

“It’s So Hard”

It’s So Hard to manage my life and do the work of Zeta. It’s So Hard to tend to my kids and help other people. It’s So Hard to pay my bills and my dues. It’s So Hard to work 8-9 hours a day and then attend committee meetings. Yes, it is hard and yes I understand.

But I ask you this. Whoever said that life would be easy? Whoever said that you will have one task to do? Whoever said that you will be assigned to one person? Whoever said that the only job you will have is your 9 to 5? Who said it?

I will be the first to admit that when it comes to my life the order of priority is God, Family, Church, Job and then Zeta. Oh, it is hard to make a sacrifice to attend meetings and pay dues. Oh, it very hard to stay committed to helping others when I can barely help myself.

Oh it’s hard alright. But I know that there is a greater reward than what I get here on earth. I firmly believe that God has made allowances for those who put others before themselves. He gives blessing after blessing to those who

bless others.

How many of you have gotten down to your last dime and out of nowhere you’ve found money? Did you ever stop to think that just maybe that was the seed you sown into that homeless person or donated for a worthy cause. What about when you have driven on the same tank of gas for eights days and you still have a quarter tank of gas. Maybe that was for the ride you blessed someone with.

I know it’s hard to be committed in the hectic lives we live but just remember this one thing: **GOD KNOWS AND SEES ALL THE GOOD DEEDS WE DO.**

So when you have grown weary and are tired of the work. Just think of the lives you touch and the seeds you have sown and reach to God to comfort your weary soul.

Sincerely and Sisterly,

Tamara



Luv and Doves

When you feel like giving up -

And let us not be weary in well doing: for in due session we shall reap, if we faint not.

Galatians 6:9



Soror Secret Pal

Tau Eta Zeta Chapter will participate in a Secret Pal gift exchange for the Christmas holiday. The gift should be between \$19-\$20. The names will be selected at the November meeting and the Gifts Exchanged during at the January activity. For more information, please contact Soror Lisa Nixon.

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Upcoming Activities:

- 11/13 - State Executive Board Meeting
- 11/14 - Zeta Prematurity Awareness Sunday
- 11/17 - THZ Executive Board Meeting
- 11/20 - Youth Luncheon
- 11/21 - THZ Chapter Meeting
- 11/23 - Z-HOPE Project

THZ is GROWING

Well, Well, Well, look at us GROW! The Membership Committee is hard at work planning and preparing for recruits, reclaims and retaining current members for the 2004-2005 year.

Recruitment

The committee is proud to announce that there are three young ladies that have submitted paperwork for membership. The process is underway and we are looking forward to making them our sorors. The ladies are very excited about becoming members and are ready, willing, and able to jump in and do the work of Zeta. All sorors are encouraged to participate in and support the Ritual Ceremonies, Educational Sessions and Embellishment Trainings.

Reclamation

Do you know a soror who has been inactive and/or unfinancial for more than two years. If so, please speak with them about attending one of our chapter sponsored events and possible membership. In addition, please forward their names to Soror Hyacinth Walker at membership@zphib-thz.org.

There will be a Reclamation Social immediately following the November chapter meeting for all sorors that were reclaimed between the month of February - July 2004.

Retention

Sorors are encouraged to attend the monthly chapter meetings.

Soror Tiffani Smith, Chapter Chaplin, has offered her services to pray with anyone that maybe in need. In addition, if any soror has concerns and/or suggestions, please contact the Basileus.

Let's turn the ideal of "Sisterly Love" into a reality.

Upcoming Events

The Membership Committee in conjunction with the Undergraduate Committee will host a Fall Informational on Friday, November 19, 2004 at 6:30 p.m. in the Sherwood Room on the beautiful campus of Johns Hopkins University. The informational is for sorors to be reclaimed, recruits for graduate membership, and undergraduates of Universities/Colleges not associated with an Undergraduate Chapter. For more information, please contact Soror Kimberly Whitaker, Third Anti-Basileus.

There will be a Dinner and Bowling fellowship for potential members and reclaims on Friday, December 17, 2004. This will provide an opportunity for them to meet the women of Tau Eta Zeta Chapter. Each soror is asked to attend this event and invite potential members and/or reclaims. More information will be provided at the November Chapter meeting.

Membership Drive

The Membership Drive will run from July 2004 to May 2005. The membership drive has two components. The soror who provides the most leads for potential members and/or reclaims will receive \$25.00 toward their 2005-2006 membership dues. The soror who provides the most number of conversions for membership will receive \$100.00 toward their 2005-2006 membership dues. In event of a tie, the awards will be split evenly amongst the winners.

Happy Birthday

Soror Tamara Harris - 9/14
Soror Lisa Nixon - 9/23
Soror Katrina Debnam - 9/25
Soror Jackie Knight - 10/26
Soror Tamera Farrar - 11/16



Welcome

Tau Eta Zeta Chapter would like to welcome Sorors Alzenia Harcum, Rhonda Lawson, Caridad Morales-Nussa, and Nichelle Scarborough.

Repast

All sorors are encouraged to participate in and support the repast immediately following chapter meeting. Each soror is asked to bring a dish. Please let Soror Dionis Hussey know what you plan to bring.

Fiscal Affairs

We are very excited about the new sorority year. Sorors are encouraged to pay their dues by December 31, 2004.



The dues for fiscal year 2004-2005 is \$325. Please note that there was a \$25.00 increase due to the fee increase voted on at the 2004 Boulé. Small payments in any amount may be paid by cash, check, money order or PayPal. The web address for the PayPal system is:

<http://www.zphib-thz.org/dues.htm>

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. As of October 31, 2004, late fees have been assessed to the dues. Dues for regular members are now \$340.00 and \$275.00 for Life Members.

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

Zeta Youth

Kudos to the Youth Advisory Council for planning and executing a wonderful Youth Induction Ceremony on Sunday, October 31, 2004 at the Madison Avenue Outreach Center. There were 25 youth inducted: 4-Pearlettes, 14-Amicettes, and 7-Archonettes. The youth were beautiful in their colors of Navy Blue and White. As their parents and family members watch in awe, the young ladies willfully repeated the ceremony pledge. It was truly a moment to be proud. Excellent work Sorors.

On Saturday, October 30, 2004, the youth of Tau Eta Zeta Chapter participated in the Ice Skating and Dinner Fellowship Sponsored by the State of Maryland. A great time was had by all as they fellowship with other youth throughout the state.

THZ is Giving Back

Tau Eta Zeta Chapter continues the legacy of "Service".

On Saturday, September 25, 2004, Tau Eta Zeta Chapter in conjunction with Zeta Sigma Chapter of Phi Beta Sigma Fraternity, Inc. participated in the National Social Action Day. Sorors and Frat held a voters registration drive at the 2004 Youth Expo at the Baltimore Convention Center. Many registrations were completed by those who:

- ☞ Recently turned 18
- ☞ Never registered previously
- ☞ Relocated since the last election

On Saturday, October 23, 2004, Tau Eta Zeta Chapter collected new and gently used baby items at the Babies "R" Us in Catonsville, Maryland in support of the National Make-a-

On Saturday, September 25, the youth attending the Youth Explosion at the Baltimore Convention Center. It was a phenomenal day of meaningful and life change workshops. It provided an opportunity for youth to learn more about themselves, their culture and the world in which they live.

The youth participated in the Atlantic Regional Youth Leadership Conference hosted by the State of Maryland on August 13 and 14, 2004. Kudos to the advisors for their assistance and participation in the planning of the conference.

The Youth are planning a luncheon for November 20. If you are interested in attending and need more information, contact Soror Hussey - youth@zphib-thz.org.

Difference Day. We are appreciative for each and every donation and humbly say "Thank You" to everyone for your continued support.

On Saturday, October 23, 2004 and Saturday, October 30, 2004, Tau Eta Zeta Chapter participate in the Walk for Diabetes and Heart Walk and donated \$80.00 and \$30.00 respectively. A very special "thank you" to each soror for their contribution and support. Let's work harder next year to raise twice as much money.

The next Z-HOPE event is scheduled for Tuesday, November 23, 2004 at 6:30 p.m. at the Madison Avenue Outreach Center. Please contact Soror Barnes at community@zphib-thz.org for more information.

Zeta Amicae

Please submit the names of any women interested in joining the Zeta Amicae to Soror Brenda McKinley at amicae@zphib-thz.org.

Capital Campaign

Congratulations THZ for donating \$500.00 to the National Capital Campaign fund. Each of you should be proud of your contribution and dedication to Zeta Phi Beta Sorority, Inc. Tau Eta Zeta Chapter was the only chapter honored at the 2004 Boulé for donating \$500.00.

Founders' Day

The State of Maryland will host a Joint Founders' Day Celebration on Saturday, January 15, 2005 at Michael's in Glen Burnie. We are asking for your support. We would like to purchase at least one table for this event. For more information, please contact Soror Yolanda Jackson.

Finer Womanhood

The Finer Womanhood Committee are going full steam ahead with the planning of our Finer Womanhood Observance. If you are interested, in serving on the committee, please contact Soror Gina O'Neal at fwo@zphib-thz.org

Baby Sitting Services

The Amicettes of Tau Eta Zeta Chapter will provide baby-sitting services during the monthly chapter meetings. The fee for the service is \$5.00 per child. For more information, please contact Soror Tinika Watters.



Congratulations

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*Zeta's Educating for Total Awareness
(ZETA)*

- ☞ Soror Cheryl Harrison was married on July 17, 2004 to Mr. Lionel Murray.
- ☞ Soror Dawn Barnes and Soror Debnam moved
- ☞ Soror Rhonda Lawson is promoting her newly released book
- ☞ Soror Yolanda Jackson is recovering well.
- ☞ Soror Barnes' son Ryan is fully potty trained.
- ☞ Soror Gina O'Neal's sons Marquise - age 5 and Joshua - age 4 are going to test for their yellow stripe belts in their Tae Kwon Do class at the White Tiger School of Tae Kwon Do.
- ☞ Soror Dionis Hussey on her engagement to Bro. Jonathan Mason. (The ring is nice ya'll)

Prayer

Please keep the following in your prayers

- ☞ Soror Yolanda Jackson continued healing
- ☞ Aspirant Latoya Tittle was in an accident and is scheduled to have a caesarian on November 19, 2004. The two are unrelated.
- ☞ Remember one another as we go through the day

Announcements

- ☞ Soror Dawn Barnes is sponsoring a Holiday Shopping Expo on December 4, 2005
- ☞ Soror Caridad Morales-Nussa is looking for information for PHD programs in the area

**Coming to the Web
Soon!**

THZ Photo Album



Soror Harris and Walker pose with sorors at the 2004 Boulé



Soror Dionis Hussey poses with the youth at the 2004 Atlantic Regional Youth Conference



THZ fellowship with sorors from Tau Delta Zeta and Sigma Psi Zeta Chapter at THZ's Leadership Retreat



THZ's supports Zeta Sigma Chapter of Phi Beta Sigma Annual Crab Feast



Soror Knight and Bro. Lilly volunteer at the Voter's Registration Table



Amicette Parris poses with Alpha Zeta Chapter's Amicettes at the State Youth Outing.



Tau Eta Zeta Youth Advisory Council and the newly inducted Archonettes, Pearlettes, and Amicettes



Zeta Welcome You!!!