

# THE B-MORE ZETA TIMES

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Members of THZ turned out strong for the chapter's Heart for the Homeless Drive.

## THZ shows Heart for Homeless

Members of Tau Eta Zeta gathered at the War Memorial Plaza in Downtown Baltimore Sunday, January 29 for the Heart for the Homeless clothing drive.

The event was a resounding success, with more than 20 large bags of warm clothing donated to the homeless.

"I think this event was a great example of how even a chapter with small numbers can affect a large community," said Soror Katrina Debnam, chairperson of the Community Ser-

vice committee. "We solicited garments from our fathers, uncles, cousins, husbands, and co-workers to make this winter season a little more bearable for the homeless men, women, and children of Baltimore City. Words can not express the gratitude that was shown to us during this event."

In all, approximately 50 people, men and women, walked away with coats, sweaters, pants, T-shirts, and other garments. Remaining clothing was donated to the Karis Home and the Baltimore Rescue Mission.

## THZ member blazes legal trails

THZ member Soror Wanda A. Claiborne, CMP, has recently been elected President of the Chesapeake Chapter of the Professional Convention Management Association.

Wanda has also received the following awards and certificates from the National Association of Bar Executives:

- Dedicated Service as Chair of the Meetings, Seminars & Events Forum
- Partners in Success Award
- Outstanding Service Award as outgoing member of the Board of Directors

Wanda is also serving as "Class Mom" for the second grade at Emmanuel Lutheran School (where her sons London and Alonzo attend), and serves as Chairperson of THZ's Foundation and History Committees.

On April 3, 2006, Wanda will celebrate her 20<sup>th</sup> anniversary at the Maryland State Bar Association. She is the first African-American to hold a Director position at the Bar.



# Membership activities continue

With a new year comes new growth.

Tau Eta Zeta is now working on its Spring 2006 line.

The 2006 Invitational is scheduled for Sunday, February 19, immediately following chapter meeting. All Sorors are asked to attend. Please be mindful that all participants must be Membership Intake Process certified.

The ladies chosen for this new line are:

- Davita Alston**
- Timeka Dickens**
- Michelle Franklin**
- Rachel Simmons**
- Felicea Thomas**
- Katina Fox**
- Sallamar Worrell**

Interviews are scheduled for Monday, February 20 at 5 p.m., at Soror



*Ladies interested in Zeta take time to smile for the camera. The 2006 Invitational is scheduled for Sunday, February 19.*

Harris' home.

All sorors are encouraged to attend.

For more information on Membership and Un-

dergraduate activities, please contact Sorors La Toya Tittle or Kimberly Whitaker.

If you know of any

women interested in joining Zeta, please submit their contact information to Soror Tittle at [ltittle@zphib-thz.org](mailto:ltittle@zphib-thz.org).

# Finer Womanhood 2006 coming up

Activities for the Tau Eta Zeta Finer Womanhood celebration are just around the corner.

Events are scheduled to kick off 11 a.m., Sunday, February 26 with a worship service at Rebirth Ministries, where Soror Tiffani Smith is the impending First Lady. All chapter members are encouraged to be seated by 10:45 a.m., wearing uninterrupted white with their chapter stoles.

The church is located at 8101 LaSalle Rd., in Baltimore. To get to the church, take 695 toward Towson to Loch Raven Blvd. Exit and make a right at Joppa Rd., then make a left at LaSalle Rd. Drive across Putty Hill Ave., and Loch Raven Academy will be on the left, across from Calvert Hall College.

Wednesday, March 22, the chapter will participate in a Z-HOPE forum hosted by the THZ Community Service committee, "Raising Kids in a Fattening World." Come join us for enlightening conversation along with healthy meals and snacks.

The Third Annual Finer Womanhood Luncheon is set for March 25 at the Pikesville Hilton Hotel from 11 a.m.-2 p.m. Tickets are \$35, and can be purchased from anyone on the Finer Womanhood Committee. The theme for the event is Changing Lives, Creating Opportunity and Cultivating Alliances.

A fun-filled program has been planned for this observance. We are



asking chapter sorors to wear cream or white along with the chapter stoles if you have one. A chapter photo will be taken.

Anyone who has a nomination for Zeta of the Year or the Community Service award should get their nominations to Soror Camelia Clark at [cclark@zphib-thz.org](mailto:cclark@zphib-thz.org) as soon as possible.

Following the luncheon, Sunday, March 26, the chapter will participate in the Adopt-A-Highway clean-up program.

For more information on Finer Womanhood programs or to participate on the committee, please contact Soror Clark.

# Notable Notes

February 1-19  
Z-HOPE Toiletry Drive

February 18  
Movie Night

February 19  
Chapter meeting  
Membership Invitational

February 24-25  
Youth Auxiliary Sleepover

February 26  
Worship Service at New Birth Ministries

March 1  
Community Service meeting  
Scholarship applications due

March 10-11  
Maryland State Leadership Conference

March 19  
Chapter meeting

March 22  
Z-HOPE: Raising Kids in a Fattening World

March 25  
Finer Womanhood Luncheon

March 26  
Adopt-A-Highway

April 30  
March of Dimes Walk-A-Thon

## Youth auxiliaries prep for sleepover

The Archonettes & Amicettes of Tau Eta Zeta are gearing up for a fun-filled sleepover during the weekend of February 24-25 at the Chase Suites in Cockeysville. The youth are also preparing for their participation on the Third Annual Finer Womanhood Luncheon.

The weekend will include movies, games, and an indepth "ask what u want rap session."

The weekend will conclude at Arundel Mills Mall, where the

Pearlettes will join us. If any chapter soror would like to join us on either day please contact Soror Camelia Clark at cclark@zphib-thz.org.

We would like to welcome Soror McKinley's niece, a very excited Aisha, to the Amicettes.

## Chapter kicks off toiletry drive

The Tau Eta Zeta toiletry drive is now underway.

From now until Sunday, March 19, the Community Service committee will be collecting personal care items, which will be donated to a local women's shelter. This is part of a larger project started by the State of Maryland.

The State is collecting items to donate emergency packs to the Sexual Assault/Spousal Abuse Resource Center. All emergency packs should brought to the 2006 Maryland State Leadership Conference. The Zeta or Amicae who donates the largest amount of emergency packs will receive a gift from the Maryland State Director during the Awards Luncheon. Chapters will also be acknowledged for their contributions to this project as well.

Items needed include:

- Washcloths**
- Toothpaste (travel size)**
- Toothbushes (travel size)**
- Bars of soap or body wash (travel size)**
- Hand sanitizer (travel size)**
- Deodorant (travel size)**
- Mouthwash (travel size)**



Soror LaToya Tittle will also be hosting movie night in her home Saturday, February 18 to support this drive. The event is open to everyone who brings a toiletry item. For more information, contact her at (443) 315-8652.

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

## Don't Forget!

Volunteers are needed for the Amicae and Ol' Skool to Nu Skool committees. All interested sorors should contact Soror Tamara Harris at [zetadoll@zphib-thz.org](mailto:zetadoll@zphib-thz.org).



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 [wyjackson@netzero.net](mailto:wyjackson@netzero.net).

The March 1 deadline for THZ's first scholarship drive is rapidly approaching. Please encourage all eligible high school seniors to apply. For more information, contact Soror Rhonda Lawson at [rlawson@zphib-thz.org](mailto:rlawson@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 web site 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.



Soror Dionis Mason smiles with her mother, Amicae Beatrice Young. For more information on the Zeta Amicae, contact Soror Tamara Harris at [zetadoll@zphib-thz.org](mailto:zetadoll@zphib-thz.org).

## Happy Birthday!

Soror Caridad Morales Nussa - February 4  
 Soror Shani Brown - February 14  
 Soror Deanna Hairston - February 15  
 Soror Latasha Gresham-James - February 22

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.



## Visions of Blue and White

*Members of THZ gather for a photo after the Statewide Joint Founders Day program, which was held at the Pikesville Hilton Saturday, January 21. Sorors from all over the state gathered for fun and fellowship at the event. Soror Tamara Harris also awarded Soror Rhonda Lawson the Arizona Cleaver-Stemons Humanitarian Award.*

# Boule 2006 set for Fort Lauderdale

Zeta Phi Beta's 85th Anniversary Grand Boule is set for July 20-26 at the Westin Diplomat Resort and Spa in Fort Lauderdale, Fla.

This Boule, hosted by the Southeastern Region, promises to be one of excitement, camaraderie and enjoyment as we come together in Hollywood, Fla. to convene the Boule of the Blazing Sun and the Burning Sands.

Early conference registration ends April 1, but sorors are encouraged to begin booking their rooms at the Westin as early as Friday, February 17. Hotel rates start at \$159 per night for single and double occupancy. To get

this rate, you must indicate that you are attending the 85th Grand Boule, or are with Zeta Phi Beta Sorority. For more information on the hotel, visit [www.diplomatresort.com](http://www.diplomatresort.com), or call (954) 602-6000.

Cut-off date for reservations is June 21. Cancellations must be done at least 24 hours in advance. If the hotel sells out, the hotel is contractually bound to place all conference attendees on a waiting list before referring you to another hotel.



Registration for this year's boule starts at \$400 for Graduates and Amicae, and \$370 for Undergrads. After April 1, registration will go up to \$475 for Grads.

Events this year include health and fitness sessions, a step show competition, a concert, and a host of leadership workshops. For more information on Boule, contact Soror Kimberly Smith-Tann, the National Director of Conventions and Special Events at (856) 414-0888 or e-mail her at [kastann@aol.com](mailto:kastann@aol.com).

# MD State Conference set for March

The Maryland State Leadership Conference is scheduled for Friday, March 10 and Saturday, March 11.

The event will take place at the Pikesville Hilton, located at 1726 Reisterstown Road in Pikesville, Md.

Registration is \$85 for Graduates and Amicae and \$75 for Undergrads, and must be postmarked by March 4. There will be no

on-site registration.

Registration can be paid by money order, chapter check, cashier's check, or certified check. Make payments payable to Zeta Phi Beta Sorority, Inc. - State of Maryland, and mail to:  
**Zeta Phi Beta Sorority, Inc. - State of MD**  
**ATTN: Lisa M. Nixon,**  
**State Tamias-Grammateus**  
**3513 Melody Lane**  
**Baltimore, MD 21244**

This year, the body will be voting for all State offices. To nominate someone for a State position, download a nomination form, which was e-mailed by State Director Soror Jacqueline McNair, or contact Soror Winona Taylor, the Chair of Nominations. Before forwarding nominations to her, be sure that the chapter basileus has signed the form.

More information on the State meeting is forthcoming.



## Announcements

**K**ayla Ann Clark, daughter of Soror Camelia Clark, was promoted to the highest group at her school, The Union Bethel A.M.E. Child Learning Center. Her reading, word recognition and math skills have excelled. Praise be to God for her strong development as this child was three months premature and once thought to have been developmentally delayed. This newly turned 4-year-old will also be doing the prayer for the 8 a.m. worship service in March.

**A**micette Tiara Williams, daughter of Soror Tamara Harris, celebrated her 14th birthday February 8. Please be sure to wish her a happy birthday!

**S**oror Rhonda Lawson will be participating with the Divine Literary Tour in D.C. with the U.S. Department of Agriculture Black History Fair from 10

a.m. - 1 p.m., February 16. The tour will also stop at Gladys Knight and Ron Winans Chicken and Waffles from 6-9 p.m., February 17, and Urban Knowledge Bookstore in Laurel, MD February 18 from 5-7 p.m. She has also been nominated for Cush City's Best new Author. To cast a vote for her, go to [www.cushcity.com](http://www.cushcity.com) and click on Best New Author award, and follow the instructions.

**C**ongratulations to Soror Lesa Jean Pierre for her new job working the Zora Neale Hurston Foundation. She now works with esteemed author and educator Marita Golden.

**C**ongratulations are also due to the sorors of Zeta Phi Beta Sorority, Inc., Sigma Nu Zeta Chapter, in New York City, who recently launched their new website, [www.zphibsnz.org](http://www.zphibsnz.org). They've also organized a new Stork's Nest program at North General Hospital in Harlem.

## THZ looks to reclaim floating sorors

February 26 kicks off a month-long celebration in honor of Zeta's Finer Womanhood Observation.

One of the goals for the Finer Womanhood Observation is to reclaim sorors who have been out of the fold for more than two years. The greatest celebration for THZ will be the number of reclaims that have recommitted to the sorority.

If you know of sorors who have been inactive for more than two years, please forward their names to Soror Lesley Hall, Reclamation Chair, at [lhallz@zphib-thz.org](mailto:lhallz@zphib-thz.org).

## Congratulations, Frat, for winning the Superbowl:

Charles Batch - Steelers #16, Quarterback  
Spring 1996, Zeta Epsilon Chapter,  
Eastern Michigan University

Vernon Hayes - Steelers #34, Halfback  
Spring 1999, Zeta Nu Chapter,  
University of Georgia

Deshea Townsend - Steelers #26, Cornerback  
Fall 1995, Theta Delta Chapter,  
University of Alabama @ Tuscaloosa

Hines Ward - Steelers #86,  
Wide Receiver & Most Valuable Player  
Fall 1996, Zeta Nu Chapter,  
University of Georgia

Willie Williams - Steelers #27, Left Cornerback  
Spring 1990, Pi Mu Chapter,  
Western Carolina University

Joey Porter - Steelers #55, Right Outside Linebacker  
Spring 2000, Nu Xi Chapter,  
Colorado State University @ Fort Collins

## 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.**

Remember thy word to thy servant, in which thou hast made me hope.  
This is my comfort in my affliction that thy promise gives me life.  
Godless men utterly deride me, but I do not turn away from thy law.  
When I think of thy ordinances from of old, I take comfort, O LORD.

Psalms 119:49-52