HAA NEWS

Houston Alumnae Association of Zeta Tau Alpha's Newsletter

NOVEMBER 2022

President's Message:

Hi Sisters,

WOW! What a successful October!! Thank you to all of you who attended, donated, and organized our Eat, Drink, Pink! Luncheon, it was an unbelievable success! It was such a treat to gather with sisters, eat yummy food, hear from an amazing speaker, and raise money for a cause close to our hearts.

In other successes, our sister **Anissa Alvarez** organized an amazing Crucial Catch ribbon handout with over 70 volunteers from the Houston area.

Continuing with this season of service, our wonderful service chair **Ashton Archer** is organizing a drive for the Houston Area Women's Center; you can find more information on page 4.

I look forward to seeing you all at our upcoming social events.

Zeta Love,



Courtney ScaggsPresident
president@ztahouston.org











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Information and More about Zeta Tau Alpha Sisters

SHINE BRIGHT WITH YOUR CROWN

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 <u>ztahouston.org/membership</u> 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'.

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.







TEXAS ZETA DAY IS COMING!



2023 Texas Zeta Day Chair, Linda Schoelkopf

Join us on **February 24 and 25, 2023** at the Doubletree Hotel in Richardson, Texas as we celebrate our sisterhood together! Registration will open on Nov. 1, 2022. At our Zeta Day events, we'll celebrate our accomplishments on Friday night during dinner and spend some fun time with collegians. On Saturday, we'll recognize our White Violet sisters, welcome our seniors into the alumnae world, and enjoy other fun activities.



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CONVENTION RECAP VIA THEMIS

HAA took home the **Crown Chapter** award, page 23 (given biennially for alumnae chapters attaining the standard of chapter excellence for each year of the biennium) and **Helping Hands** award, page 24 (recognizes chapters that assisted the Fraternity or another chapter in some significant way during the year).

YOU GET A BOOK. YOU GET A BOOK!



Book Club Coordinator, Candy Bourgeois

Seeking Book Recommendations! You do not have to attend book club to participate. Please have your nominations submitted by November 27th so HAA Book Club can have an awesome reading list for 2023! Electronic voting will begin on December 1st. Send your ideas to Candy Bourgeois at bookclub@ztahouston.org.

HAA DIRECTORY UPDATE



Communications & Technology Chair, Taryn Hryc

November marks the closing of the HAA directory. If you are a dues-paying member that renewed dues prior to November 1st, then you be included in the distribution of the internal HAA directory. Hard copies are \$5 and can be paid when dues were submitted. Stay tuned this month for the electronic version to hit your inbox.

HINE BRIGHT SISTER!



VP1, Programming Day Chair, Angèle Wolk

Congrats to our beloved **Nina Hendee** who was recently honored at the Memorial Hermann Razzle Dazzle "Reunited" Luncheon benefitting the Bobetta C. Lindig Breast Care Center at Memorial Hermann Memorial City Medical Center! Read more here.

CAN YOU HELP THE GAMMA OMEGAS?



ZiesTA Chair and Sisters Who Sip Coordinator, Lauren Stratton

Hey Zistas! The University of Houston Gamma Omega ZTA's are in desperate need of new ritual equipment as their current items are falling apart from prolonged use. Here are the specific items:

> Sword: \$125 Scale: \$500 Tiers covers: \$100 Robe Ties: \$30

The Nasa/Brazoria alumnae group has donated \$100, and I'm hoping some of the HAA ladies could pitch in as well. If you are interested in donating, please let me know by emailing lauren5891@yahoo.com or Venmo @Lauren-Evenson

HAPA LUNCHEON



Panhellenic Chair, Heather Whitfield

HAPA Scholarship applications (for collegiates) are due February 15, 2023. I will be posting the link and additional informatino in the Facebook group; please share. Click here for the HAPA link.

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



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SERVICE PROJECT WITH HOUSTON AREA WOMEN'S CENTER

Book Club Coordinator, Candy Bourgeois



For our Service Project, HAA will be supporting the **Houston Area Women's Center** to support women and children who are domestic violence victims. HAWC is a multi-racial, multi-lingual agency that supports survivors of domestic violence, sexual assault, and sex trafficking. They provide immediate access to 24/7 crisis intervention services, ongoing trauma-informed support programs, and violence prevention initiatives to survivors, their

support networks, and communities. Since 1977, they have empowered hundreds of thousands of victims of violence to transform into survivors and establish self-determined lives. HAWC provides Crisis Response with 24/7 hotlines, emergency shelter, and rape crisis support. They also engage in survivor empowerment including counseling, legal advocacy, housing, financial empowerment, and children's services. Additionally, HAWC works with the community to break the cycle of domestic violence by providing education and awareness.

There are 3 ways to donate:

- 1. Buy urgently needed items for HAWC via their Amazon Wishlist: https://www.amazon.com/hz/wishlist/ls/1YI8V7R5PO27P?ref_=wl_share We are still waiting for HAWC to post their Holiday Gift Express Wish List; but once they do that will be shared; it should get posted here: https://hawc.org/hge/
- 2. In-Person Donations: Items can be brought to any Day & Night Gatherings in November, and I will coordinate with those hosts to pick up the items and deliver them to HAWC. Items that are needed include the following (all items must be new/unopened):
- shampoo bar soap deodorant toothpaste toothbrushes body wash conditioner razors combs/hair brushes women's sanitary products sports bras PJ pant sets
- 3. Monetary donations: online donation form and include "donate on behalf of the Organization", add ZTA. The link to donate is https://hawc.org/donate/#make-a-donation

















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

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Gatherings are sent to all ZTA's n the greater Houston n area, while Crown Connections* are snnt to members only.

Sisters Who Sip*

Happening: **Nov. 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.

Day Gathering

Happening: Nov. 8th at 11 AM, see Evites for details.

Join your sisters in person to hear about the latest and greatest things happening with HAA. If you're able to host, email daychair@ztahouston.org.

Night Gathering

Happening: **Nov. 8th at TBD**, see Evites for details.

Evite for more details. Join your sisters in person to hear about the latest and greatest things happening with HAA. If you're able to host, email nightchair@ztahouston.org.

Book Club*

Happening: **Nov. 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.

Thanksgiving Day

Happening: Nov. 24th

Gobble, gobble till you wobble, wobble and have a wonderful Thanksgiving.

Ladies Dine Out*

Happening: **Nov. 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.