

# THE B-MORE ZETA TIMES

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## Basileus sends out holiday greetings

Now is the time for season joy and cheer. The display of love is filling the air as everyone partakes in the Christmas season.



As we go about our lives buying presents, exchanging gifts and giving tidings of joy, let us not forget the real meaning of Christmas. I encourage each of you to take this opportunity to

spend time with your families and reflect on the people and relationships that are most important to you. Show your loved ones the love that lives deep within in you and let them know that you appreciate them.

The greatest gift you can give is LOVE! Love your God, yourself, your family and others. If you commit to showing love, life will prove to be a better and happier place.

Be blessed and have a Merry Christmas.



*Tau Eta Zeta members and guests give performances worthy of the big stage during THZ's Karaoke Night held Friday, Dec. 2. This was the second Karaoke Night the chapter has hosted.*

## American Idol can't beat THZ's karaoke

Friday, Dec. 2, the THZ Membership Committee, with the support of the Social Committee, sponsored a Karaoke Night.

The evening served as a social meet and greet for young ladies interested in pursuing membership in Zeta. This was also a great opportunity for potential aspirants to meet the chapter members.

The evening kicked off with introductions led by Soror Katrina Debnam.

Sorors and guests laughed at the her comical antics while enjoying a nice appetizer buffet prepared by various members of the chapter.

Shortly thereafter, the entertainment began with sorors and guests rapping to Biggie, dancing to Michael Jackson and singing to Marvin Gaye. We had some of the best performances that would have had you laughing for weeks. If you missed it, be sure to catch the video.

# Tau Eta Zeta plans awards, Finer Womanhood celebration

The Tau Eta Zeta Finer Womanhood committee is moving forward with plans to host its Third Annual Finer Womanhood Luncheon.

This year, the event will be open to the public, and is scheduled to take place March 25. Ticket information and location are forthcoming. The theme for this event will

be Zeta Phi Beta Sorority, Inc. - Tau Eta Zeta Chapter Changing Lives, Creating Opportunity and Cultivating Alliances.

This year, the committee plans to give awards to the Zeta of the



Year, as well as a community leader in Baltimore City.

If you would like to nominate anyone for one of these awards, or for more information on the luncheon, please contact Sorors Tamara Harris at [zetadoll@zphib-thz.org](mailto:zetadoll@zphib-thz.org), or Camelia Clark at [cclark@zphib-thz.org](mailto:cclark@zphib-thz.org).

## Hurricane victims still need help

The tragedy of Hurricane Katrina has impacted the lives of hundreds of thousands of people in Alabama, Florida, Louisiana, and Mississippi. My thoughts and prayers extend to all those now coping with the aftermath.

As we seek word about our dear loved ones, Sorors, brothers and friends, I ask that you contact our Sorority Headquarters at 800-368-5772 to provide updates on the fate of our Zeta sisters and their families in the affected communities. We will provide updates via "Alerts" as appropriate.

These "Alerts" will be transmitted via e-mail so all chapters are encouraged to

register their chapter e-mail addresses on the Sorority list serve at [www.zetaphibetasororityhq.org](http://www.zetaphibetasororityhq.org). You can also visit the official Web site at [www.zphib1920.org](http://www.zphib1920.org) and share words of encouragement and support via our Family E-Reunion message board.

The American Red Cross (ARC) has launched the largest emergency response mobilization for a single natural disaster in its history. As an ARC partner agency, I am encouraging all members of the Zeta family to search your heart and provide any assistance you can by donating to the American Red Cross

Disaster Relief Fund. The Sorority web site includes a link to the American Red Cross Web site. Donations made via the Sorority's Web site link will be credited to the Sorority, allowing us to have a record of our members' support of this humanitarian effort. You may also contact them at 1-800-HELP-NOW. Be sure to mention Zeta Phi Beta Sorority.

During this long road to recovery, the Sorority will continue to support the relief and recovery efforts of our various partner agencies, such as the National Urban League, NAACP and others. Your support of our national collaborative effort with the

March of Dimes, Project Stork's Nest Delivery, is also encouraged.

We are also reaching out to meet the needs of our Sorors and Amicae from the impacted communities. The Southern and South Central Regions have launched efforts to raise funds to assist our family in need. For more information on these efforts, visit the National Web site.

It is during these times that we must draw closer to our faith, our families and our friends. We must also remember to "Be a Friend to Man."

**Sisterly,  
Soror Barbara C. Moore  
22nd International  
Grand Basileus**

### How you can help

#### Sisters Outreaching to Sisters-Southern Region

Please make checks, money orders or cashiers checks payable to the Southern Region. On the memo line please indicate S.O.S.

Michelle Joubert  
Financial Secretary  
P. O. Box 941323  
Plano, TX 75094-1323

Soror Mary Wright, Chair of the Regional Directors and Southern Region Director, 281-875-2247,  
[ChairRD@ZPhiB1920.org](mailto:ChairRD@ZPhiB1920.org)

#### South Central Region Hurricane Relief Fund

The South Central Region will accept donations to be used to support our Sorors and Amicae. Be sure to write "Hurricane Relief" on the check or money order. You may make your contribution payable to the South Central Region and send your check or money order to:

#### South Central Region Hurricane Relief Fund

c/o Sharon Fletcher  
11514 Dogwood Forest Drive  
Pine Bluff, AR 71603

Soror Sharon Fletcher, South Central Region Director, 870-536-5909 [SouthcentralRD@ZPhiB1920.org](mailto:SouthcentralRD@ZPhiB1920.org)

# Notable Notes

Dec. 17  
Youth Christmas party

Dec. 18  
Chapter meeting

Jan. 4  
Community Service meeting

Jan. 6-7  
National Executive Board meeting

Jan. 7  
Secret Chapter Gift Exchange

Jan. 21  
State Joint Founders Day luncheon

Jan. 29  
A Heart for the Homeless  
Clothing Drive

Feb. 1  
Community Service meeting

Feb. 19  
Spring 2006 Invitational

Feb. 26  
Worship Service

March 1  
Community Service meeting

March 10-11  
Maryland State Leadership Conference

March 25  
Finer Womanhood Luncheon

March 26  
Adopt-A-Highway

# Youth auxiliaries hold activities

Tau Eta Zeta's youth auxiliaries will be celebrating the holiday at their Annual Christmas Party Saturday, Dec. 17 from 1-3 p.m. at the South Baltimore Family Health Center, located at 631 Cherry Hill Road.



Archonettes and Amicettes learned how to conduct meetings, duties of officers, how to dress for the occasion, and other things.

The Pearlettes also held an Introductory Meeting

on the same day, in which they made turkey puppets for the Thanksgiving holiday.

There will be food, fun, and games. This event is pot luck. Please see any member of the Youth Advisory Committee for more information. Advisors for the Archonettes are Sorors Tequilla MacArthur and Tonya Hall. Amicette advisors Sorors Camelia Clark and Kimberly Whitaker. Pearlette advisors are Sorors Lea Andra Faulkner and Tiffani Smith.

The committee is now gearing up for 2006. They are still searching for a location to hold their monthly meetings. Sorors, if you are open to allowing the youth to host a meeting at your home, we would be ever so grateful. Please contact Sorors Dionis Mason, Tonya Hall, or Tamara Harris.

Kudos to everyone on the Youth Advisory Committee for their first Youth Leadership Training Session. It was educational and fun. The

The Youth Advisory Committee would like to thank everyone for their support and commitment.

## Did you know?

*Soror Arizona Cleaver Stemons received her bachelor's and master's degrees in social work?*

*Soror Bernette J. Johnson was the first black female State Supreme Court justice in Louisiana?*

*Soror Violette Anderson was the first woman of color to practice law before the U.S. Supreme Court?*

*Janet Dubois, famed actress/singer from the hit series "Good Times," is a Zeta?*

## Don't Forget!

Sorors are encouraged to begin paying their dues in January for the 2006-2007 fiscal year. By paying \$32.50 per month, you will be fully financial by October 2006. Please do not wait until the last minute to pay it all at once. You must be financial on the national, regional, state and local levels to be active in the Sorority. For more information, contact Soror Yolanda Jackson at [wjackson@netzero.net](mailto:wjackson@netzero.net).



Founders Day 2006 tickets are now on sale. To reserve your seat, see Soror Yolanda Jackson or e-mail her at [wjackson@netzero.net](mailto:wjackson@netzero.net).

Anyone who has chapter photos is encouraged to e-mail a copy to Soror Rhonda Lawson at [rlawson@zphib-thz.org](mailto:rlawson@zphib-thz.org) so they can be placed in the scrapbook.

Sorors are reminded to check the website for updated directories. Please note that the directory is updated on a weekly basis. If you have any changes to your information or emergency contacts, please contact Soror Lisa Nixon at [lnixon@zphib-thz.org](mailto:lnixon@zphib-thz.org).

Sunday is chapter meeting. Please remember to bring items for the repast. For more information, refer to the Web site for the repast schedule.

# Tau Eta Zeta adopts a family

This is the season of giving!

As part of our ongoing effort to meet the needs of the Baltimore City community, the Community Service committee has adopted a family for the Christmas season. We would like to provide a few clothing items and plenty of toys for the family described below.

The committee is asking that sorors donate at least one item to this effort. It could be a toy, holiday food, or a piece of clothing. The toy doesn't have to be expensive, but something that would bring a little more happiness to these children's faces on Christmas morning. Final unwrapped donations will be collected at Sunday's chapter meeting.

*The family consists of a grandmother who is caring for two grandchildren – Daquan, a 6-year-old boy, and Dyniyha, a 2-year-old boy. Sizes are next to each clothing item.*

**DAQUAN**

PANTS-8  
SHIRT-8  
SHOES-1  
COAT-8

**DYNIYHA**

PANTS-5  
SHIRT-4  
SHOES-8  
COAT-5

## Happy Birthday!

*Soror Dionis Hussey, Dec. 4*

*Soror Yolanda Jackson, Dec. 12*

*Soror Shaquette Nottage, Dec. 14*

*Soror Camelia Clark, Dec. 26*

**All submissions and announcements to the B-more Zeta Times should be e-mailed to Soror Rhonda Lawson at [newsletter@zphib-thz.org](mailto:newsletter@zphib-thz.org).**

**Submissions can include photos, announcements, prayer requests or event happenings. We need your help to make this newsletter a success.**

## THZ gift exchange set for Jan.

Last January, the members of Tau Eta Zeta Chapter met at Outback Steak House and held a Secret Chapter Gift Exchange. Everyone had a wonderful time socializing as their secret Santas were revealed.

This year, the chapter plans to do it again at 5:20 p.m., on Saturday, Jan. 7, 2006! The location for the event has not yet been determined, but it's not too early to begin planning for your gifts. To participate, fill out your Secret Pal information sheet that was e-mailed to the chapter. These sheets need to be returned to Soror Lisa Nixon either through e-mail or in person at Sunday's chapter meeting.

During the meeting, all interested people will draw names and will purchase a gift that costs no more than \$20. We will exchange the gifts Jan. 7. Please be as specific as possible to ensure that your secret pal gets you a gift you will love.

For more information, contact Soror Nixon at [lnixon@zphib-thz.org](mailto:lnixon@zphib-thz.org).



*Soror Dionis Mason helps her new husband slice their wedding cake as the photographers look on during their wedding Oct. 15.*

## A note from Mrs. Mason...

I would like to thank everyone for your many blessings and well wishes. Jonathan and I had a lovely time in Las Vegas and Hawaii.

I am settling into New Jersey, but nothing beats home. Being married is not too bad after all. LOL. I love being Mrs. Mason.

It was nice seeing everyone at the Bull Roast.

Please keep me in your prayers. I am trying to figure out what God wants me to do as far as my career is concerned. I'm sort of comfortable now, but this will get boring soon.

Well, I miss you yall.  
Take and Care.

**Sisterly Love,  
Dionis Mason**

## Announcements

**T**he 2006 Zeta Phi Beta International Boule will be held July 20-26 at the Westin Diplomat Resort and Spa in Hollywood, Fla. Get ready! Information is coming soon.

**S**oror Rhonda Lawson would like to announce that she has been accepted to graduate school. She will be pursuing a Master of Science in Management - Public Relations from the University of Maryland University College.

Soror Lawson would also like to

announce that her daughter, Beautiful, tested for her yellow belt in Kenpo Karate this week.

**C**ongratulations to Sorors Tamara Harris, who celebrated her 8th Zeta birthday, and Monika Dillard who celebrated her 7th, this month. May you have many more wonderful birthdays to come!

**T**he Maryland State Leadership Conference will be held on March 10-11, 2006 at the Pikesville Hilton Ho-

tel. Omicron Chi Zeta Chapter will be the host chapter. The registration fee is \$85 for graduate sorors.

**H**appy birthday to Pearlette Kayla Clark, who celebrated her 4th birthday this month. May God bless you with many more.

**T**he Tau Eta Zeta Web site is set to launch to the public Jan. 15, 2006. For more information, contact Soror LaToya Tittle at [webmistress@zphib-thz.org](mailto:webmistress@zphib-thz.org).

## Soror Underwood hospitalized

Soror Sheryl Underwood, Chair - National Executive Board, has been hospitalized.

She is not able to accept phone calls at this time, but she can receive cards and other expressions of love and well wishes at the following address:

**Cedars-Sinai Medical Center  
8700 Beverly Blvd.  
Room 7029  
Los Angeles, CA 90048**

Please pray for her speedy recovery.



Soror Celere Leonard drops off the more than 200 pounds worth of food items collected during Tau Eta Zeta's canned food drive.

## Community Service conducts canned food drive

The Tau Eta Zeta Community Service committee conducted a canned food drive during the month of November.

In all, the committee collected more than 200 pounds of canned goods and other nonperishable food items.

Soror Celere Leonard took the food items to the Maryland Food Bank.

The community service committee would like to thank all chapter sorors for

making this event a successful one.

The next Community Service project will be the Heart for the Homeless clothing drive. Please bring men's winter coats and any warm clothing to the next chapter meeting.

For more information on Community Service, or to volunteer on the committee, please contact Soror Katrina Debnam at [kdebnam@zphib-thz.org](mailto:kdebnam@zphib-thz.org).

## Membership committee moves forward

Soror Tinika Watters has resigned as First Anti Basileus, and is relocating to North Carolina to pursue a new career.

The chapter would like to wish her much success in her future endeavors.

Currently, the chapter is in need of a new First Anti Basileus. If you meet the qualifications and are interested in serving in this capacity, please contact, the Basileus, Soror Tamara Harris, at [zetadoll@zphib-thz.org](mailto:zetadoll@zphib-thz.org).



Although the chapter has lost its First Anti, the Membership Committee continues about the business of Zeta. There are presently five young ladies interested in the Spring Membership Intake Line. They are: Davita Alston,

Kyndra Davis, Timeka Dickens, Michelle Franklin, and Rachel Simmons.

The tentative membership intake schedule is forthcoming. The committee is soliciting the chapter's support for all of the upcoming MIP activities.

## Prayer Closet

If anyone needs to talk or needs prayer, contact Tau Eta Zeta's chaplain, Soror Tiffani Smith, at (410) 750-6828 at home or on her cell at (410) 258-3304.

She is available for prayer 24 hours a day, seven days a week.

Soror Smith has also started a Sister Prayer Circle, which will take place about one hour before each chapter meeting.

*Two are better than one; because they have a good reward for their labour. For if they fall, the one will lift up his fellow: but woe to him that is alone when he falleth; for he hath not another to help him up. Again, if two lie together, then they have heat: but how can one be warm alone? And if one prevail against him, two shall withstand him; and a three-fold cord is not quickly broken.*

Ecclesiastes 4:9-12