

# THE B-MORE ZETA TIMES

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*Members of Zeta Phi Beta's youth auxiliaries work into the night to prepare scrapbooks during the Atlantic Regional Conference. Below, Sorors Camelia Clark and Rhonda Lawson pose with International Grand Basileus Barbara C. Moore after a plenary session.*

## THZ represents during Regionals

Members of Tau Eta Zeta chapter attended the Zeta Phi Beta Sorority, Inc. Atlantic Regional Conference, held in Cherry Hill, N.J.

Although the THZ turnout was small, the chapter made a large showing at the conference, which was held Thursday, Oct. 6 through Sunday, Oct. 9 at the Hilton Hotel.

Soror Tamara Harris played a large role behind the scenes as the regional youth coordinator. Through her leadership, the youth auxiliaries held an oratorical contest, leisure activities, and even a scrapbook, which was presented to At-



lantic Regional Director Jacqueline Lemon-Denton.

Delegates for the conference were Sorors Camelia Clark and Rhonda Lawson. Soror Lawson also led a writers workshop entitled "Basic Guide-

lines to Starting Your Writing Career."

The State of Maryland also made a large showing during elections. Two sorors from Maryland now sit as the newly elected Tamias and Tamias-

Grammateus, with Soror Harris staying on as the youth coordinator.

Plenary sessions also included reports from Soror Lemon-Denton and Soror Barbara C. Moore, the sorority's International Grand Basileus, who announced her candidacy for re-election. Each state director, including our very own Soror Jacqueline McNair, also reported on the progress of each state in the region. Sorors also received a progress report on the Zeta Phi Beta Sorority, Inc. National Educational Foundation from Soror Dr. Kathryn T. Malvern.

# THZ treats Divine Literary Tour authors to ‘Sip & Cheese’ literary social event

Members of Tau Eta Zeta were treated to an outstanding evening of literary culture during their Sip and Cheese social Saturday, Sept. 24.

We were blessed with the company of The Divine Literary Tour, which is made up of African-American authors representing all nine of the Greek letter organizations in the “Divine Nine.” During the event, attendees were able to mingle with the authors as well as get advice in the literary industry.

Once everyone was settled, each author gave a brief synopsis of their books. They also shared how they started on their path to writ-



*Soror Camelia Clark checks out a novel selection during the Sip and Cheese social hosting the Divine Literary Tour.*

ing their books.

After each author spoke, the floor was opened to questions. The authors en-

courage our youth to fulfill their desire of writing and to inspire them to open their minds to reading other

genres. The authors also donated \$200 to the chapter’s scholarship fund, and the chapter touched twenty people through Z-HOPE.

In addition, Robilyn Heath from Urban Knowledge Bookstore was available with books for sale.

The authors in attendance included Tonya Bates, Tajuana “TJ” Butler, Delzora Clark, Collen Dixon, Tracey Michael Lewis, Toschia Moffett, Crystal Perkins-Stell, Marcella McCoy, Wil Cason, Monica P. Carter, and Rhonda M. Lawson.

For more information about the tour, go to <http://www.thedivineliterarytour.com>

## *Adopt-A-Highway*



*On Saturday, Sept. 24, members of Zeta Phi Beta-Tau Eta Zeta Chapter took to the streets during their highway cleanup activity. The next highway cleanup is scheduled for next quarter.*



# Notable Notes

- Oct. 17  
Bull Roast Committee meeting
- Oct. 22  
American Diabetes Association Walkathon  
THZ Invitational
- Oct. 23  
Youth Auxiliary Induction Ceremony
- Oct. 24  
Bull Roast Committee meeting
- Oct. 26  
Foundation Committee meeting
- Oct. 29  
State Executive Board meeting
- Nov. 2  
Community Service Committee meeting
- Nov. 7  
Bull Roast Committee meeting
- Nov. 9  
Membership Committee meeting  
Undergraduate Council meeting  
Sunshine Committee meeting
- Nov. 12  
THZ Bull Roast
- Nov. 13  
Zeta Prematurity Sunday
- Nov. 16  
Executive Board meeting
- Nov. 19  
Youth meeting and service project  
Karaoke Night
- Nov. 24  
Zeta/Sigma Liaison meeting
- Dec. 1  
World AIDS Day

## Youth auxiliaries to add new members

The Youth Advisory Committee held its Annual Youth Invitational Sunday, Sept. 25.

Seven young ladies expressed interest in the auxiliaries. The committee is now expecting to add two Archonettes, four Amicettes, and two Pearlettes.

The Annual Youth Induction Ceremony is scheduled to take place on Sunday, Oct.

23 at 3 p.m., at the South Baltimore Family Health Center. All sorors are invited to witness this event.

The youth conducted their first fundraiser of the year with Joe Corbi's Pizza and Cookie Dough. They made a total of \$ 75.50.

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

## Membership Committee hosts informational

The Membership Committee hosted the Fall 2005 Informational Saturday, Sept. 24 at Baltimore City Community College.

The Chapter had a chance to meet and greet several young ladies wanting to know more about our sorority. The chapter also welcomed a prospective reclaim member.

The committee would like to thank all sorors who came out and supported the event.

Future Membership Intake Process activities are forthcoming.



*Happy Birthday!*

*Soror Jackie Knight, Oct. 26*  
*Soror Nichelle Scarborough, Oct. 26*

## 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, state and local levels to be active in the Sorority. For more information, contact Soror Lisa Nixon at [lnixon@zphib-thz.org](mailto:lnixon@zphib-thz.org)

The Community Service Committee's business suit drive ends Sunday, Oct. 16. Please bring your gently used or new business suits to Sunday's chapter meeting. For more information, e-mail [kdebnam@zphib-thz.org](mailto:kdebnam@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.

Any sorors holding onto monies collected from Bull Roast or raffle ticket sales are asked to turn in the money at Sunday's chapter meeting. For more information, contact Soror Lisa Nixon. Continue to sell once you've turned in your money, please!

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).

## Oldest soror celebrates 105 years of life

Soror Carlotta Stewart Watson celebrated 105 years on Monday, Oct 10.

She was born Oct. 10, 1900, the granddaughter of a slave. Soror Watson taught in Memphis schools for 54 years and was the first certified and qualified school counselor in the district. She also served as "Aunt Carrie" on WDIA, linking community members with resources for assistance.

Soror Watson is the only remaining charter member of Alpha Eta Zeta Chapter, which was chartered in 1939. She was the first Basileus of the chapter and guided the

members as they used their leadership skills and talents to implement the sorority's ideals of Finer Womanhood, Scholarship, Service and Sisterly Love.

Soror Watson was instrumental in the chartering of Pi Alpha Chapter at LeMoyné-Owen College, and much later Rho Gamma Chapter at Memphis State University. She is still financially active at 104 years of age.

Those who would like to send well wishes to Soror Watson may send them to:

**Soror Carlotta  
Stewart Watson  
2668 Park Avenue  
Memphis, TN 38114**

## Zeta Amicae



Please submit the names of any ladies interested in joining the Zeta Amicae to Soror Brenda McKinley at [amicae@zphib-thz.org](mailto:amicae@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.**



# Community Service Committee presses forward for new year

The Tau Eta Zeta Community Service Committee has been busy since beginning the new sorority year.

Aug. 22 marked the beginning of another eventful, successful year for the Community Service Committee. The first activity for this year was a business/professional attire drive. The committee is currently collecting dresses, dark-colored business suits, ties, scarves, blouses, and other tailored separates to "Help Others Dress For Success."

The clothing will be donated to a local job training agency. This drive will end at

chapter meeting Sunday, Oct. 16. Please contact Soror Leslie Hall for more information or to make arrangements for clothing pick-up.

Wednesday, Sept. 21, the committee held a sisterhood forum on the campus of Johns Hopkins University. Several interested ladies on the campus attended this event. All attendees were given the opportunity to bond and learn more about their sisters and the ties that bind us together forever. The committee thanks all who were able to attend this event.

The Sunday, Oct. 16 chapter meeting will also mark the beginning of our annual

canned food drive. Please bring canned foods or other non-perishable items to October and November's chapter meeting. We will donate the food to the Maryland Food Bank. Please see Soror Celere Leonard for more information.

This fall, you can touch the lives of family, friends, co-workers and anyone who lives with diabetes. Participate in America's premier walking event Saturday, Oct. 22 in Baltimore to benefit the American Diabetes Association and the 18.2 million American adults and children who cope with Type 1 and Type 2 diabetes every day.

Become a part of our

national fund-raising community and join 200,000 people from all walks of life who are making a difference in ADA's ongoing education, prevention and research efforts. With every step you take and every sponsor you sign up, you'll get a great workout while helping keep up the pace to beat this devastating disease. The community service committee would like to encourage all sorors to participate in this event. Please register under our chapter's team.

For more information, visit [http://walk.diabetes.org/site/PageServer?pagename=AWD\\_homepage](http://walk.diabetes.org/site/PageServer?pagename=AWD_homepage).

## Announcements

**S**oror Lisa Nixon sends thanks to all sorors who donated money and gave their prayers for her cousin and her family who had to relocate from New Orleans to Dallas in lieu of Hurricane Katrina. Her cousin and her children are living in an apartment in Dallas. Her husband had to return to his job in New Orleans. He will help to rebuild the city and is living on a naval ship. She has yet to hear from her brother. Please continue to keep her and her family in your prayers.

**B**rother Andre Ifill Of Phi Beta Sigma Fraternity, Epsilon Nu Sigma Chapter is collecting donations for the Light the Night walk on Friday, Oct 21 at Towson. Please let anyone else you know so they can contribute to Leukemia research. As a survivor, it's a cause near and dear to his heart.

**S**oror Rhonda Lawson thanks everyone who sent donations and well-wishes for her family who was displaced by Hurricane Katrina. Everyone is safe now, and her mother has found a state job in Baltimore. Soror Lawson would also like to announce that her daughter, Beautiful, received her white belt in karate.

**B**est wishes to Soror Dionis Hussey, who will be married Saturday, Oct. 15. We wish you all the best. May God bless your new union.

**M**ay God bless Soror Tiffani Smith, who announced her engagement at the last chapter meeting. We look forward to her continued happiness.

## 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.**

*THZ members, Sorors Vonda Holman and Yolanda Jackson smile it up during Soror Dionis Hussey's bridal shower, which was hosted by Soror Lisa Nixon.*



## Stork's Nest

The Stork's Nest Committee will begin taking donations of baby's items at Sunday's chapter meeting.

Zeta Phi Beta Sorority, Inc. and the March of Dimes are teaming up for Hurricane Katrina relief efforts by initiating "Project Stork's Nest Delivery."

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



*THZ members pose together during the Committee Chairpersons Workshop hosted by Tau Delta Zeta chapter.*

# National Projects Chair sends many thanks

Soror Dawn Barnes, THZ National Projects chair, would like to extend a special thank you to those sorors who participated in the Zeta/Sigma Project Vote Day National Project on Thursday, Oct. 6.

All of the calls and faxes made that day were recorded

and submitted to Senator Barbara Mukulski to express thanks for co-sponsoring the Healthcare Equality and Accountability Act of 2005, sponsored by Senator Daniel Akaka.

This ACT works to acknowledge the current health disparities of our communi-

ties by expanding health coverage, removing language and cultural barriers, and expanding workforce diversity among medical professionals.

This project earned the chapter Z-HOPE points. Again, thank you for all of your support.

## Loves and Doves

*"Righteous lips are the delight of kings; and they love him that speaketh right."*  
**Proverbs 16:13**