HAA NEWS

Houston Alumnae Association of Zeta Tau Alpha's Newsletter NOVEMBER 2019

Gobble Gobble

President's Message:

Hello lovely ladies.

Thanksgiving means friends and family being together; surrounded by those you love and chowing down to your hearts content until you just can't move you're so full but wishing for just one more bite. Right?! No? Just me then? Alrighty.

Thank you to all who participated in the Believe Fantasy Fundraiser, and special thanks for Shelby Hatch for putting all the events together and sharing messages. Every contribution matters in paving a way closer to a cure, so thank you to everyone who donated, shared the message, showed up for an event and more. The RIDE event was especially a fun one. Ladies gathered to participate and the instructor asked, "Who here is a ZTA?" Friendly faces hands went up but also new faces. That made me so proud that we all came together, active or not, just to be with each other supporting this cause. More details about what we achieved together will be shared.

Another great time was had at the Crucial Catch on October 6th. Anissa Alvarez; you go girl! She organized an amazing event that went so smooth. Kate Esposito and I were stationed inside the practice bubble to pass out ThinkPink! ribbons; that's right ladies = on the practice field, where the Texans train and possibly where JJ Watt may have stood!! #swoon

More fun is coming up this November. Our DP, Michelle Marshall will be joining the Night Gathering so hope you can make it out and say hi. Don't forget your recipes! There are also fun activities, MSABC walk and more followed up with ZiesTA in December. Make sure you're calendar is up to date or download the HAA calendar (pg. 3) and hope to see you soon!

Zeta Love and Mine,



Taryn Cheesman HrycPresident
president@ztahouston.org









THE CROWN

Number of Members: 113



BREAKING HAA ZTA NEWS

Information and More about Zeta Tau Alpha Sisters

Wearing the Crown?

The HAA term has officially begun July 1, 2019. Continue to **support HAA** by becoming a member and enjoy all gatherings, Crown Connections, service project and social events. More information, calendar of events and fun to be shared via Evites and more! ZLAM.

Click HERE to complete the Membership Form
Click HERE to become a HAA Member



HAA DIRECTORY OF MEMBERS

Friendly reminder that the cut-off date to be included in the HAA 2019-2020 directory is today, November 1st. If you want to be included in the directory, please renew your membership and if you want a paper-copy, don't forget to add it to your cart. The directory will be electronically available in a few weeks or mailed to parties who purchased.

MSABC ZTA Volunteers on Nov. 9th

DP Michelle selected local ZTA Jill to act as coordinator for the Making Strides Against Breast Cancer (MSABC), a National ZTA Philanthropy. They are looking for volunteers for the survivor tent \rightarrow **click here to sign-up**. Per the Facebook poll (Oct. 4th) that asked ladies if they would like to participate in both or only MSABC, the feedback had a higher count for MSABC only. It is unfortunate that both volunteer and philanthropic opportunities fell on the same day as it would be great to continue with Boot Walk to #endCancer.



HOSTESS WITH THE MOSTEST?

Programming Chair - Day, Diane Goyette



Looking for a lovely hostess for the day gathering on January 14, 2020. All that is asked is you show of your lovely home for two hours while HAA members gather and hear from Programming Chair. Please reach out to Diane Goyette at dtgoyette@gmail.com if you can host.

TX ZTA DAYS at Fort Worth Zoo - February 21-22, 2020

HAA has been asked to donate an auction basket of goodies for TX ZTA Days in February. Last year we contributed a Book Basket full of ZTA goodies and reads and it was a hot and VERY popular item. Let's do it again! Theme is "Date Night In" which can include wine, movies, gift cards to Netflix, popcorn, nail polish, face masks, blankets and more! If you are able to help out, please donate items to Taryn Hryc or Jennifer Reyes; or venmo @THryc.

Want to volunteer to help at TX ZTA Days in Houston, 2021? Email DP Michelle Marshall at ztadp11g@gmail.com

REST IN PEACE

Zeta Tau Alpha is a lifetime of sisterhood and our sisters will remain with us always. Please see information below about our departed sisters. If someone was missed, please email the HAA President at President@ZTAhouston.org.

Ann Laughlin Connell: Obituary & Funeral Information

Mary Jane (O'Meara) O'Rourke: Obituary & Funeral Information



If you have an announcement that you would like to share, please email ZTAhouston@gmail.com.



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SAVE THE DATE - IT'S TIME FOR A ZIESTA!

Ziesta Chair, Allison Poore



Save the date for our Annual Holiday "ZiesTA". A celebration of all ZTA collegians, alumnae, legacies* along with their motherly figures honoring our ZTA collegians.

Saturday, December 21, 2019 from 11 AM to 1 PM

Taste of Texas: 10505 Katy Freeway | Houston, TX 77024 Attire is Holiday Casual

Formal invitation to follow; RSVP is required. Should you have any questions, please contact Allison at ziesta@ztahouston.org. *According to ZTA Nationals, a legacy refers to alumna's, in good standing, daughters, granddaughters or sisters only.



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:







GET THE HAA CALENDAR

Want all HAA 2019-2020 events in your calendar? Download the Google Calendar by clicking **HERE**. Note: This may only work for sisters with a Gmail account, and event details can be found on the Evites.



CROWN CONNECTION CORNER

Crown Connection activities include Sisters Who Sip (SWS Happy Hour), Ladies Dine Out (Dinner Group) and Book Club. To be invited to these activities, you must be a dues-paying member.

Book Club



All Zeta's are welcome to provide book recommendations for 2020! Please email them to Candy, Book Club Coordinator at crbourg@gmail.com before December 1st. Electronic voting to happen early December, details to follow.

Evite RSVP Etiquette

Reservations are very important to our Crown Connection events. If you're unsure about a date, please RSVP as a 'Maybe'. Day of cancellations should be rare. Thank you for understanding this delicate matter, and hope to see you at the fun activities.

If you have an announcement that you would like to share, please email ZTAhouston@gmail.com.



LAST MONTH RECAP •

Follow-Up information from HAA activities in the previous month

ZTA Foundation Funds

ZTA National President, Alicia Patten Williams & ZTA Foundation President, Carolyn Hof Carpenter

On October 10th, important news was shared with all ZTA Members from ZTA Foundation about stolen money. Charges have been filed against the accused, the former Foundation Financial Coordinator. ZTA Foundation is taking additional steps to ensure that people who donate, patrons and others can rest assured that they "will continue to enhance financial oversight to best protect your donations.". If you have additional concerns, please contact Executive Director Meghan Parker at executivedirector@zetataualpha.org.

HAPA Wine Tasting

Grand time had at the 16th Annual HAPA Wine Tasting on October 25th celebrating honorees Sandy Lewis and husband Drew benefiting the HAPF scholarships funds. Pictured: Kathy Wilson, Diane Goyette, Sherry St. Aubin, Marcy Cann, Carol Nutter, Allison Poore, and Angele Wolk



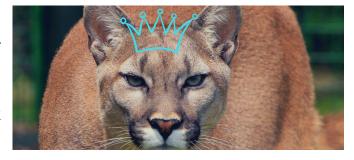


BELIEVE FANTASY FUNDRAISER

Thank you to everyone for spreading the fundraiser news, donating, showing up to activities, participating and more to this years fantasy fundraiser. While we may not hit have achieved our monetary goals, we did raise awareness and assisted in paving the path closer to finding a cure; so THANK YOU! More details to follow.

GAMMA OMEGA INITIATION

Initiation occurred on October 18th and the chapter lovingly welcomed the new ladies. HAA assisted in dropping off snacks, coordinated by Candice Duhon, Debbie Buscher, Angele Wolk, and Angela Malone. Thank you ladies!!



FOUNDERS' DAY

Can you believe another Founders' Day has come and gone? This year is flying by. Shout out to Cypress Alumnae Chapter for including and gathering all ZTA's in the Greater Houston area for a dinner to celebrate. Also, thank you to Sally Evans who shared the new tradition of calling a ZTA sister on this day.

SAVVY SISTERS













Dues-paying members receive Crown Connection Evites inviting members to all the latest and greatest sisterhood activities.

Sisters Who Sip

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.

Happening: **November 7th**, see Evite for details.

Making Strides Against Breast Cancer

Join us at the survivors tent to support all those who have battled with breast cancer. See page 2 for details.

Happening: November 9th, click here for details.

Day & Night Gatherings

Join your sisters at the Day or Night Gatherings were you'll see friends, hear from one of your sisters who will be the speaker and have a fun few hours! DP is joining Night!

Happening: November 12th at 10 AM & 6 PM, see Evite.

Ladies Dine Out

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.

Happening: November 19th, see Evite for details.

Book Club

Join this Crown Connection group for literary discussion, pizza, wine and more as we discuss our latest reads. Visit the website for all the books.

Happening: **November 20th**, see Evite for details.

Thanksgiving

Enjoy your Thanksgiving and gobble, gobble till you wobble, wobble!

Happening: **November 28th**, click here for details.