

FANTASY FUNDRAISER

By Leslie Hix & Kim Clarke

Let's make a difference locally by coming together to contribute to Breast Cancer Education and Awareness.

As of October 15th, HAA began the 'BELIEVE - Fantasy Fundraiser'. Your donation and all proceeds will go to Zeta Tau Alpha Foundation (ZTAF) and in turn, support our national philanthropy, scholarships and our local Houston charities. Donate before November 30th to reach our goal!

Make a difference → [HERE](#)

This event is open to any and all who want to make a difference. Share this information on your Social Media page, with your company, with your family and together BELIEVE that we will end Breast Cancer together.

See more in the President's Message on page 2.



Gobble Till You Wobble

Facts about Thanksgiving

- Benjamin Franklin wanted the turkey to be the national bird.
- Americans eat 46 million turkeys each Thanksgiving.
- Female turkeys are called hens and do not gobble; only males.
- According to the US Fire Administration, the average number of reported house fires more than doubles on Thanksgiving Day compared to any other day. Be safe if you're cooking.
- The heaviest turkey, on record, weighs 86 pounds.

HAVE A GREAT TURKEY DAY!





ZTA *Houston Alumnae Association - November Newsletter*

November begins the time of year that we begin to anticipate the holidays to come. Thanksgiving is a time when many of us take a minute to think about all the good things happening in our lives and taking stock of our wonderful family and friends. For me this holiday will also include all my wonderful Zetas who have made such a difference in my life. I have come to appreciate their friendship more than I would have ever anticipated. I always know I can call on them for help and when needed, they are there to set me straight. I am so thankful for each and every one of you. At our Founders Day Luncheon and our Founders Day Service with Gamma Omega I was humbled by the words of our founders and by the way that no matter what our individual differences might be we had all come together to celebrate what being a ZTA really means. Thanks to our Founders for having the wisdom and vision to create such a wonderful organization.

Normally, my Presidents Letter covers our activities for the coming month but this time I am going to focus strictly on our philanthropy.

Breast Cancer is going to affect **one in eight of us**. For every time we gather in groups of eight or more, one of our sisters is going to face breast cancer. **We can make a difference.** We can make a difference by giving. Give what you can, any amount will help us support the efforts to find an end to this disease.

CONTRIBUTE THROUGH THE WEBSITE WITH A CREDIT CARD

<https://my.crowdfunder.co/2zm9cv>

If you don't want to contribute on-line and want to mail a check make your check out to

ZETA TAU ALPHA FOUNDATION

Send to

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4619 Brookren Court

Pearland, Texas 77584



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President Houston Alumnae Association



SERVICE: GIVE CANCER THE BOOT

By Angèle Wolk, Service Chair

NOVEMBER: November 10th, HAA will support our local philanthropy MDACC's Morgan Welch Inflammatory Breast Cancer Research Program and Clinic by participating in the MDACC's BOOT WALK to #EndCancer. Put on your favorite boots and join your HAA sisters in this 1.2 mile *mosey* through the heart of Houston's Medical Center. 100% of the proceeds of team 'Houston Alumnae Association of Zeta Tau Alpha' go directly to the clinic.

Currently on the team: Renee Svitek, Lisa Wilson, Kelley Brege, Jessica Harris, Shelby Hatch, Karen Kocich and Angele Wollk! We've raised \$750 so far, let's keep going!

RSVP to the Evite indicates your interest in joining, but officially join our team → **HERE**. You can join as a participant or sponsor a member! There is no registration fee. After the walk, join us for brunch (details coming). We have invited Gamma Omega chapter to form a team and walk side-by-side with their HAA sisters. Together, let's give cancer the BOOT!

Free parking available at the Mid-Campus Garage located at 7007 Bertner Ave. | Houston TX 77030.

See Page 5 for details about the MWIBC Cocktail Event that you are invited to!



Holiday Service Opportunity - 4th Annual Toy Drive

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 (Evite coming soon!).

"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!





BREAKING HAA ZTA NEWS

Information and More about Zeta Tau Alpha Sisters

We Need Your Book Suggestions by Candy Bourgeois

Seeking suggestions for 2019 **HAA Book Club**. Email Candy Bourgeois at crbourg@gmail.com BEFORE December 1st. If you are interested in being a part of the electronic voting, let Candy know BEFORE December 1st. The committee will post the new reading list on the ZTA Houston Website - Book Club in time for your Holiday shopping.



Founders' Day - October Day Gathering by Carol Petrusek & Sally Evans

Celebrated Founders' Day at Ouisie's Table [photos above] with four alumnae chapters: Humble/Kingwood, Houston West, Fort Bend and Houston Alumnae Association. The ritual was lead by HAA President, Kim Clarke, with past National President Nan Boettcher; Houston West President, Zilah Miller; and Humble/Kingwood President, Stephanie Lex participating. It was a wonderful luncheon with our sisters from around the Houston area.



Panhellenic Wine Tasting Supporting HAPF [Photos above]

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New Little One!

Ashley and Jonathan Crouse welcomed **Crawford Cecil Crouse** (CCC) on October 7th just after midnight [photo to the right]. He weighed 7 pounds and 5 ounces, 20 inches long, and is a future ZTA Sweetheart. Congrats to the new parents!

New Job! Looking for someone in events?

Congratulations to **Ashley Padalecki**, a new ZTA to the Houston area from Theta Psi, on her new job as Events Director for Kirby Group. She plans corporate events, happy hours, parties and more for different bars and restaurants in Houston. Email her at ashleypadalecki@gmail.com for your hosting needs!



BREAKING HAA ZTA NEWS continued ● ● ● ● ●



The Call of Zeta Tau Alpha for Collegians & Legacies

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.

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. Look for the Evite! Email your list to Kim Watson, ziesta@ztahouston.org.

Save the Date : ZiesTA
 Sunday, December 16, 2018
 Noon to 2 PM at Taste of Texas
 10505 Katy Freeway | Houston, TX 77024

MWIBC Cocktail Event

By Jenee Bobbora

You (and a friend, spouse, SO) are invited to a cocktail reception honoring Mrs. Susan Baker, wife, mother, survivor and author of "Passing It On" supporting **Morgan Welch Inflammatory Breast Cancer (MWIBC) Research Program and Clinic**.

The University of Texas MD Anderson Cancer Center MWIBC is the first clinic in the world dedicated to fight against inflammatory breast cancer.

"MWIBC would love to bring in new people who are passionate about cancer research. Dr. Ueno and Dr. Woodward asked me to reach out to the ZTA's as they would love to have the chance to personally thank you for setting up the ZTA Boot Walk Team and being so kind to the program" said Jenee. Enjoy the hors d'oeuvres and evening as we defeat this disease.

RSVP to ibcp@mdanderson.org



Thursday, November 8, 2018

6:30 - 8:30 PM

Forest Club

9950 Memorial Drive | Houston, TX 77024
 Business Attire | Valet Parking

Generously underwritten by: Debbie Stewart, Jenee Bobbora and Renee Jongebloed

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 MEGHAN JOHNSON

Sisterhood Spotlight

This Texan lady, born in Pasadena, loves all the different 'hot spots' around Houston to cater to whatever mood she's in - and there's always something!

Meghan attended Texas State University in San Marcos and was initiation into ZTA at the Theta Psi chapter in 2008. She then became President of the chapter in 2011, while balancing as the Dance Team Captain. Not to mention her prior positions as Activities Chair, coordinating Parents Weekend and serving as an executive on the Academic Committee. This involvement led Meghan to receive the Rho Lambda and Zeta Lady award. She majored in Psychology with a minor in Forensic Psychology.



Meghan's fondest memories of her collegians years involves traveling with her best friends who were also sorority sisters. This "Z7 group" (Z for Zeta and 7 for the number of ladies in the group) created such a strong bond that 2018 marks their 7th year of the annual girls trip [see photos below of previous trips].



During one of the Z7's bachelorette party, Meghan ran into beau at McIntyre's in the Heights when he walked right up to her, offered to buy her a drink like a gentleman, and she accepted. Turns out he also attended the same college and frequented her favorite hangout spots - but the two never met.

Meghan re-joined HAA in 2017, attends alum functions for Texas State by supporting them in the Sam Marcos/Houston area, all while finishing up her second Masters in School Psychology and completing her internship year as a Licensed Specialist in School Psychology for Pasadena ISD.



FUN INFO ABOUT MEGHAN:

- Favorite movie is Pretty Woman, which she started watching at the age of 5 - with mom's permission.
- Working out and breaking a sweat is what she calls her guilt pleasure. She believes there is something special about seeing what a human body is capable of and it helps to clear the head. It's not a chore, but a passion.
- Maybe you didn't know, but Meghan is a very talented dancer and dance teacher; which you'll learn at an upcoming Night Gathering.

SAVVY SISTERS



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

Fantasy Fundraiser

Going on now! October 15th through November 30th. Share with friends, family and others to raise awareness and defeat breast cancer.

For more information & donations - [click HERE](#).

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: **November 6th**, see Evite for details.

Boot Walk #EndCancer

This service project on Nov. 10th will help unite HAA ZTA's as we join together to walk/run to #EndCancer and bring awareness to Breast Cancer. Join the ZTA Team today!

See **Page 3** for more details and how to get involved.

Day/Night Gatherings

Open to any and all sisters in the Houston area, join us for fun day or evening activities as we gather to catch up, cover meeting points and hear all the amazing things happening.

Next happening: **November 13th**, see Evite for details.

Book Club

Join this Crown Connection group for literary discussion, pizza, wine and more as we discuss our latest reads [members only]. Visit the website for all the books.

Next happening: **November 14th**, see Evite for details.

Ladies Dine Out

Test your taste buds with this Crown Connection group as you venture to new and exciting spots around Houston [members only].

Next happening: **November 27th**, see Evite for details.

If you are not receiving Evites for the HAA activities, please email HAAwebsiteZTA@gmail.com