



December 2017

Check us out, we've had a makeover!

www.ztahouston.org

On the HAA of ZTA website you can now find:

- *an up to date calendar*
- *links to the board survey*
- *membership forms (now easy to use online)*
- *and more!*

Annual Holiday Party

Tuesday, December 12th @ Leslie Hix's home

6:30PM

*Invitations have been sent to 2017-2018 dues-paying members!**

We will be hosting a toy drive again this year for the Easter Seals. If you would like to donate, please note the New Developmentally appropriate toys:

Infants: windup music box for crib, mobile, hand held rattles, stuffed toys that make sound when squeezed

Toddlers: stackable blocks, extra large pieced puzzles, push able "corn popper", roll along pull toy

Children: large piece puzzles, doodle board, basic board games

Tweens and Teens: books, basic board games, discovery sets (like art, etc.)

**If you have not paid your dues, applications and dues will be accepted at the door!*

THINK PINK... *Next Steps*

Hello Everyone,

I've been asked by the Board to update everyone on Think Pink.

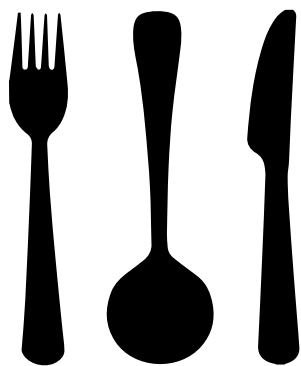
In 2017 Think Pink was well underway prior to Harvey hitting Houston. 2017 was to be the alternate year we voted on several years ago for a non-luncheon event and the Think Pink team had put together a new venue and had invitations ready to mail out. However after the storm, it was decided that a fundraiser at this tough time for Houston might not be the right thing to do and because of the very difficult situation (many of our members were flooded and many of our vendors were no longer able to participate), it was decided to cancel the event.

The Board then began to discuss Think Pink for 2018. For some time, there has been an ongoing difference of opinion within the group related to wanting to continue the support of Think Pink as a luncheon and this subject came up again. We have many members who want to continue having the current Think Pink luncheon in its current format and just as many members who think it is time to move to a new fund raiser. This has become a subject that we are spending an enormous amount of time in ongoing discussion. So the Board spent significant time to discuss this situation and came to the conclusion that we needed to take some time to really decide on what we want to support going forward. With that in mind, the Board recommended to the membership to take a break in 2018 from our traditional Think Pink event and spend the year concentrating on growing our membership, enjoying our sisterhood and putting a team together to tackle our fund raising plan for 2019. The membership passed the recommendation by a narrow margin and reinforced our need to have further discussion and develop a plan that we can all work with and support.

While we use this time to set our plan for our fund raising future, our Vice President of Fundraising will be planning a number of activities for us to participate in to keep our fund raising skills sharp during 2018 and raise funds for both our foundation and local charities. If you are interested in being a part of the committee responsible for setting our go forward fund raising strategy for 2019 please email me at kimclarke2016@gmail.com.

No matter if we re-ignite the Think Pink Luncheon or start down a new fund raising path, I look forward to our future fund raising efforts.

ZLAM,
Kim Clarke



Girls Dine Out!

Carmelo's Ristorante Italiano

14795 Memorial Drive

Houston, TX 77079

Tuesday, December 19th

@ 6:30 PM

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.

Thursday, December 7th @ 6:30PM

Wicklows Heights

1027 West 19th Street

Houston, TX 77008

If you are new, text Lauren {713-906-3246}

Book Club

The nominations from our Zeta sisters rolled in with a final total of 76 unique book recommendations for next year's annual HAA Book Club reading list. The committee is reviewing the list and discussing all the great ideas. It is a hard decision to narrow our choices to 10 great reads, but we'll have the 2018 reading list posted on Facebook and www.ztahouston.org by December 15th - just in time for family and friends to fill your stocking with books!

If you are interested in the full nomination list, send Candy Bourgeois a note at

crbourg@gmail.com. Mark your calendar - every third Wednesday is ZTA Book Club! We will resume on January 17th, 2018!

Ziesta

Sunday, December 17th at Taste of Texas from 12 to 2PM

The annual celebration honors all ZTA Alumnae, Collegians and Legacies. If you know of a school aged girl in the Houston area who is a ZTA legacy please forward her contact information to ziesta@ztahouston.org as soon as possible. Please include a mailing address and email address as well as the age of the legacy.



Save the Dates!

December

Thursday, December 7th - YAPS

6:30PM @ Wicklow Heights

Tuesday, December 12th - Annual Holiday Party

6:30PM @ Leslie Hix's Home (1 Wexford Court Houston, TX 77024)

Sunday, December 17th - Holiday ZiESTA

12PM @ Taste of Texas

Tuesday, December 19th - Girls Dine Out!

6:30PM @ Carmelo's Ristorante Italiano

January

Tuesday, January 9th - Day Meeting

11AM @ Jennie Barker's home

Tuesday, January 9th - Night Meeting

6:30PM @ Angela Ramm's House

Wednesday, January 10th - YAPS

6:30PM - TBD!

Wednesday, January 17th - Book Club 2018 Kicks-off!

7PM @ Barry's Pizza (6003 Richmond Ave)

February

February 16-17, 2018 - Texas Zeta Day

Omni Frisco Hotel (11 Cowboys Way Frisco, TX 75034)

Alumnae dinner "awards banquet" on Friday night!

Evite Links:

HAA of ZTA Annual Holiday Party - <http://evite.me/RJ8x9QD7K9>

December YAPS - <http://evite.me/ja5GvzNTbm>

December Girls Dine Out - <http://evite.me/vgC8GG4Sj1>

HAA Holiday ZiESTA - <http://evite.me/26PHENAWne>

HAPA/HAPF Annual Scholarship Luncheon

Smooth Sailing for Scholars!

Honoring 2018 Scholarship Winners and Featuring Leslie Blanchard,
Author of the hilarious blog "A Ginger Snapped"

and the installation of

2018-19 HAPA President Debbie Etheridge, Delta Gamma

Thursday, May 3rd at 11:30AM

The Junior League of Houston

Proceeds benefit Houston ALumnae Panhellenic Foundation Scholarships

Early Bird Reservations Deadline: April 24, 2018

Patrons \$150, Individual \$65 per person

After April 24th - Individuals \$75

Checks payable to HAPF c/o Julie Vowell-Ramirez

3407 Palm Desert Lane, Missouri City, TX 77459

j-vowell@hotmail.com

Lift Up Your Sisters



Look for bra bins labeled "Lift Up Your Sisters" at future HAA ZTA gatherings. Taryn Cheesman will be collecting any and all bras that are broken, bent, falling apart or just don't fit anymore! Soma (women's clothing store) takes the bras and repairs them for women in need {FREE OF CHARGE!} for NNEDV (National Network to End Domestic Violence) who has partnered with Soma.

Change for Change

Blue bottles shaped like a purse will be available at night and joint meetings. Anyone can add their spare change, from the bottom of their purse, to this donation bottle! As a group, at the end of the year, we can decide what we want to use it for. Some ideas include: add to the GO gift, scholarship fund, cover cost that didn't meet original budget, etc.

Questions? Comments? Have something to share/contribute?

Please send an email to me:

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