

Tau Eta Zeta Times

Baltimore City, Maryland "Zeta's Educating for Total Awareness"



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Tau Eta Zeta's "Alley Katz", bowling in an effort to "strike" down birth defects!

On Saturday December 9th, Tau Eta Zeta's bowling team, the "Alley Katz" joined Rho Eta Zeta Chapter of Anne Arundel County in a "Bowl-A-Thon" for the Stork's Nest. The team was comprised for Sorors Harris, Nixon, Jackson, Knight & Leonard. Chapter members made monetary donations as well as donations of baby items to the Stork's Nest of Arundel Mills Mall in Hanover, Maryland. The "Alley Katz" finished in first place and had a wonderful time representing Tau Eta Zeta Chapter in the spirit of sisterhood and community service.

The Stork's Nest is an incentive program designed to get young women to seek prenatal care during their entire pregnancy. This is done in an effort to reduce the risk of birth defects and low



Stork's Nest is project run in con-Knight, Nixon, Jackson, & Harris iunction with the March of Dimes Birth Defects Foundation and Zeta



Pictured Left to Right Sorors Leonard,

birth weight. Established in 1972, the

THZ breaking ground for Zeta Amicae

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Phi Beta Sorority, Inc. There are currently over 175 Stork's Nests

nationwide and that number con-

tinues to grow. For more informa-

tion about the Stork's Nest, please

contact Jackie Knight at

Tau Eta Zeta chapter is currently in the process of establishing a

group. Several events have been committee would like to thank the thz.org

scheduled to encourage sisterly chapter for their continued support. love and to familiarize the ladies If you or someone you know is Zeta Amicae group (Friends of with the chapter. On Saturday, interested in the Zeta Amicae, Zeta). The Amicae committee is December 9th, Tau Eta Zeta please contact Tamara Harris at proud to announce that they have hosted it's Amicae Informational at zetadoll@zphib-thz.org or Yolanda 20 ladies interested in the auxiliary the "Paradise in a Teacup". The Jackson at yjackson@zphib-



Community Volunteerism

The Community Service committee is in the midst of another busy year of activities. On Wednesday, October 18th, a Z-HOPE project entitled "Disaster Preparedness 101" was held at the Madison Life Center. Christen McCluney of the Central Maryland Chapter of the Red Cross was the speaker and talked about what to do in the event of different types of emergencies. Valuable information was disseminated to the participants and questions were answered. A Canned food drive was held during the month of November. Over 100 canned goods were collected and donated to the Maryland Food Bank.

In the spirit of giving, each year the

chapter sponsors a family for Christmas. The chapter collects various items the family has requested and delivers them for the holidays.

Mark your calendars as Tau Eta Zeta's 4th Annual "A Heart for the Homeless— Coat & Warm Clothing Drive" is underway. The chapter is currently collecting lightly used coats and warm weather garments for distribution to the homeless at the War Memorial Plaza in downtown Baltimore on Sunday, January 28, 2007. Items needed are men's coats, scarves, gloves, hats, pants, sweatshirts, sweaters, sweat pants. A limited number of women's and children's items will

be accepted. The Community Service committee would like to thank sorors for their donations to all of the committee's activities. If you are interested in donating clothing, please contact Katrina Debnam at kdebnam@zphibtthz.org.



Soror Katrina Debnam, delivering canned food to the MD Food Bank



Z-HOPE: Disaster Preparedness 101

Soror Gigi Barnett of WJZ News: Keynote Speaker at THZ's Finer Womanhood Luncheon in 2007

The Finer Womanhood Observance Committee has been diligently working to plan events in commemoration of Finer Womanhood. The observance will being with a Finer Womanhood Worship Service on Sunday, February 25, 2007 at Union Bethel A.M.E. Church at 11a.m.

On Saturday, March 24, 2007 at the La Fountaine Bleu in Glen Burnie, Maryland, Tau Eta Zeta chapter, along with special guests, family and friends will celebrate in the name of Finer Womanhood.

The theme for the 2007 Finer Womanhood Observance is "Changing Lives, Creating Opportunity & Cultivating Alliances". During this event, three very special awards will be presented; The Sharon K. Harvey Memorial Scholarship Award, Zeta of the Year, and Teacher of the Year. This luncheon is sure to be a memorable event as Gigi Barnett who is also a distinguished member of Zeta Phi Beta Sorority, Inc has agreed to be the keynote speaker.

Gigi Barnett is a graduate of Clark Atlanta University where she received her B.A. in Mass Communications, she also has an M.S.J. from Northwestern University's Medill School of Journalism. Her journalism career began with the Miami Herald and expands across the globe. Soror Barnett covered health news for TV3 in Dublin, Ireland making her the first black journalist to work for a commercial television station in Ireland.

This is an event that you don't want to miss. The cost is \$40 per person. For more information about these events or to purchase tickets, please contact Camelia Clark at cclark@zphib-thz.org



Gigi Barnett WJZ News

"Changing Lives, Creating Opportunity & Cultivating Alliances"





A Message from our President......



Tamara D. Harris, *President* (Tau Eta Zeta Chapter)



On Tuesday, November 7th, I watched Joyce Meyer as I prepared to go to work. Her message was "Am I Too Busy for God?" As it is often noted, we tend to call more on God when we are in trouble rather than when all is well. We often place Him on a shelf while life is peachy-keen. I know personally that I lead a pretty hectic life, so much so that I often forget to say "Good Morning God" or "Thank You God." I will honestly admit that many times I forget that I am only capable of doing the things that I do because God has enabled me to do

various things and overcome different obstacles. What about you? Do you know when you last said a kind word to God? Do you know where your strength lies? Do take time out of your busy day to say "Thank You." I share this with you as an encouragement that as we go throughout our day that we should always remember to say a kind word to the source of our being. Most importantly, remember that God has never been to busy to answer us when we needed Him.

Tamara D. Harrís

Food for Thought:

What if, when you really needed God to make a way, He responded "I am in a meeting now, I will call you back." Take time to say "THANKS"

Membership Committee planning for the future

Tau Eta Zeta's Membership committee is busy preparing for next year's intake process. There are currently four young ladies that have expressed an earnest interest in Tau Eta Zeta chapter. These ladies along with others have been invited to various chapter functions in an effort to learn more about Zeta Phi Beta Sorority as a whole. The deadline for sorors to submit the names of ladies interested in pursuing membership for Spring 2007 is December 31, 2006. Any names received after this date will not be considered for membership in the spring, however their names will be kept for future consideration. The chapter is always open to have guest attend our community service and social events to learn the true meaning of the principles upon which our sorority was founded: Scholarship, Service, Sisterly Love, & Finer Womanhood. The Membership committee will be hosting the Fall Infor-

mational and Social Activity on Friday, December 15th. All chapter sorors are asked to come out and support this event. It is a perfect way for everyone to meet ladies interested in our beloved sorority.

Beginning January 2007, the Membership Committee will be accepting nominations for "Zeta of the Month". All nominations should be sent to Soror La Toya Tittle.

The committee is also diligently working to reclaim sorors. Any information you have about possible reclaims can also be forwarded to Soror Tittle. The Membership Committee would like to thank sorors for their support and look forward to seeing you all at future events. For additional information on the membership activities, please contact Soror Tittle at membership@zphibthz.org.



Interested ladies attending a Z-HOPE event

Zeta Trivia!!

The first soror to EMAIL the CORRECT answer to newsletter@zphib-thz.org gets a PRIZE!! Good Luck

"On the National level, who is the current Graduate Member-At-Large?"

(First & Last Name)



Answer to last issues question:

Soror Gloria S. McCutcheon is in charge of Z-HOPE projects for youth on the national level.

Ol' Skool 2 Nu Skool Scholarship Fundraiser



This year's "OI' Skool 2 Nu Skool Contest to go with the theme of the Scholarship Fundraiser was a tre- evening. mendous success. trip for two to Las Vegas was an- Memorial Scholarship Fund. nounced. This year to add to the fun, THZ had a "Best Dressed"

The Ol' Skool Fundraiser There were committee would like to thank the many in attendance and fun was chapter for their continued support had by all. The event was held at of this event. The committee has the Forum Caterer's in Baltimore, worked hard to make sure that eve-Maryland on Saturday, November ryone in attendance had a night to 18th. There were door prizes, a remember. Proceeds from this func-50/50 raffle and the winner of the tion to benefit the Sharon K. Harvey



YOUTH ON THE MOVE: Zeta Youth Auxiliaries



The THZ Youth Auxiliary kicked off the 2006-2007 year with an Informational held on Sunday September 17th. It was followed by the Youth Induction Ceremony held on Sunday, October 15th were three Archonettes, 5 Amicettes, and 3 Pearlettes were pinned and given their youth manuals and membership cards.

The November meeting was dedicated to recognizing President Ellen Johnson-Sirleaf, who is the

first elected woman President of Liberia. The discussion focused around the national importance of this accomplishment & how it is inspiring young women. The Pearlettes made cards and the Amicettes & Archonettes wrote letters. The young ladies also brought canned foods for donation to the Bea Gaddy Foundation Thanksgiving Efforts.

In December, the young ladies will recognize those less fortunate

by donating Christmas gifts to kids in the Interrim House Shelter.

After the new year, the youth will begin preparation for the Finer Womanhood Observance Luncheon & will have their retreat/sleep over on February 9-10th. They will also participate in a hat & glove drive for a local group home. For additional information on the youth activities, please contact Soror Clark at cclark@zphib-thz.org.

Youth News Give these young ladies a hand!!

ARCHONETTES

K'Trese Avery– Atlantic Region Archonette President
Tierra Hicks is starting drivers school
Chelsea Johnson is on the school step team
Tarsah Barnwell just joined the swim team
Tiara Williams– Elected as Top Teen Area II President
Parris Rohoblt is on the Principal Select List
Morgan Murray is on the volleyball & basketball teams

AMICETTES

Kayla Lee is on the EDRECO & Baltimore Co. Parks & Recreation basketball team

Llauryn Hicks is on the volleyball team

Bria Holman is participating in her school's Christmas program

Breanna Hicks is a new Amicette

Rodneisha Johnson played on a championship basketball team and is a junior Girl Scout

Kamaria Dingle has perfect attendance in school and plays the clarinet in the school band

Breon Ben is a new Amicette

PEARLETTES

Tae'la Jones is on the cheerleading squad
Kayla Clark tests for her Karate yellow belt in February
Azariah Torain is excelling at her piano lessons
Alexandra Alston will begin swim lessons & soccer this month
Allison Alston will begin swim lessons & soccer this month

Look who made the HONOR ROLL





Archonettes & Advisor, Soror McArthur-Jones



THZ's Pearlettes





Amicettes & Advisors, Soror Collazo-Dingle & Soror Clark

Tau Eta Zeta Times



Sisterly Sudoku

	8		3		4		7	
5	7			6			8	1
5 3		7	9		8	6		2
		9				7		
8		2	7		5	3		4
8 4	2			8			3	6
	1		5		3		4	

This Sudoku is ranked EASY

To solve:

- Every row of 9 numbers MUST include all numbers from 1-9
- Every column of 9 numbers MUST include all numbers from 1-9
- Every 3 X 3 box MUST include all numbers 1-9

(Contact newsletter@zphib-thz.org for the solution to this puzzle)

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PRAY FOR ONE ANOTHER

Please keep the following sorors and their families in your prayers:

Past Grand Dr. Eunice Thomas & Family Yolanda Jackson & Family Michelle Donnell Hyacinth & Jasper Tucker Kimberly Whitaker & Family Cheryl Harrison-Murray & Family Jackie Knight & Family

The Amen Corner



"Now then, we are ambassadors for Christ as though God were pleading through us: we implore you on Christ's behalf, be reconciled to God."

2 Corinthians 5:20

Please remember that if anyone is in need of prayer, or you just need a sisterly ear to listen, you can contact our chapter's Chaplin Soror Tiffany Cutler at (410)258-3304

THE SISTER TO SISTER PRAYER CIRCLE MEETS BEFORE **EVERY CHAPTER MEETING FROM 4:15-4:45PM**

~ May God Bless You and Keep You ~

Did YOU know???

On December 11, 1872, P.B.S. Pinchback became the 1st African American governor of a state. That state was Louisiana.



Congratulations Sorors



GRADUATIONS, PROMOTIONS & AWARDS

Soror Wendy Morton was promoted to Detective with the Baltimore PD.

On September 15th, Soror Lisa Nixon received a Volunteer Service Award from the MD Dept. of Public Safety & Correctional Services.



BIRTH ANNOUNCEMENTS

On September 28th, Soror Dionis Mason & Bro. Jonathan Mason welcomed their new baby boy, Jonathan Andrew Mason, Jr. He was 7 lbs. 15 oz. & 20 ½ inches long.

On November 8th, Soror Regina O'Neal gave birth to a healthy baby boy. His name is Cameron Joseph O'Neal

Congratulations to Soror Latasha Gresham–James & her husband Edward on their new little bundle of joy.

Zeta Spotlight



December's "Zeta Spotlight" has landed on Soror Camelia Clark. She became a Zeta at the University of Pittsburg. Soror Clark graduated with a Bachelor's degree in Psychology with a minor in Chemistry. She wanted to become a member of Zeta Phi Beta Sorority, Inc. because she had heard so many wonderful things about the sorority from her mother, who is also a Zeta lady. Outside of Zeta, Soror Clark is an active member of Union Bethel A.M.E. Church. One of her many positions at Union Bethel is that of the Church School Superintendent. A few other activities include but are not limited to Kappa Alpha Psi Fraternity Eastern Province Silhouette Chaplin and participating in the Sinai Hospital NICU Parents Support Group.

For the future, Soror Clark plans to keep working in the service of the Lord. She is also the mother to Kayla Ann and the wife of a busy Kappa man.



"To God be the Glory for great things he has done"

"My help comes from the LORD, the Maker of the heaven and earth"

Happy Birthday Sorors!



October

15~ Katina Fox 18~ Vernese Henson 26~Jackie Knight 26~Nichelle Scarborough

November

(no birthday's this month)

December

4~ Dionis Mason 12~Yolanda Jackson 14~ ShaQuetta Nottage 26~Camelia Clark

Fall Zeta Anniversaries

Soror Kimberly Whitaker (20 years)

Soror Lesa JeanPierre (15 years)

Soror Hyacinth Tucker (13 years)

Soror Tamara Harris (9 years)

Soror Katrina Debnam (7 years)

THZ's First Initiate's 3 Shades of Blue (2 years)



Important Reminders for THZ Sorors:

- ◆ Sorors, You can start paying dues for next fiscal year in January. If you make payments of \$32.50 from January through October you will be financial. Remember, every little bit helps!! (Tamias)
- Sorors who have made partial payments—all outstanding monies need to be received by the Tamias—Grammateus by December 19th. If you have any questions, please contact Soror Lisa Nixon.
- All nominations for Zeta of the Year &
 Teacher of the Year are due by January 15,
 2007. Please submit all nominations to Soror
 Camelia Clark



- Remember to purchase tickets for our Finer Womanhood Luncheon on March 24th. The cost is \$40. See Soror Clark for more details.
- ◆ The Sister To Sister Prayer Circle meets before EVERY chapter meeting, 4:15-4:45pm
- Sorors, please make every effort to attend scheduled chapter functions, your support is needed to continue our chapter's success!!
- Please check the "Communicator" and our chapter's website for updates and information.
- Remember that all newsletter submissions are due the FIRST Friday of each month.

Schedule of Events 2007

- January 16th

 Founder's Day
- January 21st
 Amicae Invitational,

 6pm, Kappa House
- January 28th- "Heart for the Homeless Clothing Drive", 4pm

 War Memorial Plaza, Downtown Baltimore
- February 18th- Spring Invitational, Location: TBA
- February 25th
 – Finer Womanhood
 Worship Service, 11am, Union Bethel
 A.M.E. Church
- March 17th

 Pamper Party Location: TBA
- March 24th

 Finer Womanhood

 Luncheon, 11am, La Fountaine Bleu

 Glen Burnie, MD (Cost \$40)



December 2006

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
					1	2
3	4	5	6	7	8	9 Amicae Luncheon
10	11	12	13	14	15 Fall Informational/ Social Night	16
17 Chpt Meeting/ Holiday Party	18	19	20	21	22	23
24	25 Christmas	26	27	28	29	30
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