

HAA NEWS

Houston Alumnae Association of
Zeta Tau Alpha's Newsletter

APRIL 2019

SPRING IS IN THE AIR

This is no joke! Despite the frosty chill over the weekend, Spring has kicked off with pollen, sun-shine and storms. But don't fear, April showers bring May flowers.

Be on alert today, you never know who may play a prank on you today! Need some inspirations? Check out the best April Fools pranks of all time → **here**.

Lots happening this month! Plenty of exciting sisterhood programs - including newly welcomed alumnae from UofH, dinners, Social and more. What a fun and busy month, get your calendar ready! Plan to attend the Crown Connections (pg. 6), Social this weekend, and festivities. ZLAM.



Is Your Man a Zeta Man?

We'll have an exciting time at the upcoming Social this Saturday, see page 3 for details, but this year your man, SO, bestie could be in the spotlight! Social Chair Meghan wants to give a shout-out to why your man may be the special Zeta Man 2019 so complete the survey <<https://goo.gl/forms/vLsKlKHboKsmzNFA2>> and see if you're man can rock the crown!



Membership has reached 140 lovely ladies this term! Sisterhood truly is forever and thank you for spending it with HAA!





Houston Alumnae Association

Well, it's the end of my second term in the last three years as President of the Houston Alumnae Association. I cannot believe the term is already over. I first want to thank the Board for all their hard work, tireless dedication and leadership. We had a great year and we are going to finish it up with a great Hawaiian Luau Social on April 6th.

While we still have a few Crown Connections planned, the new Board will be installed at the next gatherings (Tuesday, April 9th) and I know they are going to be a really great team. Taryn as our new President is more than ready to take the reins and she has a lot of great ideas, as do the other members that have volunteered to serve. I am so proud of what this organization has accomplished and I look forward to what the future brings under Taryn's leadership.

If you remember, our theme for the year was **"No matter where you are in your life, we have something for you"**! We can be proud of how we have truly embraced this concept and not only changed how we plan and organize but proved that if we continue to keep this in mind with our programming and events our membership will continue to grow. We even won an award this year at Texas Zeta Day for increased membership as well as the award from our District President for outstanding chapter within our District. Congratulations to you all!!!

In addition to supporting our new theme for the term, we had two other major goals; Giving & Giving Back and Sisterhood.

As for Giving & Giving Back goal, we had our first eventless charity event and raised over \$24,000 as well as participated in 7 service projects throughout the year. Our Sisterhood goal was surpassed as evidenced by the popularity in our crown connections events such as Ladies Dine Out, Sisters that Sip and Book Club. Our programming brought together our theme and our goals and ranged from *Celebrating our Initiation* to *Bingo, Country and Western Dancing, Movies and Recipes* and *Thai Chi*. What a year it has been!!!

Thanks again for giving me the opportunity to serve as your President.

Regards and Zeta Love,
Kim



ZTA Kim Bruder Clarke
President, Houston Alumnae Association



AHOLA TO HAA SOCIAL

By Meghan Johnson, Social Chair

Say Aloha to a good time and join us for a 'Lei'd' back Luau! Bring your SO, bestie, friendly neighbor or beau and sway your hips to the beat of the drums and relax to the waves as they roll in the pool. Dress up in your best luau attire and enjoy authentic Hawaiian inspired food, games, and the tiki bar! RSVP on the Evite and buy your tickets* → **HERE**.

April 6th from 7-11:30 PM

At the home of President Kim and John Clarke

****Social is for dues paying members.****

Don't forget your favorite grass skirt and coconut cups to relax and enjoy the Houston version of Hawaii! Street parking is available, but Uber is also a safe and great way to go.

Contact Social Chair Meghan Johnson at 281-797-0226 if you have any questions or want to help.

You can also purchase tickets by check. Mail your check, made out to 'Houston Alumnae Association' for \$30 per person to:

Treasurer Jennifer Reyes at 4619 Brookren Ct | Pearland, TX 77584





BREAKING HAA ZTA NEWS

Information and More about Zeta Tau Alpha Sisters

Spring Service - Dress for Success Houston by Angèle Wolk

Dress For Success Houston (DFSH) is a non-profit organization helping women transition back into the workforce by providing professional interview attire and career development tools. This month, DFSH is holding their 20th annual, city-wide "Send-One-Suit" (S.O.S.) Month and HAA is proudly participating by collecting:



- Professional Suits/Separates
- Business Portfolios
- Professional Handbags
- Interview-Appropriate Scarves
- New Pantyhose
- Closed-Toe Shoes

Bring your donations to our April Day and Night Gatherings on April 9th. We will deliver the items on Saturday, April 13th between 10 AM and 3 PM - all HAA members are welcome to attend! Details to follow. If you don't have anything to donate, please consider participating in the DFSH Amazon Wish List: order online and your donation will ship directly to DFSH → **click here!** Contact Service Chair Angèle Wolk at angelewolk@comcast.net if necessary.

A Real Crown worn by our Sister, Lindsay Murray!

Lindsay Murray was recently crowned Miss Gulf Coast 2019. She will be competing for Miss Texas (an official preliminary for the Miss America Competition) in Richardson, TX this June. Lindsay's social impact initiative is titled "Getting Back to the Basics of Health" which puts an emphasis on living a healthy lifestyle to minimize preventable diseases. Lindsay is excited to start making social appearances in the Gulf Coast community, as well as doing community service. Best of luck to Lindsay! ZLAM.



HAA Senior Service with GO

From Kelley Brege, HAA Senior Service with the Seniors of Gamma Omega will happen on April 29th at 7 PM, plan to be there an encourage the future Alumnae to keep their sisterhood alive. Dinner and drinks to follow, see more here: **Evite.** We hope you come!

Night Gathering Fun by Renee Svitek

Great turn out at the March Ladies Night Out evening - lots of food, laughs and good times. See you in April!



The newsletter is a collaboration of great sister events, send a contribution to be included for next month - promotions, engagements, baby info, favorite recipe and more! Share it by emailing ztahouston@gmail.com.

BREAKING HAA ZTA NEWS continued

By Jennie Baker

HAPA & HAPF Annual Scholarship Luncheon

Honoring 2019 Scholarship Winners & Celebrating the Installation of
2019-2020 President Connie Zieba, Alpha Gamma Delta

Thursday, May 2, 2019 - Check-in 11 AM and Ballroom opens at 11:30 AM

The Junior League of Houston

Proceeds benefit Houston Alumnae Panhellenic Foundation Scholarships

\$150 for Patrons and \$65 for Individual Tickets

Houston Alumnae Panhellenic Association, Ways and Means Committee is thrilled to kick off our work planning and hosting the 2019 Houston Alumnae Panhellenic Association and Houston Alumnae Panhellenic Foundation Annual Scholarship Awards Luncheon. Our theme is Women of Purpose and we're honoring scholarship winners, featuring discussions of purpose between Andrea White, novelist, community volunteer, and editorial board for the Houston Chronicle, and Y. Ping Sun, attorney, community volunteer, Texas Hospital Board Member, and multiple leadership Roles at Rice University, and celebrating the installation of Connie Zieba, Alpha Gamma Delta, as the 2019-2020 HAPA President.

HAA has come out in force! The following ZTA's are signed up to help on our committee: Susan Bourdon, Cheryl Brady, Marcy Cann, Mary Cooper, Melana Dalby, Kathy Goss, Carolyn Greene, Melinda Hickey, Leslie Hix, Judy Jackson, Sandy Lewis, Francine Meyer, Carol Petrussek, Sherry St. Aubin, Renee Svitek, Cyndi Tucker and Angele Wolk. There is room for more! Jennie Baker is serving as Chair. Thank you, sisters!

Make a table reservations today by mailing your check(s) made payable to 'HAPF' to
ZTA Delegate, Cheryl Brady at 13627 Pinerock | Houston, TX 77079

OR

use ZELLE for reservation payments, now accepting for Luncheon Reservations. Use the ZELLE email
houstonpanhellenicfoundation@gmail.com. Include "luncheon reservation & sorority" in the memo line.

Support HAPA and celebrate ZTA Sherry St. Aubin, 2018-2019 HAPF President as we chair this luncheon. We're ready to accept Patron Donations, Table Reservations and Door Prize Tickets Proceeds. Let's kicking off Women of Purpose! Please note that the Door Prize tickets price has changed to \$5 for one ticket or \$20 for five tickets.

Contact Jennie Baker for door prize tickets.

Four ZTA Patrons, as of October 21, 2018: Jennie Baker, Zeta Tau Alpha; Sandy Lewis, Zeta Tau Alpha; Rolland St. Aubin and Sherry St. Aubin, Zeta Tau Alpha

SAVVY SISTERS

Dues-paying members receive Crown Connection Evites inviting members to all the latest and greatest sisterhood activities.



Sisters Who Sip

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 [members only].

Happening: April 3rd, see Evite for details.



Social

Finish off the term with our Annual Social and enjoy a relaxing evening with sisters, fun time and grass skirts - could you ask for anything else?

Happening: **April 6th**, see page 3 for details.



Day & Night Gathering

Mingle with your sisters at our Day and Night Gathering, and witness our new executives and committee members get installed for the next term. This is open to all ZTA's.

Happening: **April 9th**, see Evite for details.



Spring Service

Bring your donations to the Day & Night Gatherings (mentioned above) to support Dress for Success Houston.

Happening: **April 9th**, see page 4 for details.



Book Club

Join this Crown Connection group for literary discussion, pizza, wine and more as we discuss our latest reads. Visit the website for all the books.

Happening: **April 17th**, see Evite for details.



Ladies Dine Out

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.

Happening: **April 30th**, see Evite for details.

If you are not receiving Evites for the HAA activities, please email ZTAHouston@gmail.com