

To my Zeta Sisters,

When I look back over the last year, to say it has been fun would be an understatement. It has been truly one of the most rewarding experiences I have ever had. Last night, I found myself sitting in this really cool restaurant called Fields & Tides with seventeen ZTA sisters and as I looked around the table, I saw a group of diverse women who all shared a common thread that tied our lives together. That common thread was ZTA and I realized how grateful I was to have that connection. We are all so different in so many ways: our age, our jobs, where we live, our family make up and our experiences, but we all love our fraternity. We all joined Zeta for different reasons but what we all found was a lifetime of friendships and sisterhood. Our founders would have been proud to know that it really does work and that it really does make a difference in our lives.

As President, I had four goals I wanted to accomplish this year: 1) To reignite our sisterhood and have fun; 2) To improve our efforts related to our collegiate chapters; 3) To re-focus our efforts on membership; and 4) to improve all forms of communication. These were lofty goals but I think we put a real dent in every single one of them. As far as sisterhood and fun, we were nothing if we weren't fun this year. And with the fun came great sisterhood. We had great programs like, the "History of Chocolate" and "Shopping at the Nutcracker" as well as presentations from a "Houston Dance Company" and "How to Plan a Great Event". We gathered together for socials, and "ZiEsTA" at Christmas and loved participating in all of our crown connection groups like YAPS, Book Club, and Ladies Dine Out. We had some great projects going that also brought us to a closer sisterhood like HAPA wine tasting, Think Pink, Crucial Catch, Cycling for Breast Cancer and collecting toys for children in need. Our membership efforts were strong and brought in over 40 new people into the group. Our relationship with the collegiate chapter was also strengthened by our participation in many activities. We participated in their Chili Cook-off, Senior Service, Founders Day, Bid Day, Career Day and Mock Rush. We have six members who serve as alumnae advisors for Gamma Omega. We also had great turnout this year for Ziesta where we had 25 collegiate participants and their mothers from 11 schools and 16, young, Zeta legacies. We focused this year on fixing our communications and revamping our technology and I think we succeeded on both fronts. Our email notification is working great and our newsletter has been so well received.

We have more to do on all of these goals but I feel good about what we have achieved and I remember the words from our creed "the foundation precept of Zeta Tau Alpha was love, the greatest of all things" and I am positive we achieved that in so many ways.

I'd like to thank all of the Board members who served with me and let you know how much I appreciate all of your hard work and dedication. Your newly elected President, Mayllyn, and the HAA Board for 2017-2018 are looking forward to their new roles and I know they are going to do a great job. Please give them all the support you have given me and let's continue to make this the best Alumnae Chapter in the country!!!

Zeta Love - Kim



CROWNS & CONCERNS



Congratulations to Kelley Brege and family on the birth of Audriana Marie Brege! Audriana was welcomed on March 17, 2017. She weighed 6 lbs 8 oz and was 18.25 inches long. The Brege family is adjusting well to their new family of five!

ZTA HAA April Day Meeting

When: Tuesday, April 11th
@ 10:30AM

Where: Allison Callender's House
5944 Riverview Way
Houston, TX 77057

Description: After a brief meeting, we'll enjoy ZTA sisterhood over a springtime lunch, arranged by Ann Radney & Angele Wolk. If you don't typically attend Day Group, please consider joining us, as you'll have the pleasure of meeting many wonderful ZTA sisters who don't typically attend Night Group. You're also most welcome to join us during your lunch hour!

10:30 Gather • 11 Officer Installation • 11:30 Lunch

ZTA HAA April Night Meeting

When: Tuesday, April 11th
@ 6:30PM

Where: Heather Whitfield's House
915 Heights Blvd
Houston, TX 77008
713-906-3246

Description: Join your ZTA sisters for our speaker from the HSPCA who will talk about the pet adoption process.

6:30 Greeting • 7 Speaker • 7:20 Business Meeting
Please bring a bottle of wine



Girls Dine Out!

Tuesday, April 25th

@ 6:30 PM

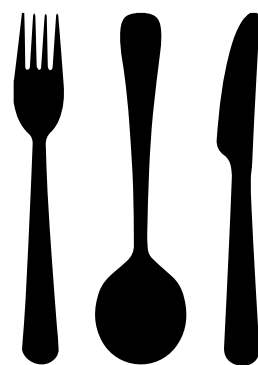
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911 W. 11th St

Houston, TX 77008

Please RSVP on Evite

or to Renee, RSBgirl@aol.com



YAPs

Join Haa of ZTA for our Young Alumnae Professionals gathering. YAPs is for ZTAs that graduated in the 2000s.

This is a great way to meet ZTAs in a smaller group!

Thursday, April 6th

Bosscat Kitchen & Libations

4310 Westheimer Road, Suite 150

Houston, TX 77027

If you are new, text Lauren {713-906-3246}, so she can look out for you

Book Club

All HAA ZTA's are welcome to join us for literary discussion, sisterhood, and dinner! Meetings are held at Barry's Pizza (6003 Richmond Ave) at 7pm. Contact Candy Bourgeois for more information: crbourg@gmail.com or 281.787.7279

Upcoming Meetings

April 19 – "The Nightingale" by Kristin Hannah

May 17 - "The Nix" by Nathan Hill

June 21- "Stories I Only Tell My Friends: An Autobiography" by Rob Lowe



Save the Dates!

April:

Thursday, April 6th - YAPs

Wednesday, April 19th - Book Club

Tuesday, April 25th - Ladies Dine Out

May

Thursday May 4th, HAPA Scholarship Luncheon

"Faithful Sisters" - \$65/ticket or \$650/table of 10

<http://www.houston-panhellenic.org/hapf/luncheon.htm>

Evite Links:

April Day Meeting - <http://evite.me/ndS5ZAwB7Q>

April Night Meeting - <http://evite.me/meKcDATGb8>

YAPS - <http://evite.me/hQB5c45WxA>

Girls Dine Out - <http://evite.me/5veVY3W1nu>

Book Club - <http://evite.me/4s43KrWq76>

Questions? Comments? Have something to share/contribute?

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