# HAA NEWS

Houston Alumnae Association of Zeta Tau Alpha's Newsletter

#### **SEPTEMBER 2023**

### **PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE**

Dear Sisters,

I don't know about you, but I am so glad it wasn't 100 degrees this morning. This slightly cooler weather (for Houston) has me getting excited about all things fall, and that includes our upcoming gatherings, Crucial Catch, Founders' Day, and then, of course, our Eat! Drink! Pink! Luncheon in October.

Last month, I had the pleasure of attending a celebration at MD Anderson for their Morgan Welch IBC clinic. I don't have the words to explain how impactful it was both to see the efforts of our fundraising in action and to witness the gratitude of everyone at the clinic for our philanthropic efforts. It truly means so much to so many, and it left me fired up for our October event.

Also, thank you to those who were able to attend our recent Membership Drive. It was nice to be able to catch up with friends I have not been able to see in quite some time, as well as connect with new sisters. Zeta holds a special place in my heart, and I love sharing that with all of you. I encourage you to continue to connect and join in our sisterhood activities this year, whether it is through one of our crown connection events or one of the several sisterhood events we have planned. I know the fall can be full of packed schedules, but I hope to see you soon!

Zeta Love,



Heather Whitfield President president@ztahouston.org



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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'

# **Texans Crucial Catch Volunteers!**

President, Heather Whitfield





Courtney Boudreaux (Theta Eta, SFASU) will be our Texans Crucial Catch coordinator for the October 15th game. She is a member of the NASA Brazoria group. Each year, it is changing around. Below is the link to the Google form that alumni and collegians will use to volunteer. Please arrive at NRG by 8 AM, wear comfortable shoes since they will be standing for at least

4 hours, and wear a ZTA think pink shirt or any pink shirt. A link to the shirt has been provided in the Google form, but please note that you do not need to order the Think Pink shirt. HAA will also host a Founders' Day get-together with the collegiates from U of H for the afternoon; it will be a full day of activities. I'm hopeful I can see some of you at some or all of it! <u>Google Form here</u>.

### READ, READ, READ

Book Club Coordinator, Candy Bourgeois



Book Club is held on the 3rd Wednesday of the month. All HAA members are welcome to join us for dinner, beverages, and literary discussion! You do not have

to finish the book to join us. Please RSVP to the Evite so that we reserve enough room for you. Send your book suggestions for 2024 to Candy Bourgeois at bookclub@ztahouston.org.



**September 20** - 'The Fishermen & the Dragon: Fear, Greed, and a Fight for Justice on the Gulf Coast' by Kirk Wallace Johnson

**October 18** - 'A Good Girl's Guide to Murder' by Holly Jackson **November 15** - 'The Last Bookshop in Longon' by Madeline Martin

If you have an announcement that you would like to share, please email Newsletter@ztahouston.org.

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### **HELP GO'S KITCHEN GROW!**

Programming - Day; Angèle Wolk & Kim Clarke



HAA Day Gathering is kicking off the new term on September 12th! Enjoy your welldeserved lunch break by joining us at Mary Cooper's home at 11:30 AM for sisterhood, the latest HAA news, important calendar dates, upcoming events, and much more. It doesn't matter how long you've been away, it doesn't matter if you don't know

us yet, it doesn't matter if you are in yoga pants or professional attire- just COME. We cannot wait to meet you! Please bring a kitchen item for the Gamma Omega Chapter's updated kitchen space - their wishlist is included in your Evite. If class schedules permit, some of our collegians will join us to receive your gifts! Your RSVP



is appreciated, as a light lunch will be provided. Don't hesitate to contact Kim Clarke at (832) 723-3840 or Angèle Wolk at (713) 249-1528 with any questions. See you on the 12th!



### **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 on the icons to the right for a direct connection.

### **REST IN PEACE**

Zeta Tau Alpha is a lifetime of sisterhood and our sisters will remain with us always. Please see the information below about our departed sisters. If someone was missed, please email HAA.

Frances Bredthauer : Obituary







## **CHEERS WITH A CAUSE**

Panhellenic Delegate/President, Heather Whitfield



Don't forget to purchase your tickets for the Annual HAPF Wine Tasting on **October 6th**, 6-10 PM! This year marks 20 years of the Wine Tasting event, and we hope that you can join in the celebration! Contact Heather Whitfield or HAPA <http://www.houstonpanhellenic.org/hapf/wine\_tasting.htm> for more information regarding reservations.



### **MD ANDERSON LUNCHEON**

President, Heather Whitfield



Last month, **Heather Whitfield, Marcy Cann,** and **Jenee Bobbora** attended a celebration at MD Anderson in honor of reaching 1,000 patients on the registry for the Morgan Welch IBC Clinic. It was an impactful event, highlighting all

of the successes of the clinic as a result of the work and philanthropic efforts of a few key organizations, including the HAA chapter of ZTA. Since 2005, the HAA Chapter of ZTA has donated \$334,426.91 to MD Anderson. This also includes over \$189,000 directly to the Morgan Welch Inflammatory Breast Cancer Program and \$55,000 for the ZTA HAA Fellowship. Our donation for this fellowship funded the travel of Drs. Villodre, Hu, and Debeb to present their research at the San Antion Breast Cancer Symposium and AACR. It was a wonderful reminder of why we put in so much effort for our Think Pink Luncheon. Everyone was so grateful for our funding and all the work that our sisters have done. Thank you all.





### **NEW CROWNS**

Collegiate Recruitment Ambassador, Angèle Wolk



'Tis Recruitment Season, and Panhellenic sisterhoods throughout Texas have recently welcomed their newest members! Let's take a look at the number of New Members from Houston joining ZTA sisterhoods throughout Texas and neighboring states:

University of Texas at Austin (Kappa) - 1 Texas Tech University (Gamma Tau) - 3 Texas Christian University (Gamma Psi) - 1 Sam Houston State University (Delta Zeta) - 2 Stephen F. Austin State University (Theta Eta) - 3 University of Texas at Tyler (Lambda Sigma) - 1 Louisiana State University (Delta Kappa) - 5 University of Arkansas (Epsilon) - 2

Stay tuned for Recruitment results from the following Chapters:

University of Texas at El Paso (Gamma Gamma) University of North Texas (Gamma Phi) University of Houston (Gamma Omega) West Texas A&M University (Delta Eta) Lamar University (Delta Sigma) University of Texas at Arlington (Zeta Sigma) Texas A&M University at College Station (Theta Gamma) Texas State University (Theta Psi) University of Texas at San Antonio (Lambda Gamma) Texas A&M University at Corpus Christi (Lambda Delta) University of Alabama (Nu) University of Mississippi (Gamma Delta) University of Georgia (Gamma Pi) Oklahoma State University (Alpha Upsilon)

Please contact Angèle at (713) 249-1528 if you have any recruitment-related questions!

Photos:

Top - Bid Day at LSU! "Only the BEST sail ZTA" Bottom - Bid Day at SHSU! "ZLAM Dunk!"





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Think Pink<sup>®</sup> Fundraising Chair, Allison Poore

Don't miss out! Join us at **EAT.DRINK.PINK!** as we make a difference together and stand strong against breast cancer on October 20, 2023, at The Wynden on S. Post Oak Lane starting at 11 AM!

This event is dedicated to raising funds for breast cancer research, education, and awareness. Proceeds from this year's event benefit the Zeta Tau Alpha Foundation, the University of Texas MD Anderson Cancer Center Morgan Welch Inflammatory Breast Cancer Research Program and Clinic, and the Houston Alumnae Panhellenic Foundation. By attending, you will be contributing to the fight against this devastating disease that affects so many lives.

#### What to Expect:

- Jenee Bobbora, IBC Survivor and ZTA alumna is our Guest Speaker
- Anthony Yanez, KPRC 2 News meteorologist and ZTA hubby is our Master of Ceremonies
- Amazing Opportunity Baskets and Wine Pull
- An Opportunity to Connect with Survivors and Other Supporters

**To date, we have sold half of our seats, so don't delay!** By purchasing sponsorships and tickets now, you not only secure your spot at this inspiring luncheon but also make a direct impact on the lives of those affected by breast cancer.

Tickets and sponsorships are available, so don't miss out! Reserve your seat today by visiting us at <u>https://www.ztahouston.org/thinkpink.</u>

Remember, your generous donation impacts Zeta Tau Alpha's philanthropy of breast cancer education, awareness, and research.

We will see you at the event!

Warmest regards, *Allison Poore* Think Pink<sup>®</sup> Fundraising Chair Zeta Tau Alpha



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Think Pink® Fundraising Chair, Allison Poore

The Houston Alumnae Association of Zeta Tau Alpha would be honored if you joined us on this special day, October 20, 2023, at The Wynden on S. Post Oak Lane, starting at 11 AM. Your attendance will ensure continued funding for breast cancer research, education, and awareness. Proceeds from

this year's event benefits the Zeta Tau Alpha Foundation, the University of Texas MD Anderson Cancer Center Morgan Welch Inflammatory Breast Cancer Research Program and Clinic, and the Houston Alumnae Panhellenic Foundation.

This event will feature lunch catered by Masraff's, complimentary wine and bubbles, wine pull, and opportunity basket drawings! Valet parking will be available.



Here are a few ways **YOU** can contribute to **EAT.DRINK.PINK!**:

- Purchase an individual ticket.
- Reserve a table with your ZTA sisters, friends, family, work colleagues, etc.

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- Become an **EAT.DRINK.**PINK! Underwriter.
- Donate Opportunity Basket item(s).
- Donate bottle(s) of wine for our Wine Pull -EAT.DRINK.PULL!.
- Can't make the event? **That is okay!** Make a financial contribution.
  - Does your employer match employee donations to registered 501(c)(3) charities? Donate once, and make twice the impact!

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For event details, donations, and tickets, please visit: <u>https://www.ztahouston.org/thinkpink</u>

### **TICKET INFORMATION**

There are two payment options:

1. Mail in your check to Renee Svitek: 1106 Traweek Street, Houston, Texas 77055 2. Purchase online with a credit card at <u>www.ztahouston.org/thinkpink</u>

- Helpful tip for <u>Table purchases</u>: Whether you purchase your table online or by check, Renee Svitek will contact you to receive your list of confirmed guests. Only single payments will be accepted for table purchases, and the payer will be listed as the Table Sponsor.
- Helpful tip for Individual <u>Ticket purchases</u>: Whether you purchase your table online or by check, you will need to email Renee with any seating requests. The Think Pink committee will do its best to grant seating requests. However, there are no guarantees. Thank you for your understanding!

All table purchases must be received by **October 1, 2023**, to be listed in the program. For more information on table and ticket purchases, contact Renee at <u>thinkpink@ztahouston.org</u>.

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### **OPPORTUNITY BASKET INFORMATION**

Please consider supporting our 2023 Think Pink event by donating to our fab-u-lous Opportunity Baskets! Designer handbags, high-end jewelry, vacation homes, hotel stays, electronics, tickets to sporting events or the theatre, gift cards, airline miles... we want it ALL, and we want it NOW! Donations made in the summer months will help the committee by allowing time to bundle items and publicize the baskets before the event. Go in with your HAA sisters and donate big-ticket items together. All donations (big, small, and everything in between) are welcome & appreciated!



Please contact Angèle Wolk at (713) 249-1528, Kim Clarke at (832) 723-3840, or email <u>thinkpink@ztahouston.org</u> to arrange pick-up.

### EAT.DRINK.PULL!

Thank you to everyone who has graciously donated to our Wine Pull. Good news: you are still able to contribute, and here is how! If you haven't enjoyed a Wine Pull before, here it is in a nutshell:

- HAA members donate bottles of wine worth \$25 or more.
- Bottles are bagged and numbered.
- **EAT.DRINK.**PINK! guests pay \$20 to draw a number to match up with one of the bags holding the wine.
  - We also plan to have at least one bottle in the \$75-\$100 range.
- Everyone goes home happy!



#### What we need from all of you...bottles of wine worth \$25 or more!

Contribute as many bottles as you are comfortable with. Easy ways you can donate your wine:

- Drop off at Lisa Wilson's place\*
- Upcoming September Day / Night Gatherings
- Any upcoming Crown Connection event (Supper Club, Book Club, Sisters Who Sip)
- If you would like to donate cash and have Lisa buy the wine, please contact her directly.
- If you cannot utilize any of these options, call Lisa to work something out!

\*2200 Willowick Rd, Unit 8J. You can drop it off in front or back with Lisa's name and unit number. The desk will call Lisa or call her before coming, and she will come down if at home. Wine Pull questions? Contact Lisa, Wine Pull Committee, at (713) 826-9141 or <u>thinkpink@ztahouston.org</u>.

# **SAVVY SISTERS**







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: September 6th 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.

# **Day Gathering**

Happening: **September 12th 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

Happening: **September 12th at 6:30 PM**; see Evite for details.

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# **Book Club\***

Happening: **September 20th 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: **September 26th 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.

# Think Pink Luncheon

Save the Date: October 20th at 11 AM

See pages 2-4 for more information about how to get tickets, tables, and more!