

Phenomenally Yours

It's a New Year!!!!

The Youth and Young Adult Choir at my church sings a song which is so appropriate for this time. The words are:

It's a new day, a new year
I'm so happy you are here
Many thought
I wouldn't make it
Thank God
I made it over
Yes I did

Now is the time to give thanks for seeing a new year. As we progress into 2004, let us move forward with positive attitudes and mindsets. There are many who did not make it to see 2004, but **WE DID!** Now I ask you, **“What do you plan to do differently this year that will improve your character, spirit and future.”**

The majority of the country's population makes a long list of New Year's resolutions as a method of bettering themselves. However, I ask you **“What good is a resolution without the will, drive and determination to see it through.”** So what ever you have decided to change in 2004 make sure you:

1. Thank God for another opportunity.
2. Ask God for the strength to make it through and overcome the challenges that may arise in the years to come.

Sisterly,
Tamara



Luv's and Doves

Trust in the LORD with all your heart and lean not on your own understanding; in all your ways acknowledge him, and he will make your paths straight. Proverbs 3: 5-6

When burdens seem to way you down, call on the Lord and He will see you through.



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Upcoming Activities:

- 1/11 Champagne Brunch
Founders' Day Observance
Cross Keys Inn
11:30 a.m.
- 1/18 Chapter Meeting
JHU – Mattin Center
Room 162
5:00 p.m.

Zeta of the Month

On May 26, 2001, Soror Dionis Hussey became a proud member of Zeta Phi Beta Sorority, Incorporated by way of Alpha Zeta Chapter in Baltimore City, MD.

As a proud member, she served as an Advisor to the Archonettes (2001-03), Antipokritis (2002-03) and a Delegate for 2002 Maryland State Leadership Conference. Currently, Soror Hussey serves as the Assistant Grammateus and Youth Coordinator for Tau Eta Zeta Chapter in Baltimore, MD.

She likes to read, travel, shop, talk on the phone, and spend time with her family and friends. Her favorite past time is sleeping and her favorite color is blue.

In 2000, she graduated from Lincoln University (Pennsylvania) with a degree in Criminal Justice. She later received a Masters degree in Criminal Justice: Crime & Delinquency Prevention & Control from Coppin State College.

Dionis has been employed by the State of Maryland as a Parole & Probation Agent for two years. She is a member of First Baptist Church of Cherry Hill and serves as, Vice President to the Youth and Young Adult Choir. She also works diligently as a member of the Youth & Young Adult Usher Board.

It is with great honor that we present Soror Hussey as Tau Eta Zeta Chapter's Zeta of the Month of December, 2003.



Handbook

Each soror is asked to submit their type-written section(s) to Soror Katrina Debnam at kdebnam@hotmail.com. All submissions should be emailed prior to the January chapter meeting.

Chapter Brochure

The Tau Eta Zeta Chapter Brochure is completed. If you are interested in receiving copies of the Brochure, please contact Soror Harris at zphib1920@msn.com

Contributions

At the December meeting, we voted to collect funds to assist in the purchase of an ad for Kappa Beta Sigma Program honoring Brother Jonathan Mason. We need to raise \$25.00, please be prepared to make a contribution at the January meeting.

Fiscal Affairs

Payments for dues should be submitted to Soror Lisa M. Nixon (3513 Melody Lane, Baltimore, Maryland 21244). You **may** submit a full or partial payment. Post dated checks **will** be accepted. All checks or money orders should be made payable to: Zeta Phi Beta Sorority, Inc. - Tau Eta Zeta Chapter. Dues for regular members are \$300.00 and \$245.00 for Life Members.

The late fee for dues is \$15.00.

Any Soror with outstanding monies for the Social should submit monies to Soror Lisa M. Nixon. The total amount per soror is \$115.00.

Should there be any questions regarding financial matters, please contact Soror Nixon at 410-496-7202 (h) or 443-838-3491 (c).

Soror Lisa M. Nixon
Financial Secretary

Giving Back

Greetings sorors, I hope you all had a wonderfully blessed Holiday season. Our 2004 community service activities promise to be rewarding and fun for all. For January, there will not be a Z-Hope project; however, we will host a winter clothing drive for the homeless. Sorors are asked to bring blankets, coats, and thick winter garments to the January Chapter meeting. The next Z-HOPE project will be decided upon during the January meeting. Please check your calendars for an available evening date and time in which we can meet to donate the garments directly to the homeless in downtown Baltimore.

The coordinators for the Community Festival will meet briefly after chapter meeting to determine our next available meeting date.

Our Z-Hope project for the month of February will be centered around love; community love, family love, and self love. A more formal description of the event will be available at the January Chapter meeting.



Zeta Market Place

Beautiful Baskets By Design is poised and ready to serve all of your Holiday gift giving needs. From Valentine's Day to the everyday Birthday gifts, we can create the ideal gift basket for all your gift giving needs. Call Soror Dawn Barnes today to find out how you can receive free gift baskets! **410.496.5353**.

Soror Vonda Holman Tupperware Consultant

Learn how you can earn a part-time salary without going to a part-time job. I'm just a phone call away. **410-391-0231**.

Capital Campaign

January 1, 2004 will be THZ's National Capital Campaign Fundraiser Kick-off. Each soror is asked to donate \$20.00 towards the chapters contribution to the revitalization of National Headquarter. The payment deadline is May 1, 2004.

Finer Womanhood

Join Tau Eta Zeta as we celebrate our first Finer Womanhood Observance.

Tau Eta Zeta Chapter will host its first Worship Service at 9:30 a.m. on Sunday, February 29, 2004 at Morning Star Baptist Church in Catonsville, Maryland. The suggested attire will be business royal blue and white. Each soror is asked to arrive no later than 9:00 a.m. at the Banneker Recreation Center located directly behind the church. Each soror is asked to bring a love offering.

Founders' Day

Tau Eta Zeta Chapter will host a Champagne Brunch in observance of Founders' Day at 11:30 a.m. on Sunday, January 11, 2004 at the Cross Keys Inn. The ticket cost is \$30.00. Each soror is asked to attend this momentous occasion. All monies should be submitted to the Tamias-Grammateus, Soror Lisa M. Nixon by January 6, 2003. The chairpersons have developed a brief and eventful program.

Finer Womanhood Luncheon is scheduled for Saturday, March 13, 2004 at the Cross Keys Village Center. We are in need of a guest speaker, if there are any recommendations for speakers, please contact Soror Lisa Nixon at lmn923@hotmail.com or Soror Helen Dunkley at hdunkley@coppin.edu.



This is an event you do not want to miss!!!!



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Poetry

THE ZETA ROSE
 Soror Tracey Brown
 Mu Epsilon Chapter, Univ. of Florida

There is a rose that grows amongst the weeds
 Her petals soft and supple, leaves untorn
 And though she finds her place beneath the breeze
 Cool dew drops rest upon her dullen thorns.

And when the rain beats down upon her brow
 Her continence is still, though patience worn
 Beyond she remains tall and stands tall now
 When grass is brown and fertile soil forlorn.

When stem is bent from years upon her back
 Her fragrance never emanates more sweet
 And though her petals start to fade and crack
 She remains tall, proud, beautiful, complete.

Though the cycle of her years draws to a close
 Without grande acknowledgment of her struggled thriving,
 The meager presence of this single rose
 Has been victorious, simply by surviving.