

HAA NEWS

Houston Alumnae Association of
Zeta Tau Alpha's Newsletter

JULY 2019

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President's Message:

Hello lovely ladies.

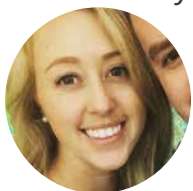
This month is going to spark some fun for HAA! Fireworks are a sign of celebration and victory, so let's light some for our board and committee members for all they have done to ensure you have the best term. Thank you ladies for taking on your roles, cannot wait to see what you will accomplish this term.

This past weekend was the first board meeting. The team established some fun calendar dates, shared new thoughts and ways we can improve thanks to feedback from the survey. And again, thank you to everyone who participated in the survey!

The theme for this year is "**Year of the Crown**", a little play on the Chinese New Year. I want each member to consider what their crown means to them and why you wear it. It can mean change, it can mean diversity, it can mean acceptance - it's your crown and I want you to wear it proudly. My crown means 'friendships'. I want to meet more sisters at gatherings and crown connections, and make more friends with HAA. If we haven't met yet, then I'm looking forward to meeting you! Maybe it will be at our Membership Kick-Off on August 13th; I hope to see some crowns there.

Until then, have a lovely summer!

Zeta Love
and Mine,



Taryn Cheesman Hryc

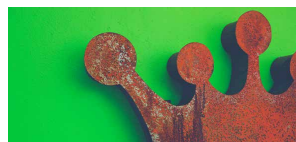
President

president@ztahouston.org

EVERYONE IS INVITED

During the month of July, HAA invites **all Zeta's in the greater Houston area** to join us at our Crown Connections events. This includes our witty Book Club, our fabulous Sisters Who Sip (a Happy Hour), and our scrumptious Ladies Dine Out (Dinner Group). Bring your ZTA friend!





BREAKING HAA ZTA NEWS

Information and More about Zeta Tau Alpha Sisters

WEARING THE CROWN?

The HAA term has officially begun July 1, 2019. Continue to **support HAA** by becoming a member and enjoy all gatherings, Crown Connections, service project and social events. More information, calendar of events and fun to be shared closer in August. Enjoy your summer and we'll see you for Membership Kick-off on August 13, 2019.

Click [HERE](#) to complete the Membership Form.

Click [HERE](#) to become a HAA Member.

SHE SAID "YES"!!

Does someone hear wedding bells? Congratulations to **Samantha Bourgeois** and John Brueggeman on their recent engagement. The happy couple announcement their engagement on June 16th. HAA is so thrilled for you!! (Pictured to the right.)



EVITES - THE HAA INVITATION PORTAL

HAA utilizes **Evites** for all our invitations to events, Crown Connects (Ladies Dine Out, Book Club, and Sisters Who Sip), holiday parties, Social and more. If you don't have the free app or a free Evite account, you may be missing out! Evites may find their way to your spam folder. Uh oh! Check your spam folder, make an Evite account, and download the free app to your mobile device.



THANK YOU - YES YOU

BIG thank you to everyone who participated in the HAA survey. Honest opinions, helpful suggestions and ways to improve were shared. The feedback is vital so that we can enhance HAA and make your membership experience better. The results were shared at the board meeting and it gave key insight for how we can improve certain topics but also other thoughts on more groups, plans that sisters, etc. that members want to see in the future. It's going to be a great 2019-2020. Thank you for taking the time to help us improve. Side Note: a few ladies reference materials and asked for a personal follow-up, apologizes but the survey was anonymous so I don't know who to follow up with. If you would like to reach out, please email me at president@ztahouston.org. ZLAM!

If you have an announcement that you would like to share, please email ZTAhouston@gmail.com.



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SPOTLIGHT ON MARCY CANN

Marcy Cann and other members of the outreach program Houston Area Retired Teachers (HART) were recently featured in a local newspaper, Village News & Southwest News. The group donated 485 books to Burrus Elementary on May 24th. WOW Marcy, you go above and beyond! (Pictured to the left; Marcy is standing to the far left, red jacket and looking fabulous.) Thank you for all you do in the community.

NEW GRANDDAUGHTER

Welcome to the world Clara Janaye Wilson, granddaughter of **Lisa Wilson**. Clara was born on June 24th coming in at 7 lbs 5 oz and 20.5 inches. Congrats to grandmother Lisa, she's beautiful! (Pictured to the right.)



MEMBERSHIP KICK-OFF

Meghan Johnson, Membership Chair
Membership Kick-Off is happening August 13th at 6 PM at the Memorial Wine Cellar, 7951 Katy Freeway. All ZTA's in the greater Houston area are invited, so come cheers with us and join HAA! Click [here](#) if you didn't receive the Evite.

REST IN PEACE

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

Barbara Banker Cecil: Obituary

Diane Aitken Langwith-McFall: Obituary

Dr. Patricia Roberts Martinez: Obituary



If you have an announcement that you would like to share, please email ZTAHouston@gmail.com.

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: **July 3th**, see Evite for details.



Independence Day

Enjoy your **fourth of July** celebrations and please be safe!



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.

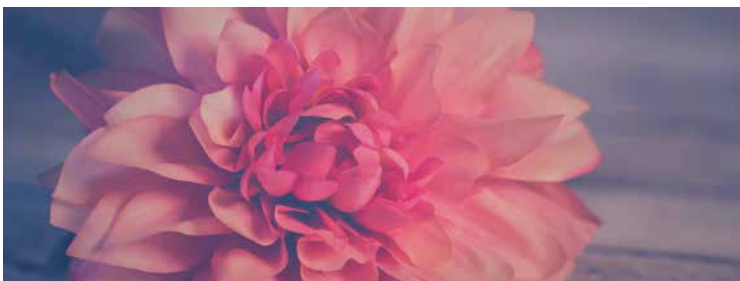
Happening: **July 17th**, see Evite for details.



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: **July 30th**, see Evite for details.



New Term Has Begun!

2018-2019 knocked it out of the park, let's see if we can do it again! Complete the membership information on page 2 and join today!

Happening: **July 1st**, see website for details.



Membership Kick-Off

Save the date and look for details in the next newsletter. Hope you'll renew your HAA membership and hang out with your sisters. Cheers!

Happening: **August 13th**, see Evite for details or Page 3.

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

Houston Alumnae Association of Zeta Tau Alpha Membership Form

Please submit your form prior to November 1st to be included in the HAA Directory. Dues begin July 1st and run through the term that is completed June 30th. We look forward to getting to know you more! This form is also available electronically through the website www.ztahouston.com/membership.

ABOUT YOU

First Name: _____ Nickname: _____

Last Name: _____ Maiden Name: _____

Email Address: _____ @ _____

Cell or Home Phone Number: (_____) _____ - _____

Home Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip Code: _____

Attended University: _____

Collegiate Chapter: _____ Initiation Year: _____

Have We Met?

- I'm new to the alumnae group. I'm a previous member and coming back!

As a member of HAA, you will receive Crown Connection (Ladies Dine Out, Book Club, Sisters Who Sip) invitations in addition to the Gathering invitations. You must be a member to receive invitations to Crown Connection events. Invitations are sent using Evite.

ABOUT HAA & GATHERINGS

Have a beautiful home and want to share it with your sisters? Volunteer to be a day or night host. The programming chair will take care of all the details.

- I offer to be a host for day gathering. I offer for both gatherings.
 I offer to be a host for night gathering. Not able to offer.

Gatherings offer time with sisters and see what's happening with HAA but is also a great time to unwind with a glass of wine that must be donated by sisters. Do you want to contribute \$10 to be a virtual hostess?

- Yes, I will include an additional \$10 to cover my wine consumption at gatherings.
 No, I'll bring a bottle of wine (or two) to a gathering.

The HAA of ZTA Directory is provided to active members electronically. If you would like a hard copy, there is an additional \$5 charge. (If \$5 is not included, you will default to electronic.)

- Yes, I want a hard copy and have included the additional \$5 in my dues.
 No, the electronic version will be fine.

During recruitment time, the Reference Chair will ask members to assist in writing MIS forms for future collegiates. Are you will to help write a MIS form? (You will be matched based on your neighborhood.)

- Yes, and my neighbor is: _____
- Not writing MIS forms at this time.

AND MORE ABOUT YOU

Provide information for school-attending legacies to ensure they receive an invitation to ZiesTA.

Name: _____

Email: _____

Home Address: _____

Have more? Send them to the ZiesTA chair at ziesta@ztahouston.org.

Do you have a special skill or volunteer or have a cause close to your heart? Share it with us and we may call on you to speak on it at a gathering.

Additional Comments:

DUES

This term will run from July 1, 2019 through June 30, 2020. Renew your membership and become an active member – there’s a lot happening this year that we’d love you to be a part of!

✓ Membership: \$62

Additional:

- Hard Copy of Directory: \$5
- Virtual Hostess: \$10

Total: \$ _____

Please mail this form and your check (Made out to: Houston Alumnae Association, memo line: Dues) to Treasurer Marla Russell at 16834 Stoneside Dr. Houston, TX 77095. Paying online is also an option, go to the website www.ztahouston.com/membership and click on Dues.