# **HAA NEWS**

Houston Alumnae Association of Zeta Tau Alpha's Newsletter

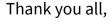
**MARCH 2024** 

#### PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Hello Sisters!

Last weekend, I attended part of **Zeta Days**, and it was my first time back in many years and my first visit to Georgetown. It was such a joy to be surrounded by so many Zeta sisters celebrating our sisterhood and the many achievements of our sisters and chapters. For our chapter, Kim Clarke, Mary Cooper, Elinor Hart, and Carol Petrusek received their white violets and celebrated 50 years of sisterhood; Taryn Hryc and Lauren Stratton were awarded the Certificate of Merit; **Meghan Johnson** was presented the Zeta Lady award, and Lauren Stratton was also the recipient of our Lone Star award. Additionally, Carol Petrusek was awarded Zeta Lady and Certificate of Merit for her dedication and service. Without a doubt, they deserve these awards, and I am grateful for their outstanding service to our fraternity and our chapter. In addition to several of our Zeta sisters receiving awards at Zeta Days this past weekend, our alumnae chapter also received the District President Award for XI-E, which was a sweet surprise for our chapter!

If you could not join us for Zeta Days, I hope you all will join us at our joint Gathering "prosecco and pjs" meeting in March as we continue celebrating our wonderful sisters and group. I love it when the day and evening groups combine, and this month will be an extra treat. Not only are you encouraged to wear pajamas, but we will be presenting our slate, and our district president, **Paislea**, will join us for the fun!





**Heather Whitfield**President
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### PANHELLENIC UPDATES



This year's HAPA and HAPF 38th Annual Scholarship Celebration, "Inspiring Ambition," will be held on May 2, 2024, at the Junior League of Houston. I would love to see a table full of ZTA sisters celebrating these ambitious scholars. Please contact hapahapf.rsvp@gmail.com for any questions and to purchase tickets. Tickets can be purchased by check, cash, square, and Zelle.

Additionally, I, Heather Whitfield, will be selling raffle tickets for the scholarship celebration at our March meeting, or you can contact me directly for any raffle ticket purchases. You do NOT need to be present to win!

### **TEXAS ZETA DAYS**

HAA received the XI-E District President's Award! Congrats, thank you, and Zeta loves Heather Whitfield for her leadership this term! (Pictured to the right.) As many HAA sisters as we could round up for a pic below.



## RECAP OF EVENTS

Ladies Dine Out had a fabulous evening at Bari Ristorante.





### ALUMNAE CERTIFICATE OF MERIT

OF SIGNIFICANT SERVICE AT THE LOCAL LEVEL

TARYN CHEESMAN HRYC
ALPHA UPSILON
LAUREN EVENSON STRATTON

ZETA LADY

AWARDED TO AN ALUMNA WHO IS INVALUABLE TO OUR CHAPTER AND EXEMPLIFIES WHAT ZTA MEANS TO US

> MEGHAN JOHNSON THETA PSI

LONE STAR AWARD

RDED FOR 15 YEARS OF OUTSTANDING SERVICE TO THE FRATERNITY

LAUREN EVENSON STRATTON

#### 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.

Kay King: Obituary



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# **SAVVY SISTERS**



# **Sisters Who Sip**

Happening: March 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.



# Joint Gathering: Prosecco & PJs

Happening: **March 19th at 6:30 PM**; see Evite for details. All sisters are welcome to join us for a monthly update on all things HAA.



## **Book Club\***

Happening: March 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: March 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.



# HAPA & HAPF Annual Scholarship Celebration

Happening: May 2nd

See page 2 for more information.



# Get Ready for SLATE

Happening: March

Join us at the Joint Gathering to hear and vote on Slate.

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# **WEARING THE CROWN?**

The Houston Alumnae Association (HAA) begins the term in June and ends the following year in July. Whether you are a continuing dues-paying member, a recent graduate. just moved to the area, or are looking to get involved with ZTA again, HAA is here for you.

In addition to being invited to the Day/Night Gatherings, with your membership, you get exclusive access to Crown Connections such as Book Club, Ladies Dine Out, Sisters Who Sip (SWS), Service Projects, ZiesTA, and Social. Learn about what the membership offers: ztahouston.org/membership.



## CLAIM YOUR CROWN

the two-step process below complete membership visit to vour renewal <u>ztahouston.org/membership</u> for more information.



# **Membership Form**

Click **HERE** to complete the membership form. This information is not publicly shared. Completing the form helps update the HAA information for mailings, invitations and more but does not update the national Sister Search.



# **Pay Your Dues**

Click **HERE** for dues. The dues are comprised of payments for International Office, Panhellenic, Secondary Century with Zeta Ta Alpha, as well as HAPA and other local chapters, and finally distributed to different executive positions and committee chairs for support and services.

## 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.





