organizes service opportunities (drives, volunteering, percentage nights, etc). As part of our Crown Chapter requirements, we must have a certain number of service events each year, so this position is incredibly important and Ashton is leaving the position on a high note with our holiday drive (more info below). This would only be an interim position until the new board is voted on. Please reach out to me if you are interested.

Now for the fun stuff! I hope you can join us for our annual **ZiesTA lunch** with Taste of Texas (Dec. 18), our joint **Holiday Party** (Dec. 13), and our **Sisters Who Holiday Shop & Sip** event (Dec. 7) (thanks Angèle!); more information on page 6. I am so thankful for this sisterhood today and every day!

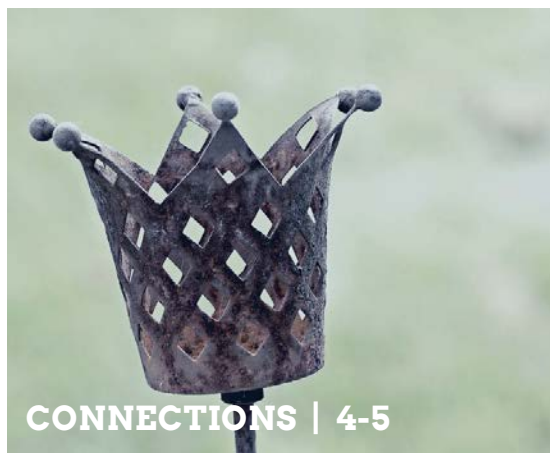
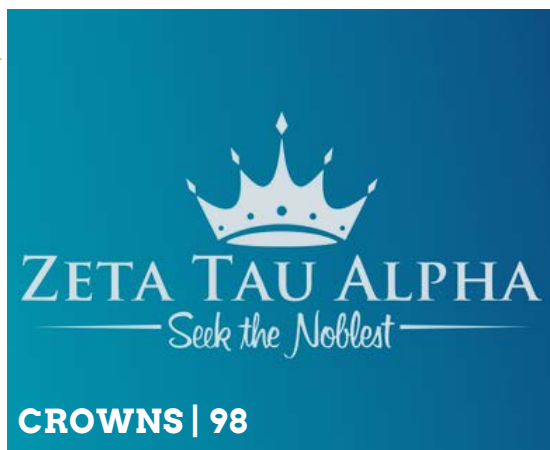
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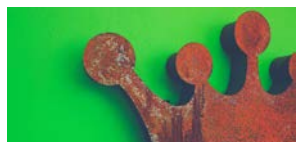


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IN SEARCH OF SERVICE CHAIR



President, Courtney Scaggs

In search of a **Service Chair** starting in January 2023. This is a crucial position - HAA must maintain a certain number of service events to continue our crown chapter status. Please let me know if you would be interested in stepping in for the second half of the year, email president@ztahouston.org.

YOU GET A BOOK, YOU GET A BOOK!



Book Club Coordinator, Candy Bourgeois

If you love books then help HAA make this big decision! You do not have to attend book club to participate in this activity, open to everyone. The nomination list for HAA Book Club is ready for your review, so help us decide on next year's books for our 2023 reading list. There are 55 books this year to choose from on the electronic google voting form out of the 70 nominated by 17 sisters.

Cast your vote before **December 8th** (*you do not need a Google account to vote), and results will be posted by December 15th. Make the number of selections noted in each genre. It is required to select a minimum of one per genre before finalizing your submission:

* 3 each for Fiction, Historical Fiction & Thriller

* 2 each for Memoir, Nonfiction, & Romance

* 1 for Science Fiction

Google Voting Form*: <https://forms.gle/aT8KwPXbjmkwZvyk8>

CAN YOU HELP THE GAMMA OMEGAS?



ZiesTA Chair and Sisters Who Sip Coordinator, Lauren Stratton

Hey Zistas! The University of Houston Gamma Omega ZTA's are in desperate need of new ritual equipment as their current items are falling apart from prolonged use. Here are the specific items:

Sword: \$125 Scale: \$500 Tiers covers: \$100 Robe Ties: \$30

The Nasa/Brazoria alumnae group has donated \$100, and I'm hoping some of the HAA ladies could pitch in as well. If you are interested in donating, please let me know by emailing lauren5891@yahoo.com or Venmo @Lauren-Evenson.

HAA DIRECTORY UPDATE



Communications & Technology Chair, Taryn Hryc

The HAA Directory is in the final review stage. The goal is to bring purchased hard copies to the HAA Holiday Party to distribute, otherwise, it will be by mail. The digital copy will be sent out promptly once approved. Stay tuned!



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



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DOUBLE CHECK - DID YOU PAY YOUR DUES?



President, Courtney Scaggs

Hi all! We have been double-checking our membership. If you have paid your dues for the 22-23 term and are not receiving Evites, please let me or Meghan Johnson (treasurer@ztahouston.org) know ASAP. If you haven't paid your dues yet, please join us! We have a bunch of lovely events coming up!

HAPA LUNCHEON & MORE



Panhellenic Chair, Heather Whitfield

Hello Everyone! FREE MONEY FOR COLLEGIATES! Now that I have your attention, thank you all for your support with our Think Pink Luncheon and Panhellenic Wine Dinner. I wanted to share a few updates from Houston Panhellenic with everyone for the HAPA Scholarship luncheon in the spring.

This luncheon provided over \$66,000 in scholarships last year alone! A link for the application is included below which will also take you to the links for the FAQs about the scholarship and information for any universities.

1. Please don't forget about the scholarship **deadline for panhellenic is February 15th**. I would LOVE to see some ZTAs recognized at the scholarship luncheon in May. Please spread the word.
2. The Scholarship luncheon will be held on May 5, 2023, at the Junior League. I would love to have some other ZTAs there to sit with me and represent our wonderful chapter.
3. I am selling door prize raffle tickets for the luncheon as well. They are \$5 each or \$5 for 20. There are some amazing prizes being raffled off and you do not have to be present to win. I will be at the Annual Holiday Party if you want to purchase any as well as the meeting in March. You can also reach out to me directly. The door prize we will be donating is \$125 to Taste of Texas! And last year I won a \$100 gift card to Nordy, champagne, and other wine.

If you have any questions, please let me know at heatherkoster@hotmail.com. [Click here](#) for the HAPA link.

TEXAS ZETA DAY IS COMING!



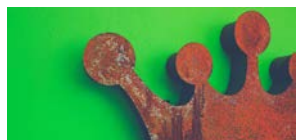
2023 Texas Zeta Day Chair, Linda Schoelkopf

Join us on **February 24 and 25, 2023** at the Doubletree Hotel in Richardson, Texas as we celebrate our sisterhood together! Registration will open on Nov. 1, 2022. At our Zeta Day events, we'll celebrate our accomplishments on Friday night during dinner and spend some fun time with collegians. On Saturday, we'll recognize our White Violet sisters, welcome our seniors into the alumnae world, and enjoy other fun activities.

ZTAF: Contributing Writer

ZTA is looking for contributing writers to help us tell the stories of its members and three entities. In addition to having their work published in Themis and online, the contributing writers will receive reporting, story development, and editing guidance from experienced ZTA staff members. The Contributing Writers Program is open to all ZTA alumnae and collegians with an interest or experience in writing profiles and feature stories for publication. Email any questions to christy-barber@zetataualpha.org.

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SHINE BRIGHT WITH YOUR CROWN

The HAA term has officially begun! Continue to **support HAA** by becoming a dues-paying member. With your membership, you get to enjoy Day/Night Gatherings, but also get exclusive access to Crown Connections such as Book Club, Ladies Dine Out, Sisters Who Sip (SWS), Service Projects, ZiesTA, and Social. Use the two-step process to the right to complete your membership renewal or ztahouston.org/membership for more information.

ALUMNAE CHAPTER DUES

OPERATING FEE



\$18 PER DUES- PAYING MEMBER

Paying the Operating Fee to the Fraternity shows a standard of chapter excellence, and allows alumnae chapters to retain their charter and remain in good standing. The Operating Fee funds Fraternity expenses such as extension projects, insurance, archives upkeep and technology.

SECOND CENTURY FUND



\$2 PER DUES- PAYING MEMBER

Donated to the Foundation in celebration of Zeta Tau Alpha's 100th anniversary and its emergence into the second century. Used to help fund the Foundation's Scholarship Program.

REMAINING DUES



The remaining portion of alumnae chapter dues stays within the alumnae chapter's individual budget and is used throughout the year to support chapter events and programming.

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Two Step Process:

- 1) [Click HERE to complete the Membership Form.](#)
- 2) [Click HERE to Pay Your Dues and scroll to 'Become a Member'.](#)

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.

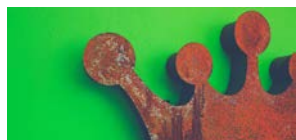


REST IN PEACE

Zeta Tau Alpha is a lifetime of sisterhood and our sisters will remain with us always. If someone was missed, please email HAA at ztahouston@gmail.com.

Nancy Sue Bartels Williams: [Obituary](#)





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SERVICE PROJECT WITH HOUSTON AREA WOMEN'S CENTER



Book Club Coordinator, Candy Bourgeois

For our Service Project, HAA will be supporting the **Houston Area Women's Center** to support women and children who are domestic violence victims. HAWC is a multi-racial, multi-lingual agency that supports survivors of domestic violence, sexual assault, and sex trafficking. They provide immediate access to 24/7 crisis intervention services, ongoing trauma-informed support programs, and violence prevention initiatives to survivors, their

support networks, and communities. Since 1977, they have empowered hundreds of thousands of victims of violence to transform into survivors and establish self-determined lives. HAWC provides Crisis Response with 24/7 hotlines, emergency shelter, and rape crisis support. They also engage in survivor empowerment including counseling, legal advocacy, housing, financial empowerment, and children's services. Additionally, HAWC works with the community to break the cycle of domestic violence by providing education and awareness.

There are 3 ways to donate:

1. Buy urgently needed items for HAWC via their Amazon Wishlist:

https://www.amazon.com/hz/wishlist/ls/1YI8V7R5PO27P?ref_=wl_share

We are still waiting for HAWC to post their Holiday Gift Express Wish List; but once they do that will be shared; it should get posted here: <https://hawc.org/hge/>

2. In-Person Donations: Items can be brought to any Day & Night Gatherings in November, and I will coordinate with those hosts to pick up the items and deliver them to HAWC. Items that are needed include the following (all items must be new/unopened):

shampoo bar soap deodorant toothpaste toothbrushes body wash conditioner razors
combs/hair brushes women's sanitary products sports bras PJ pant sets

3. Monetary donations: online donation form and include "donate on behalf of the Organization", add ZTA. The link to donate is <https://hawc.org/donate/#make-a-donation>



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SAVVY SISTERS



Gatherings are sent to all ZTA's in the greater Houston area, while Crown Connections* are sent to members only.

Sisters Who Sip*

Happening: **Dec. 7th at 6 PM**, see Evite for details - special Shopping & Sip evening.

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: **Dec. 12th at 6:30 PM**, 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.

Annual Holiday Party*

Happening: **Dec. 13th at 6 PM**, see Evites for details.

Let's eat, drink and be merry as we celebrate the season together with sisters. Filled with yummy treats and an ornament exchange, you do not want to miss the fun.

Holiday ZiesTA*

Happening: **Dec. 18th at 11:30 AM**, see Evite for details.

'Tis the season to get together with our mothers, grandmothers/granddaughters, sisters, and all to celebrate the sisterhood that is ZTA.

Winter Begins

Happening: **December 21st**

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

Volunteering with Houston Food Bank*

Happening: **Jan. 28th at 8 AM**, see Evite for details.

Friends, family, and all are welcome to volunteer for this amazing cause.