

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Hello Sisters!

I can't believe we are already in 2024! I don't know about you, but for me, I didn't make any new resolutions this year. Instead, I am thankful for all that 2023 taught me and look forward to continuing that in 2024 without the pressure of a written resolution. That said, I love the freshness of a new year and thinking of (and planning!) all the fun things I want to do for 2024.

If you have not already done so, please fill out the board survey in this month's newsletter (pg. 2). The board and I are working hard on planning the continued success of our organization, and you all are an integral part of that success. If you have ever thought about becoming more involved with HAA, please join us - we want you! Keep in mind that all responses will be due by mid-January. There are so many different types of positions available and there is something for everyone!

Also, be on the lookout for our Evite for our upcoming Social! We are bringing it back with a fun 'Denim and Diamonds' theme. It's the perfect way to dust off your boots and have a little fun with your Zeta sisters (and dates, if wanted) ahead of Houston's rodeo season. This will be limited to our dues-paying members so please remember to pay your dues if you have not done so already. Your dues help us continue to put on our various events and meetings as well as fund the operational costs of our alumnae chapter and we could not do it without you! First, though, we will have our January gatherings on the 9th, and I look forward to seeing all of you soon as we kick off 2024!

Wishing you a wonderful start to the New Year,



Heather Whitfield

President

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HAPPY NEW YEAR!

WE WANT YOU!! JOIN THE BOARD

Ready to make a difference in HAA? Join the Board as an Executive Chair or Committee Chair to assist with anything from planning gatherings to planning fundraisers - or sisterly activities to family activities. Submit your interest [HERE](#), below the **deadline of January 19, 2024**. Need a refresher on what the position does? Click [here](#).

TEXAS ZTA DAY 2024 - REGISTER NOW

MARK YOUR CALENDARS for the evening of **Friday, February 23, and Saturday, February 24**, from 9 AM until 3 PM. Join us at beautiful Southwestern University in Georgetown, Texas, as we Honor Our ZTA (and Texas roots!) and Celebrate 125 Years of Sisterhood! Registration can be found In your inbox, or click the link here: <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/texas-zeta-day-2024-tickets-741652621957?aff=oddtcreator>.

NEW READS HAVE ARRIVED

Book Club Coordinator, Candy Bourgeois



Thank you to all the sisters for participating in the selection process for our Book Club 2024 Reading List. Check out the website for this year and past years reads: <https://www.ztahouston.org/book-club>.

- January 17 – “The Maid” by Nita Prose
- February 21 – “Nora Goes Off Script” by Annabel Managhan
- March 20 – “Fourth Wing” by Rebecca Yarros
- April 17 – “Angel Falls” by Kathryn Casey
- May 15 – “The Secret Life of Sunflowers” by Marta Molnar
- June 19 – “I’m Glad My Mom Died” by Jannette McCurdy
- July 17 – “The Very Secret Society of Irregular Witches” by Sangu Mandanna
- August 21 – Share your favorite summer read
- September 18 – “Sometime Sisters” by Carolyn Brown
- October 16 – “The Housemaid” by Freida McFadden
- November 20 – TBD (Electronic vote on the list from the August meeting)
- December 11 - Book Exchange & 2025 Reading List Reveal (dues-paying members, 2024 participants)

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

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THANK YOU to the Taste of Texas and **Nina Hendee** for hosting such a lovely and magical lunch for HAA. To see more photos, visit Kim Watson's page: <https://www.smugmug.com/gallery/n-MNfb29/i-QcsnmNR> (and thank you, Kim, for the photos!).



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SAVVY SISTERS



Sisters Who Sip

Happening: **January 3rd at 6 PM**; see Evite for details.

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.



Day Gathering

Happening: **January 9th at Noon**; see Evite for details.

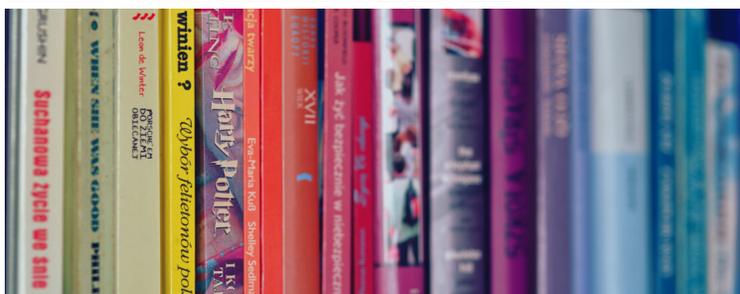
Meet up with sisters at this New Year's potluck to recap 2023 and set plans for 2024 with yourself, and the sisterhood.



Ladies Dine Out*

Happening: **January 15th at 6:30 PM**; see Evite for details.

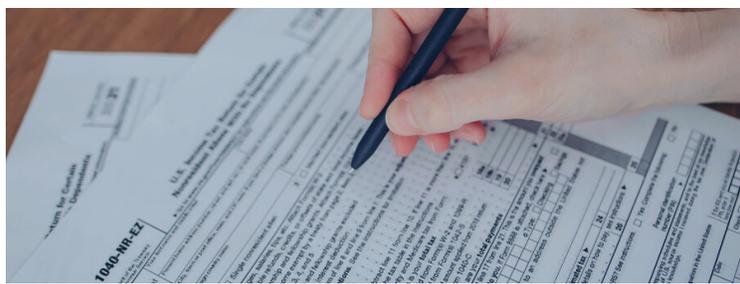
Test your taste buds with this Crown Connection group as we venture to new and exciting spots around Houston and try the most amazing food and cocktails.



Book Club*

Happening: **Jan. 17th at 6:30 PM**, see Evite for details.

Join this Crown Connection group for literary discussion as we dish on our latest read. Visit the website for all the books.



Board Survey

Happening: **Due before Jan. 19, 2024**

Please look at Page 2 about how you can get involved with HAA or if you want to read about what each position does. Click the [link here](#) to apply.



Texas Zeta Days

Happening: **February 13-14**

Join sisters from all over to celebrate the ZTA sisterhood and more at the convention. Visit the website for hotel information, agenda, and more. See page 2 for details.

WEARING THE CROWN?

The Houston Alumnae Association (HAA) begins the term in June and ends the following year in July. Whether you are a continuing dues-paying member, a recent graduate, just moved to the area, or are looking to get involved with ZTA again, HAA is here for you.

In addition to being invited to the Day/Night Gatherings, with your membership, you get exclusive access to Crown Connections such as Book Club, Ladies Dine Out, Sisters Who Sip (SWS), Service Projects, ZiesTA, and Social. Learn more about what the membership offers: ztahouston.org/membership.



CLAIM YOUR CROWN

Use the two-step process below to complete your membership renewal or visit ztahouston.org/membership for more information.



Membership Form

Click [HERE](#) to complete the membership form. This information is not publicly shared. Completing the form helps update the HAA information for mailings, invitations and more but does not update the national Sister Search.



Pay Your Dues

Click [HERE](#) for dues. The dues are comprised of payments for International Office, Panhellenic, Secondary Century with Zeta Ta Alpha, as well as HAPA and other local chapters, and finally distributed to different executive positions and committee chairs for support and services.

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.

