HAA NEWS

Houston Alumnae Association of Zeta Tau Alpha's Newsletter SEPTEMBER 2019

MY CROWN

President's Message:

Hello lovely ladies.

I hope you had a delightful Labor Day Weekend and enjoyed lots of sunshine, fun with friends and tasty treats. Over my Labor Day weekend I had the chance to catch-up with visiting family and share all that I've been up too; HAA activities taking up most of my conversation. When I 'caught up' my family member, they asked if they could join HAA and after a laugh, I got the question "why did you join your alumnae?".

A similar question was asked of me during Gamma Omega's mock recruitment. "Why did you pick Zeta Tau Alpha?" When I sat in front of the collegiate, a sister, a future alumna, I shared with her what ZTA was for me. Like many of you, it was the memories with friends, sisterhood, philanthropy and everything that is our fraternity. But I also shared that it was hard for me to make new friends in my out-of-state college. Recruitment offered me a way to meet other like-minded women. Women who were compassionate about their studies, future goals, wanted to give back to a cause and a place that felt like home.

When I joined the alumnae group, it felt like I got to re-live my collegiate days. I meet new friends who are moms, working professionals, retirees, go-get-it women who have the same values. I joined ZTA, collegiate and alumna, because each lady of this fraternity is raw, strong and a force; the ladies inspire me, you inspire me. These powerful women are my friends and I am proud to wear my crown with them.

So I ask you, why did you join ZTA? Why did you join HAA?

Zeta Love and Mine,



Taryn Cheesman HrycPresident
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THE CROWN

Number of Members: 87

Membership began in July with our kick-off last month. HAA hopes you consider re-joining.

CORRECTIONS CORNER

- Starting in October, Sisters Who Sip will be moved from the first Wednesday to the first Thursday.



BREAKING HAA ZTA NEWS

Information and More about Zeta Tau Alpha Sisters

WEARING THE CROWN?

The HAA term has officially begun July 1, 2019. Continue to **support HAA** by becoming a member and enjoy all gatherings, Crown Connections, service project and social events. More information, calendar of events and fun to be shared via Evites and more! ZLAM.

Click HERE to complete the Membership Form.

Click HERE to become a HAA Member.

GET THE HAA CALENDAR

Want all HAA 2019-2020 events in your calendar? Download the Google Calendar by clicking **HERE**. Note: This may only work for sisters with

a Gmail account, and event details can be found on the Evites.



BOOK CLUB BELOW

LADIES DINE OUT - LEFT & MIDDLE







CROWN CONNECTION EVITES

The time has come for Crown Connection Evites to be sent to dues-paying members only. This means that Sisters Who Sip, Book Club and Ladies Dine Out invitations are sent to dues-paying members and are no longer open to all ZTA's in the greater Houston area. However, if you have a ZTA friend that is interested in joining, please bring her to an event to experience the fun we have and see why they should join!

SHOUT OUT FROM JOHNSON SPACE CENTER TO OUR SISTER

What an amazing quote and impact from **Deborah Buscher** for all she does with NASA! Congrats Deb! Keep up the 'out of this world' work. (Sorry, just being punny)





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BOOK CLUB - YOUR INPUT & THERE'S AN APP FOR THAT

Book Club Coordinator, Candy Bourgeois



If you love books then play along with us! You do not have to attend book club to participate in this activity. We know life gets busy and you might be just following along on your own. The **HAA Book Club Reading List** provides for a great opportunity to read a few books during the year that others in Zeta are reading too!

How it works: (1) Send your book recommendations to Candy Bourgeois at crbourg@gmail.com BEFORE December 1st. We are looking for fiction, non fiction, suspense/thriller, historical fiction, memoirs, romance, science fiction, humor, young adult and/or Houston authors! (2) This is a great way to get involved and let us know about a few wonderful hidden book gems. Electronic voting opens up December 2nd! Participate and provide your input for the committee. We love hearing from you. I know that you have opinions! Voice them so that we gather lots of great book ideas for our 2020 HAA ZTA Book Club reading list.

READY FOR YOUR NEW FAVORITE BOOK APP? Marla Russell shared at book club in August a new way to access books. Libby can be linked to your Houston Library card! It is the new version of **OverDrive** - find the app here. Like OverDrive, Libby allows you to order digital books from the Houston Library and when they are available provides you easy user friendly way of listening to the audio or reading the digital book. Libby is a reading app for borrowing digital books and audiobooks from the library's OverDrive collection. If you prefer you can obtain the book using Libby and then send it to your Kindle. Libby is a new app released by OverDrive. It has the same collection of titles as the OverDrive app - it's just a different way to access the same digital library collection.

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:





MOCK RECRUITMENT WITH GAMMA OMEGA

Alum-Collegiate Chair, Candice Duhon and Advisor, Lauren Stratton



Candice Duhon - "The Gamma Omega chapter is absolutely killing it already this semester. Formal recruitment starts this Thursday and the GO women are starting off with the highest grades and the largest chapter in all of Panhellenic. Recruitment will span four nights with the bid day celebration finishing it off and welcoming our new sisters on Monday, September 9 at the ZTA townhouse. Let's

send the strongest Gamma Omega chapter we've seen in years lots of prayers and good vibes all week long. Tune in next month to see all of our gorgeous new ladies."



Meghan Johnson - "We had a great evening getting to visit with the Gamma Omega's on Tuesday evening. We [HAA Alumnae] enjoyed pizza before at Vinny's and then carpooled over to the collegiate sorority house. After having the opportunity to introduce ourselves, each member introduced themselves by telling us their name, major, and favorite restaurant. It was a great way to get to know

them on a more personal level. We participated as PNMs in two rounds of recruitment and provided feedback for improvements as well as praises for how well they had done. I can tell that the chapter has been working extremely hard the past few weeks preparing for their recruitment that is fast approaching. If you haven't been to a Gamma Omega event, I highly recommend attending the next one. I enjoyed being reminded of my own collegiate days and sharing it with the individuals in the chapter. Go Zeta!"

SAVVY SISTERS



members to all the latest and greatest sisterhood activities. Sisters Who Sip

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.

Dues-paying members receive Crown Connection Evites inviting

Happening: **September 4**, see Evite for details.



Gamma Omega Bid Day

Time, support and patience were put into helping the Gamma Omega's have the most successful Bid Day ever. New collegiates will soon wear the crown!

Happening: **September 9**, see Evite for details.



Day & Night Gatherings

Join your sisters at the Day or Night Gatherings were you'll see friends, hear from one of your sisters who will be the speaker and have a fun few hours!

Happening: **September 10**, see Evite for details.



Book Club

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

Happening: **September 18**, see Evite for details.



Ladies Dine Out

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.

Happening: **September 24**, see Evite for details.



Have a Crown?

New season of sisterhood has begun and Evites are now sent to dues paying members only with the exception of Gatherings. Become a member today!