

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Dear Sisters,

Welcome to the 2023-2024 term! Zeta Tau Alpha has always held a special place in my heart, and I am honored to step into the role of President for HAA of Zeta Tau Alpha. We owe a huge amount of thanks to the wonderful Board of 2022-2023, as well as to all of our sisters for giving their time and talents this past term as they worked to reestablish our fundraising luncheon so that we can continue to expand our philanthropic efforts. The Board and I have already started planning for another successful and fun year of sisterhood and service.

We will be kicking off our term with our **Membership Event** (Aug. 22nd) this month. Kelley has planned a terrific event at Cottonwood, and I hope to see many of you there! It's a wonderful way to connect and find out more about our different Crown Connections, such as **Sisters Who Sip** (SWS), **Ladies Dine Out**, and **Book Club**, as well as our different activities planned for the term.

Our biggest event taking place this fall will, of course, be our **Eat! Drink! Pink! Luncheon** this October (the 20th) where we will continue our efforts to raise money for the Zeta Tau Alpha Foundation, the University of Texas MD Anderson Cancer Center Morgan Welch Inflammatory Breast Cancer Research Program and Clinic, and the Houston Alumnae Panhellenic Foundation. Just this past week, I was reminded of the impact of our efforts when receiving an invitation to celebrate the 1,000th patient receiving treatment at the Morgan Welch Clinic. This is a huge milestone for them and the community and a great reminder of the impact of our philanthropic efforts. I can't wait to see the difference we can make with our October luncheon!

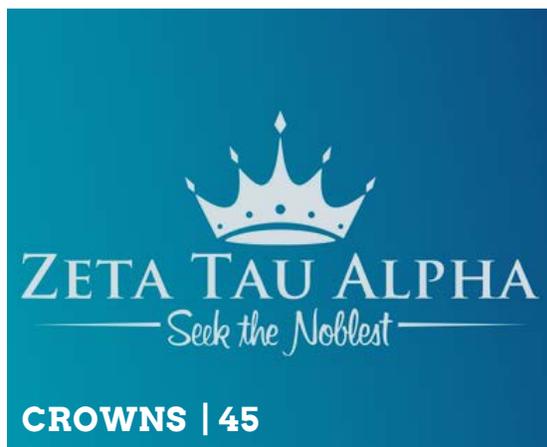
Zeta Love,



Heather Whitfield

President

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HAA NEWS



CROWN

How to become a member

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.

Two Step Process:

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



MEMBERSHIP LOGO

Membership Chair, Kelley Brege



Calling all Houston area ZTA Alumnae...it's time to reconnect with ZTA! Join us as we kick off our '23-'24 term at our annual

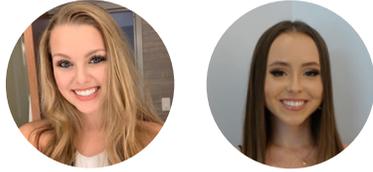
Membership Drive! Come meet your Houston Alumnae Association (HAA) sisters, pay your annual dues, and feel the ZTA love! ZTA is forever- and you've been considering joining for years! HAA has no attendance or leadership requirements. Your \$70 annual dues support HAA programming. As a dues-paying member, you'll have access to Day and Night Meetings, Crown Connections (Ladies Dine Out, Sisters Who Sip & Book Club), Service opportunities, and special celebrations like ZiesTA & our annual Social! Follow the link in our bio to pay your dues. Please reach out to me with any questions. We can't wait to meet you, sister- JOIN US!

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HOSTESS WITH THE MOSTEST

Night Chair, Allison Poore



Looking for sisters that would be willing to host a Night Gathering this upcoming term. We are new to our co-chair positions this year, but very eager to have a great year with y'all! If you have any questions about what it means to be a hostess, or would just like to volunteer your home, please email nightchair@ztahouston.org.

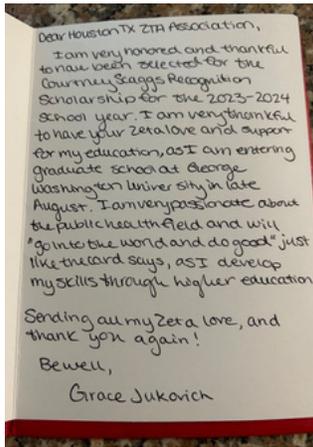


GOING TO THE CHAPEL

Congratulations to **Rachel Warwick Minton** and Chris Minton who tied the knot in June. Cheers to the newlyweds!

LADIES DINE OUT

Great evening dining at Passerella with sisters, planned by the fabulous **Renee Svitek!!** Join us in August at Rainbow Lodge, RSVP on the Evite. (Right)



SWEET SURPRISE

Past President Courtney Scaggs received a letter from a scholarship receiver. See FB for more information or to read it. (Left)

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. Please see the information below about our departed sisters. If someone was missed, please email HAA.

Claire Winn Dowden: [Obituary](#).



HAA NEWS

CHEERS WITH A CAUSE

Panhellenic Delegate/President, Heather Whitfield



Don't forget to purchase your tickets for the Annual HAPF Wine Tasting on October 6th, 6-10 PM! This year marks 20 years of the Wine Tasting event, and we hope that you can join in the celebration! Contact Heather Whitfield or HAPA <http://www.houston-panhellenic.org/hapf/wine_tasting.htm> for more information regarding reservations.



SHARE! SHARE! SHARE!

Communications Chair, Taryn Hryc



The HAA Newsletter would love to be a part of your celebrations, and your sisters would love to give recognition to your accomplishments. Be it a recent vegetable harvest from your personal garden, a new cocktail, a job promotion, promoted to a grandparent, engagement, shout out - anything!! Submit it at least three days prior to the start of the month to newsletter@ztahouston.org.

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

EAT.DRINK.PINK!



Think Pink® Fundraising Chair, Allison Poore

OPPORTUNITY BASKET INFORMATION

Please consider supporting our 2023 Think Pink event by donating to our fab-u-lous Opportunity Baskets! Designer handbags, high-end jewelry, vacation homes, hotel stays, electronics, tickets to sporting events or the theatre, gift cards, airline miles...we want it ALL, and we want it NOW! Donations made in the summer months will help the committee by allowing time to bundle items and publicize the baskets before the event. Go in with your HAA sisters and donate big-ticket items together. All donations (big, small, and everything in between) are welcome & appreciated!

Please contact Angèle Wolk at (713) 249-1528, Kim Clarke at (832) 723-3840, or email thinkpink@ztahouston.org to arrange pick-up.

EAT.DRINK.PULL!

With the success of last year's Wine Pull, we are bringing it back this year! That means it is time for us to start collecting bottles of wine.

If you haven't enjoyed a Wine Pull before, here it is in a nutshell:

- HAA members donate bottles of wine worth \$25 or more.
- Bottles are bagged and numbered.
- **EAT.DRINK.PINK!** guests pay \$20 to draw a number to match up with one of the bags holding the wine.
 - We also plan to have at least one bottle in the \$75-\$100 range.
- Everyone goes home happy!



What we need from all of you...bottles of wine worth \$25 or more!

Contribute as many bottles as you are comfortable with.

Easy ways you can donate your wine:

- Drop off at Lisa Wilson's place*
- ZTA Membership Drive in August
- ZTA September Day / Night Gatherings
- Any upcoming Crown Connection event (Supper Club, Book Club, Sisters Who Sip)
- If you would like to donate cash and have Lisa buy the wine, please contact her directly.
- If you cannot utilize any of these options, call Lisa to work something out!

*2200 Willowick Rd, Unit 8J. You can drop it off in front or back with Lisa's name and unit number. The desk will call Lisa or call her before coming, and she will come down if at home. Wine Pull questions? Contact Lisa, Wine Pull Committee, at (713) 826-9141 or thinkpink@ztahouston.org.



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

EAT.DRINK.PINK!



Think Pink® Fundraising Chair, Allison Poore



Dear Friends of Zeta Tau Alpha:

Houston Alumnae Association of Zeta Tau Alpha invites you to attend our annual Think Pink® event, **EAT.DRINK.PINK!**, to be held at The Wynden on S. Post Oak Lane on October 20, 2023.

Proceeds from our event benefit the University of Texas MD Anderson Cancer Center Morgan Welch Inflammatory Breast Cancer Research Program and Clinic, the Zeta Tau Alpha Foundation, and the Houston Alumnae Panhellenic Foundation.

For more than 16 years, Zeta Tau Alpha's Houston Alumnae Association has diligently supported inflammatory breast cancer research at The University of Texas MD Anderson Cancer Center's Morgan Welch Inflammatory Breast Cancer Research Program and Clinic, having contributed more than \$300,000 towards their mission to end cancer and provide the highest level of care for patients and caregivers.

Consider supporting our fundraising efforts with a donation to our Opportunity Baskets. Through the years a variety of items have helped make our baskets a huge success and have included lunch/dinner at local restaurants, private wine tastings/dinner parties, trips to resort destinations and B&Bs, sports tickets/packages, jewelry, cigars, handbags, hunting/fishing gear, fine whiskeys, bar essentials, and everything in between. Your name or company name will be included on the Opportunity Basket donation sheet displayed beside the basket.

You may complete the attached Contribution Form to document your donation and retain a copy for your files. ZTA Foundation is a 501 (c) (3) non-profit organization. Your donation is deductible to the extent allowed by law, and you will receive a receipt for your records. We appreciate your generous donation and your desire to help aid in helping fund our local and national endeavors to fund breast cancer research.

On behalf of the **EAT.DRINK.PINK!** Event Committee and the Houston Alumnae Association of Zeta Tau Alpha, please accept our heartfelt thanks for your generous support!

For more information about **EAT.DRINK.PINK!** visit <https://www.ztahouston.org/thinkpink>.

Warmest regards,

Allison Poore

Think Pink® Fundraising Chair
Zeta Tau Alpha

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SAVVY SISTERS

During the summer months, all HAA events are open to ZTA's in the greater Houston area, then Crown Connection* events are member-only.



Sisters Who Sip*

Happening: **August 2nd 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.



Book Club*

Happening: **August 16th 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.



Mock Recruitment*

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

Help the collegiates through a mock recruitment process by providing constructive feedback by playing the part of new members.



Membership Drive

Happening: **August 22nd at 6:30 PM**, see Evite for details.

Join or renew your HAA membership for all invitations to Ladies Dine Out, Sisters Who Sip, Book Club, ZiesTA, Social and so much more! See page 4 for more.



Ladies Dine Out*

Happening: **August 29th 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.



Think Pink Luncheon

Save the Date: **October 20th at 11 AM**

See pages 2-4 for more information about how to get tickets, tables, and more!