

# ***THE B-MORE ZETA TIMES***

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*Members of Zeta Phi Beta Sorority, Inc. -- Tau Eta Zeta chapter come together during THZ's OI' Skool to Nu Skool fundraiser. Below, Soror Lesley Hall represents the 80s.*

## **Tau Eta Zeta hosts party with a purpose**

The ladies of Zeta Phi Beta Sorority, Inc. – Tau Eta Zeta chapter held their first OI' Skool to Nu Skool Scholarship Fundraiser Saturday, Nov. 12 at The Forum Caterers in Baltimore. The event was a great success!

The event was held to help support the chapter's first scholarship fund, entitled the Sharon K. Harvey Memorial Scholarship, in

honor of Triumphant Soror Sharon K. Harvey. THZ plans to award two scholarships in March 2006 during their Finer Womanhood luncheon.

More than 200 people from all over the D.C./Maryland area attended the event, which included raffles, numerous door prizes, and a large buffet. The scholarship committee also awarded a trip for two to Las Vegas to one lucky guest.

Music from the 70s to the present echoed through the building as guests mingled and danced the evening away. Many sorors even dressed the part by representing their favorite decades.

The ladies of THZ thank everyone who supported this special event. They also thank those sorors who persevered to make this event happen.



# *More photos from the fundraiser*



## *Notable Notes*

- Nov. 16  
Executive Board meeting
- Nov. 19  
Youth meeting and service project
- Nov. 20  
Chapter meeting
- Nov. 24  
Zeta/Sigma Liaison meeting
- Dec. 1  
World AIDS Day
- Dec. 2  
Karaoke Night
- Dec. 3  
Adopt-A-Highway
- Dec. 5  
Undergraduate Council meeting
- Dec. 14  
Membership Committee meeting
- Dec. 17  
Youth Christmas party
- Jan. 4  
Community Service meeting
- Jan. 29  
A Heart for the Homeless Clothing Drive
- Feb. 1  
Community Service meeting
- Feb. 26  
Worship Service

## Finer Womanhood Committee presses on with 2006 events

The Finer Womanhood Committee continues to press forward in planning events for Finer Womanhood 2006.

The month will begin with a planned worship service at Rebirth Ministries on Feb. 26.

The Finer Womanhood luncheon is scheduled for

Saturday, March 18. This will be a ticketed event open to all sorors, youth auxiliaries, and the gen-

eral public.

Two awards will be presented during the luncheon. The first will be the Zeta of the Year Award, followed by a community award, which will honor anyone who has distinguished himself or herself in the community. A guest speaker is also scheduled for the luncheon.

Other events planned for Finer Womanhood Month include a nutrition forum March 22 and a visit to the Reginald F. Lewis Museum March 4.

For more information on Finer Womanhood activities, contact Soror Camelia Clark at [cclark@zphib-thz.org](mailto:cclark@zphib-thz.org).



## Youth auxiliaries add new members

The Tau Eta Zeta Youth Advisory Council hosted its youth induction ceremony Sunday, Oct. 23 at the South Baltimore Family Health Center.

The committee added two Archonettes, four Amicettes, and two Pearlettes. The induction was also supported by many present members of all three youth auxiliaries.

The Archonettes and Amicettes held their Joint Leadership Workshop, at 2:30 p.m., Saturday, Nov. 19 at the Cherry Hill Family Center in Baltimore. The workshop included lessons on how to properly conduct a meeting, as well as discussions on image, verbal communication, leadership traits, and other topics.

The Pearlettes also met that day at the same time.

All THZ members are invited to support this event. For more information, contact Soror Camelia Clark at [cclark@zphib-thz.org](mailto:cclark@zphib-thz.org).





## Don't Forget!

Sorors are encouraged to begin paying their dues now.

Please do not wait until the last minute to pay it all at once. You must be financial on the national, regional and local levels to be active in the Sorority. For more information, contact Soror Lisa Nixon at [nixon@zphib-thz.org](mailto:nixon@zphib-thz.org)



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.

If you didn't bring canned goods to Saturday's Bull Roast, there is still time to donate. Please bring your items to Sunday's chapter meeting. For more information, contact Soror Celere Leonard at [cleonard@zphib-thz.org](mailto:cleonard@zphib-thz.org).



*THZ members pose with prospective members during the Undergraduate Council's "Happy Hour" at Ruby Tuesdays. The get-together was one of several events planned to help the chapter gain its first undergraduate chapter.*

# Undergraduate Council hosts Happy Hour

On Friday, Oct.21, the Undergraduate Council jointly hosted "Happy Hour" at Ruby Tuesdays with the young ladies from Johns Hopkins University and the College of Notre Dame.

Everyone in attendance had a great evening getting to know each other.

This was one of many activities the Undergraduate Council has planned in its quest to form the chapter's first undergraduate chapter.

For more information on Undergraduate Council events, contact Soror Kimberlay Whitaker at [kwhitaker@zphib-thz.org](mailto:kwhitaker@zphib-thz.org).



**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.**

*Happy Birthday!*

*Soror Tamera Farrar,  
Nov. 16*

# Scholarship Committee preps to give award

The THZ Scholarship Committee is preparing to hand out the applications for the chapter's first academic scholarships.



The committee is scheduled to begin sending the applications to Walbrook, Francis M. Wood, Paquin and Lake Clifton High Schools Nov. 28. Applications will also go to students living in the 21213, 21215, 21216, 21217, 21218 and 21225 area codes.

Any sorors who know graduating seniors living in these areas or attending any of these schools are encouraged to make the application available to them. Interested students must have a 2.5 or better cumulative grade point average at the time of graduation, and must complete a personal essay.

Scholarship award winners are scheduled to be announced March 18, 2006 during the chapter's Finer Womanhood luncheon.

For more information or to join the Scholarship Committee, contact Soror Rhonda Lawson at rlawson@zphib-thz.org.



THZ member Lesley Hall smiles with Wanda Williams of STRIVE Baltimore Thursday, Nov. 10 after dropping off the professional clothing collected during Tau Eta Zeta's business suit drive, which was held during the month of October.

## Community Service Committee donates to STRIVE Baltimore

The Tau Eta Zeta Community Service Committee coordinated a professional clothing drive during the months of September and October.

Because of the drive, the chapter was able to donate an estimated \$500 worth of new and gently used clothing to STRIVE Baltimore, a program of the Center for Fathers, Families, and Workforce Development, located at 3002 Druid Park Drive in Baltimore.

CFWD/STRIVE Baltimore is committed to improving the life chances

of adults through intensive support and skills development. Since 1998, STRIVE Baltimore has served more than 2,000 unemployed and underemployed Baltimore City residents and has successfully placed more than 1,800 or 80 percent of its participants into gainful employment.

The Community Service Committee would like to thank all of the sorors who helped make this drive a success.

For more information, on Community Service, contact Soror Katrina Debnam at kdebnam@zphib-thz.org

## Announcements

Two of our future Zetas are celebrating their birthdays Nov. 19. Iralan Tittle will be 1 year old, and Beautiful Lawson will be turning 6.

Best wishes from the entire chapter to Soror Katrina Debnam, who recently moved into her new home. This is a true blessing!

Blessings go out to Soror Dionis Mason, who was married Oct. 15. May your days be filled with wedded bliss.



*Congratulations to 3 Shades of Blue. The Fall 2004 line of Tau Eta Zeta Chapter will celebrate their one-year anniversary as members of Zeta Phi Beta Sorority, Inc. on Nov. 17. The 3 Shades of Blue are, from left to right, Sorors Oluyemisi Adekunle, Celere Leonard, and LaToya Tittle.*

## Sorority participates in Zeta Prematurity Weekend

Zetas throughout the region in taking part in prematurity awareness events Nov. 11-13. Sorors in more than 600 communities in the U. S. conducted Prematurity Awareness activities in their houses of worship. This is the third consecutive year of Zeta’s participation in the event. To date, more than 250,000 people in 40 states and the U.S. Virgin Islands have participated.

Prematurity affects one out of eight babies born in the U.S. today—a rate that has increased 29 percent since 1981. The numbers are even more alarming for African-American babies who have a one- in-six chance of being born too soon. During 2000-2002 in Maryland, preterm birth rates were highest for black infants (16.9%), followed by Native Americans (12.0%), Hispanics

(11.7%), whites (10.8%) and Asians (9.9%).

In addition to the emotional toll, there is a tangible cost to premature birth as well. Average hospital charges in the United States for the most severe cases of prematurity were nearly 60 times higher than the charges for newborn stays without complications. Prematurity is the leading cause of newborn death (in the first month of life) and many of those babies who survive leave the hospital with lifelong health conditions or developmental disabilities that will place additional financial burden on the family.

The March of Dimes is in the third year of a five-year, \$75 million national campaign to educate women to support research into the causes of premature birth, and to educate the public and health

professionals about this escalating health problem.

Despite its prevalence, many families endure the trauma of a premature birth, and all too often infant death, privately and silently. Most people are unaware of the scope of this common and costly health problem

The March of Dimes is a national voluntary health agency whose mission is to improve the health of babies by preventing birth defects and infant mortality.

Founded in 1938, the March of Dimes funds programs of research, community services, education, and advocacy to save babies and in 2003 launched a five-year campaign to address the increasing rate of premature birth. For more information, visit the March of Dimes Web site at:

[www.marchofdimes.com](http://www.marchofdimes.com).

### Prayer Closet

If anyone needs to talk or needs prayer, contact the Tau Eta Zeta 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.

*“For if you forgive men their transgressions, your heavenly Father will also forgive you. But if you do not forgive men their trespasses, neither will your Father forgive your trespasses.”*

**Matt: 6:14-15**