HAA NEWS

Houston Alumnae Association of Zeta Tau Alpha's Newsletter

NOVEMBER 2023

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

To my ZTA Sisters,

What a wonderful month we had in October! It was lovely to meet and mingle with many of our local sisters and sisters from other chapters at our various events. From Crucial Catch at the Texans game to our Founders' Day ritual with the Gamma Omega chapter to our Eat! Drink! Pink! event and then Pumpkin Carving at Taryn Hryc's home with a few of our ZTA children; it was a wonderful month with something for everyone!

As we enter November and this month of giving thanks, I want to thank **Allison, Kim, Angele, Renee**, and everyone on the fundraising team for their hard work on our luncheon. And a huge thank you to **Jenee** for her inspiring story and speech. I thought last year was wonderful, but this year's event blew me away. It takes a ton of effort to put on this event, but its impact makes it all worth it! If you are interested in helping out (on any level) with this event for next year, please reach out. We would love to have you, and I am already excited to start on next year's luncheon!

At our Founders' Day ritual celebrating 125 wonderful years of ZTA, we recited the creed "to prepare for service and learn the nobility of serving," which stuck with me as we will start the month with our first service event for the year. We will be working at the Arboretum on Saturday morning, November 11th. Please join us! It's a great way to mingle, give back, and get a good workout in, as well as some fresh air. More details can be found in our Evite invitations and information about other fun upcoming events.

I look forward to having fun with everyone this month as we kick off the holiday season!

See you all soon,



Heather WhitfieldPresident
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CLAIM YOUR CROWN

The HAA term has officially begun! Continue to **support HAA** by becoming a dues-paying member. With your membership, you get to enjoy Day/Night Gatherings, but also get exclusive access to Crown Connections such as Book Club, Ladies Dine Out, Sisters Who Sip (SWS), Service Projects, ZiesTA, and Social. Use the two-step process to the right to complete your membership renewal or <u>ztahouston.org/membership</u> for more information.

Two Step Process:

- 1) Click HERE to complete the Membership Form
- 2) Click HERE to Pay Your Dues and scroll to 'Become a Member'



Book Club Coordinator, Candy Bourgeois



Planning our 2024 Reading List, and we need your help! Send your book recommendations to Candy Bourgeois at bookclub@ztahouston.org **BEFORE Monday, November 27th**. You do not have to attend book club to participate. This is a great way to get involved and tell us about a few wonderful hidden book gems. Electronic voting opens up on December 1st!

We are looking for:

- Action and Adventure (crime dramas, mystery novels, fantasy)
- Beach Read (easy, breezy with vacation destination)
- Historical Fiction (real places and events as settings and plot points in a fictional story)
- Romance (good romantic comedy or enemies-to-lovers tale full of witty banter)
- Science Fiction (space travel and alternate realities to dystopian fiction and time travel)
- Nonfiction (real people, real events, real issues)
- Texas (fiction or nonfiction that gives us an impression of the Lone Star state)
- Sisters (has to have "sisters" in the title)
- Film Adaptation (book to movie)

TEXAS ZTA DAY 2024

Texas ZTA Day 2024 is returning to the Austin area for the first time in eight years! MARK YOUR CALENDARS for the evening of Friday, February 23, and Saturday, February 24, from 9 AM until 3 PM. Join us at beautiful <u>Southwestern University</u> (the oldest university in Texas!) in Georgetown, Texas, as we Honor Our ZTA (and Texas roots!) and Celebrate 125 Years of Sisterhood! More details (like hotel room block info!) to come! Registration begins in mid-October.

STAYING CONNECTED: SOCIAL MEDIA

Do you follow HAA on Facebook, Instagram? Don't miss the fun being had in our groups. Here are the links, just click the icons:

HAA uses Evites for invitations - download the app for details. Click



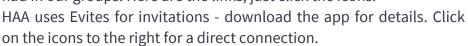
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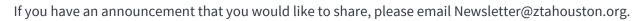


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Till the end of the year, all HAA events are open to ZTA's in the greater Houston area, then Crown Connection* events are member-only.



Sisters Who Sip*

Happening: Nov. 1st at 6 PM; see Evite for details.

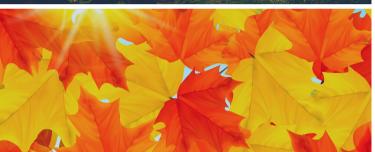
Happy Hour, sisters, and fun times - could you ask for anything else? Check out new bars and hot spots around Houston in this Crown Connection group.



Volunteer Event

Happening: **November 11th from 9 AM to Noon**; see Evite for details.

Let's volunteer at the Houston Abrouteum and give back to nature. This is open to friends and family, too!



Day Gathering

Happening: **November 14th at 11:30 AM**; see Evite for details.

Join or renew your HAA membership for all invitations to Ladies Dine Out, Sisters Who Sip, Book Club, ZiesTA, Social and so much more! See page 4 for more.



Night Gathering

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Book Club*

Happening: **November 15th at 6:30 PM**; see Evite for details.

Join this Crown Connection group for literary discussion as we dish on our latest read. Visit the website for all the books.



Ladies Dine Out*

Happening: **November 29th at 6:30 PM**; see Evite for details.

Test your taste buds with this Crown Connection group as we venture to new and exciting spots around Houston and try the most amazing food and cocktails.