

Zeta Phi Beta Sorority, Inc — Tau Eta Zeta Chapter

Tau Eta Zeta Times

Baltimore City, Maryland
“Zeta’s Educating for Total Awareness”



Walking to Fight Birth Defects: Tau Eta Zeta Chapter participates in WalkAmerica with the March of Dimes!!

On Sunday April 29th, Tau Eta Zeta Chapter joined thousands as they walked in an effort to fight birth defects. The chapter was excited that many youth auxiliary members participated.

Zeta Phi Beta Sorority, Inc. has a long history of supporting the March of Dimes by establishing “Stork’s Nest’s”, mentoring young

mothers and donating funds to fight pre-mature births.

Tau Eta Zeta Chapter members and Youth raised over \$1,600 for WalkAmerica and showed up in numbers to show further support. A special kudos goes to Soror Leonard who raised \$520. The walk is over but it’s not too late to make a donation.

For more information about the March of Dimes or to make a donation, please visit them on the web at www.marchofdimes.com.

The chapter would like to thank everyone for supporting such a worthy cause.

Special points of interest:

- “O’l’ Skool 2 Nu Skool” Scholarship Fundraiser
- Cabaret “Zeta” Style
- Zeta Amicae
- Rock N Bowl

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Left: Tau Eta Zeta Chapter Members after completing the walk.



Below: Tau Eta Zeta Chapter Members and Youth Auxiliary members after the walk.



*Zeta Phi Beta Sorority, Inc. & the March of Dimes
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Community Volunteerism: Z-Pack It Up!!

The community service committee of Tau Eta Zeta chapter is always busy doing service for the community in the name of Zeta. The committee has just completed the chapter's annual school supply drive, Z-PACK IT UP. This drive is conducted in an effort to collect school supplies for students at Baltimore City Public schools. All items collected were donated to Montebello Elementary/Junior Academy.

A new project the chapter will be participating in this year, is volunteering at Our Daily Bread. Our Daily Bread is a program that provides hot meals to hungry Baltimore residents year round. Sorority members will help by serving meals to those in need. In con-

junction with volunteering for Our Daily Bread, the chapter will be holding a "Donation Drive" from September 17th-October 21st. The items collected will be donated to Our Daily Bread as part of the overall volunteer experience.

The community service committee would also like to say "Thank You" to Soror Katrina Debnam who ended her term as committee chair in June. Under the guidance of Soror Debnam the committee has accomplished great things and looks forward to continuing the legacy of outstanding community service.

For more information on upcoming community service events, please contact Celere Leonard at cleonard@zphib-thz.org.



Soror Leonard with staff and students of Montebello Elementary/Junior Academy.



Amicae Committee: Moving in the Right Direction

On April 15th, the Amicae committee hosted their Spring Invitational. Amica Beatrice Young gave a heart warming speech about the sisterly ways in which the Amicae support Zeta Phi Beta Sorority, Inc. The Zeta Amicae Committee is still accepting names for those ladies interested in joining this dedicated group of women. Currently the fee to join is \$150.

If you or someone you know would like more information on the Zeta Amicae of Tau Eta Zeta chapter, please contact Tamara Harris or

Yolanda Jackson at thz_amicae@zphib-thz.org.



L to R: Soror McArthur, her mother and daughter (Pearlette) at the Amicae Invitational

Zeta Trivia!!

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

“This soror is the FIRST woman & African American to hold the position of Director of the Office of NOAA Corps Operations and the NOAA Commissioned Corps”

(First & Last Name)

Answer to last issues question:

The National Stork's Nest Director is Evelyn Brown



A Message from Tau Eta Zeta's newly elected President: Lisa M. Nixon

Greetings to the talented and exceptional sorors of Tau Eta Zeta chapter! I pray that everyone had a wonderful, relaxing summer. I know everyone is excited about the upcoming year. As we embark on this new sorority year, I foresee nothing but phenomenal things in store for us. I pray that all of our scholarship fundraisers exceed our expectations, Finer Womanhood month be more uplifting than ever and our membership continues to grow. I encourage all sorors to get involved and be committed. As usual, we have a full calendar this year but that has never scared the ladies of Tau Eta. I will be calling on many of you to "step up to the plate". Let's continue the vision that started this energetic chapter and set new trends in Zeta.

*Yours in Zeta,
Lisa M. Nixon*



*Lisa M. Nixon, newly elected President of
Tau Eta Zeta Chapter*



Chapter Officers for 2007-2008

President- Lisa M. Nixon
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"Keepin It Fresh" Cabaret Zeta Style!!



*L to R: Sorors Lucas & Arnold smile
for the camera*

It was a good time to dance the night away at the "Keepin' It Fresh" Cabaret Zeta Style on Saturday, June 23rd. The lovely ladies of Tau Eta Zeta have done it again by hosting a fun filled scholarship fundraiser. The proceeds of this event will benefit a newly established scholarship. In May of this year, the chapter established the Tamara D. Harris Scholarship in honor of the chapters first president. The scholarship will benefit eligible college students as they embark on their journey toward higher education. The cabaret committee did a won-



*L to R: Sorors Jackson & Knight show
their best moves on the dance floor*

derful job of making sure this event was well planned and executed, they are to be commended. The next big scholarship event is the "Ol Skool to Nu Skool" Fundraiser on November 17th, from 8pm-1am at the Forum Caters in Baltimore, MD. For more information about this event, please see the flyer on page 6 of this newsletter.

Bowling in the name of Scholarship

It was an evening of fun as the Baltimore Area National Pan-Hellenic Council (NPHC) hosted it's annual "Rock N Bowl". The event took place at AMF Lanes in Woodlawn, Maryland on Saturday May 19th. Tau Eta Zeta chapter regularly supports the Baltimore Area NPHC and applauds their efforts.

This event was held in an effort to raise funds for scholarships provided by the council as well as foster unity between all member organizations of the National Pan-Hellenic Council. For more information on the National Pan-Hellenic Council visit them on the web at www.nphcq.org



Tau Eta Zeta Chapter members at the 2007 "Rock N' Bowl" sponsored by the Baltimore area NPHC

Membership Committee



Tau Eta Zeta Chapter members



Guests of the chapter who attended

The membership committee of Tau Eta Zeta Chapter hosted a "Getting to Know You" event at Ruby Tuesdays near Johns Hopkins University on Friday April 20th. Chapter members were present to speak with interested ladies about the wonderful sisterhood of Zeta Phi Beta Sorority, Inc.

The membership committee works year round to host events that allow ladies in the Baltimore community to become familiar with the sorority and the work that we do. In addition, the committee encourages sorors who may not belong to a chapter to come home to Zeta.

This year the committee has brought back the award of "Zeta of the Month", which is awarded

to a soror who has demonstrated going above and beyond the call of duty in the name of Zeta. (Zeta of the Month Award Recipients are listed in the "Special Recognition" section of the newsletter).

Currently, the committee is planning events for the fall so check the chapter calendar at www.zphib-thz.org for updates. For more information about the membership committee, please contact La Toya Tittle at membership@zphib-thz.org.



Spring 2007's Service Project: The Phenomenal Woman "Chat N Chew"

Tau Eta Zeta's newest members, Spring 2007 organized and planned an outstanding service project for the ladies of the Innterim House.

The Innterim House is a safe haven for women and children. Residents are assisted with moving forward after experiencing set backs in life.

On May 23rd, the Phenomenal Woman "Chat N Chew" took place and proved to be a motivational and education event. Soror Vonda Holman-Carter was the guest speaker for this occasion. Soror Holman-Carter exemplified finer woman-

hood as she inspired everyone with her words of encouragement and lessons on loving yourself, loving others and being a true friend. There were also exercises on building self-esteem, self image and self awareness.

At the conclusion of the event ,the ladies of Spring 2007 presented the residents of the Innterim House with toiletries they collected through a toiletry drive.

Many thanks and kudos go to Soror Holman-Carter for her dynamic and uplifting presentation & to the ladies of Spring 2007. (The Ladies of Spring 2007 are Sorors Keisha Bownes, Tia Boyd, Stacey Brown, & Leshawn Law-Moy).

Spring 2007 would like to say "Thank You" to everyone for their support and encouragement.



Sorors Vonda Holman-Carter & Katrina Debnam



(L to R) Sorors Law-Moy, Bownes & Brown at the Innterim House.



Standing L to R: Sorors Keisha Bownes & Stacey Brown

Christians- By Maya Angelou

When I say... "I am a Christian"
I'm not shouting "I'm clean livin'."
I'm whispering "I was lost,
Now I'm found and forgiven."

When I say... "I am a Christian"
I don't speak of this with pride.
I'm confessing that I stumble
and need Christ to be my guide.

When I say... "I am a Christian"
I'm not trying to be strong.
I'm professing that I'm weak
And need His strength to carry on.

When I say... "I am a Christian"
I'm not bragging of success.
I'm admitting I have failed
And need God to clean my mess.

When I say... "I am a Christian"
I'm not claiming to be perfect,
My flaws are far too visible
But, God believes I am worth it.

When I say... "I am a Christian"
I still feel the sting of pain.
I have my share of heartaches
So I call upon His name.

When I say... "I am a Christian"
I'm not holier than thou,
I'm just a simple sinner
Who received God's good grace,
somehow!

(Submitted by Soror Harris)

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GRADUATIONS, PROMOTIONS &
SPECIAL RECOGNITION

*On April 4th Soror Yolanda Jackson and her husband Jack Jackson celebrated 9 years of wedded bliss. Congratulations!!

*Soror Mason would also like to announce that Jonathan Jr. affectionately known as Andrew is crawling and standing up.

*On May 18, 2007 Soror Felecia Thomas received her MS in Criminal Justice Administration from Coppin State University.

*Soror Boyd's son, Deondre started preschool this fall and he was Student of the Week.



ENGAGEMENT ANNOUNCEMENT

Soror Timeka Dickens was engaged to Carlton Burns on Saturday April 21, 2007 at her home in Northeast Baltimore. The native Baltimoreans are planning a wedding for July 27, 2008.



BIRTH ANNOUNCEMENT

On August 30th, Soror Katina Fox gave birth to a precious baby boy named Jayden.

Zeta Spotlight



The Zeta Spotlight for the month of September has landed on Soror Dionis A. Mason. A native Baltimorean, Soror Mason is a dynamic soror that has accomplished much in Zeta and in the community as a whole. The first in her family to graduate from college, she holds a BS in Criminal Justice from Lincoln Univ. where she was a member of Alpha Kappa Delta (Sociology Honor Society) & an MS in Criminal Justice from Coppin State College where she was a member of the Circulus Scholarum Honor Society. Once a Parole & Probation Agent for the city of Baltimore, Soror Mason is now an independent Senior Consultant for "Tastefully Simple". Though Soror Mason currently resides in New Jersey, she is a very active member of Tau Eta Zeta Chapter. She serves on the Handbook Committee and supports various chapter events throughout the year.

Her desire to become a Zeta came from the love she had in her heart for Zeta. She is a charter member of Tau Eta Zeta Chapter and was the chapter's first recipient of the "Zeta of the Year" Award.

Despite her busy schedule, Soror Mason is a very devoted wife, mother, daughter, friend and soror who strives to become a better Christian with each passing day.

Favorite Quote:

"Dance like no one is watching, love like you'll never hurt, sing like no one is watching and live like it's heaven on earth."

- William Purkey



Pictured with Soror Mason are her husband Bro. Jonathan Mason Sr. & son, Jonathan Jr.

Happy Birthday Sorors!



April

- 5~ Monika Dillard & Tonya Hall
- 15~ Keisha Bownes
- 18~ Regina O'Neal
- 23~ Tequilla McArthur-Jones
- 30~ Hyacinth Tucker

May

- 5~ LeaAndra Faulkner
- 19~ Wendy Morton & Tia Boyd
- 26~ Cynceray Washington & Leshawn Law-Moy

June

- 2~ Tiffani R. Cutler
- 25~ Helen Dunkley

July

- 3~ Michele Franklin
- 4~ Christina Debnam
- 24~ Tamara Toles-Torain
- 29~ Liset Collazo-Dingle

August

- 4~ Timeka Dickens
- 15~ Vanessa Arnold
- 21~ Kimberly Whitaker
- 24~ Vonda Holman
- 30~ Celere Leonard

September

- 12~ Michelle Hurdle
- 14~ Tamara Harris
- 15~ Monica Williams
- 23~ Lisa Nixon
- 25~ Katrina Debnam

Zeta Anniversaries

Soror Yolanda Jackson-May 1986
(21 years)

Soror Dionis Mason- May 2001
(6 years)

Critical Condition-May 2005
(2 years)

Sisterly Sudoku

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						6		2
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3	7			1	9			4
	2		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)

PRAY FOR ONE ANOTHER

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

Bro. & Soror Mason & Family
 Jackie Knight & Family
 Hyacinth & Jasper Tucker
 Kimberly Whitaker & Family
 Cheryl Harrison-Murray & Family

Did YOU know???

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The Amen Corner



"But let all those that put their trust in thee rejoice: let them ever shout for joy, because thou defendest them: let them also that love thy name be joyful in thee"

Psalms 5:11

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 Camelia Clark at (410)292-8719

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

~ May God Bless You and Keep You ~

Important Reminders for THZ Sorors:



- ◆ We are accepting dues for fiscal year '07-'08. You may pay your dues by monthly installments. For the exact amount of dues for the 07-08 fiscal year please check the “Sorors Only” section of the chapter’s website or contact Katrina Debnam at kdebnam@zphib-thz.org.
- ◆ All nominations for Zeta of the Month are due the FIRST FRIDAY of each month. Please send nominations to Soror Celere Leonard.
- ◆ 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.
- ◆ Remember that your support is needed for the “OI Skool 2 Nu Skool” Scholarship fundraiser.

September 2007

Schedule of Events September 2007

- **Sept. 15th-** Budget & Finance, 5pm
- **Sept. 15th-** Membership Meeting, 7pm
- **Sept. 16th-** Youth Informational, 3pm: Location- Kappa House
- **Sept. 16th-** Chapter Meeting, 5pm
- **Sept. 16th-** “Donation Drive” for Our Daily Bread Begins
- **Sept. 30th-** Youth Outing (Baltimore Book Festival) 11am-2pm



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9	10	11 Executive Board 7pm	12	13	14	15 Budget & Finance & Membership
16 Chapter Meeting 5pm	17	18 Amicae Committee 7pm	19	20	21	22
23	24	25 Scholarship Committee 7pm	26	27	28	29 Amicae “Mix & Mingle” 7pm
30 Youth Outing						



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