HAA NEWS

Houston Alumnae Association of Zeta Tau Alpha's Newsletter MARCH 2020

PLANS, YEE-HAW & POT OF GOLD

President's Message:

Hello lovely ladies.

I started this month rather stressed; and it's only day 2. Rodeo is here; need to pencil in which days I want to go. HAA's Gathering and Crown Connections dates, need to have that on the calendar. Travel for work is mandatory. Not to mention yardwork and every day life events that need time. Ever feel like sometimes you need a day for your day? Or a month for this month. Then I paused.

You are invited to participate in events because your company is enjoyed. You are a friend. You are family. While you may not be able to attend everything, or you don't want to, you have the option and not everyone does. Instead of feeling annoyed that my calendar is almost full, I choose to be positive and thankful for the opportunities to be with a friend. Saying yes and trying to do it all, or maybe giving an event a try, rather than assuming you already know. Changing the outlook for positive.

Personal news to share. If you hadn't heard, I shared at the November Gathering that my mother was diagnosed with breast cancer. Heavy stuff. It took a lot to open up but reflecting back, I don't know why I considered it a secret. Once I shared, HAA friends sent emails of encouragement and love, PDF's of plans that another friend or parent had tried. I cannot share how much this meant to me that I had an army of sisters who were supporting me without asking. Happy to share that mom's journey is almost complete and she is recovering well. It's a hard path and beyond scary, but it's not a secret. If you are starting this journey with yourself, family, friend, please reach out. You're not alone. And THANK YOU for the love and support, I cannot express how deeply you ladies have touched my heart.

Zeta Love and Mine,











THE CROWN

Number of Members: 129



BREAKING HAA ZTA NEWS

Information and More about Zeta Tau Alpha Sisters



HAA'S ANNUAL SOCIAL: GARDEN PARTY

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Social Chair, Courtney Scaggs

Bust out the over-sized hat and seersucker and prepare yourself, you are invited to:

"Garden Party" Social

Saturday, April 4th from 11 AM - 2 PM in the Heights

Social is for Dues-Paying Members.

Let's finish the HAA term with a fabulous Social and celebrate all the accomplishments of the year. Bring your significant other, best friend, friendly neighbor or beau as you sip tea and fun drinks, snack on delicious bites and enjoy the mid-day with other fabulous people. See Evite for details and payment, tickets are \$25 per person. 'HAA ZTA Man' submission information to come.

Not a member? There's still time! Pay your dues here → <u>membership</u>, and receive all the Crown Connection activities, Social information and more!

HAPA SCHOLARSHIPS

HAPA Rep, Cheryl Brady



HAPA offers scholarships to residents of Harris County that are currently a member of a sorority belonging to NPC. For a link to the <u>scholarship information</u> click here \Rightarrow Houston Panhellenic Scholarship Information website or go to the website <houston-panhellenic.org/scholarships/scholarships.htm>. **HAPF Scholarship luncheon** will be held on May 7th. Please plan to attend as it is always a great and fun event. More information will be forthcoming!

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



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ENDOWMENT UPDATE from MD Anderson

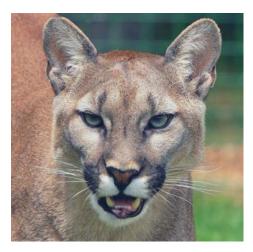
MD Anderson sent an endowment report that explains how the money raised in October and throughout the year is spent. It's amazing HAA members like you, family and friends who help this endowment grow so that we may get closer to finding a cure for breast cancer. Read it **here**.

GAMMA OMEGA EVENTS

Alum-Colliegate Chair, Candice Duhon

Save the dates, more information to come about the following Gamma Omega events listed below:

- March 19-21: Frontier Fiesta shows, times announced later
- April 3: Spring Initiation at 3 PM, help is welcomed
- April 11: Chili Cook Off Event, TBD
- April 27: Senior Service and alumnae is called to participate





HE'S HERE!!

Congratulations to new parents, **Mayllyn and Seth Harper** who have welcomed their baby boy, Nolan Seth Harper. The matching plaid is on point and adorable, congrats to the beautiful family!

MIS FORMS & MORE

Friendly reminder that with recruitment and MIS forms around the corner, it is your decision to write a MIS for a future candidate. You have options. If you need any advice, please see Pamela Walker - recruitment@ztahouston.com

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.

Norma Dunnam Minter: Obituary Information

Eileen Moselle Lankard Stewart: Obituary Information





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WEARING THE CROWN?

The HAA term officially begun July 1, 2019 but there's still time to join! Continue to **support HAA** by becoming a member and enjoy all gatherings, Crown Connections, service project and social events.

Click → Membership Form
Click → HAA Member



THE HAA CALENDAR

Want all HAA 2019-2020 events in your calendar? Download the Google Calendar by clicking **HERE**. Note: This may only work for sisters with a Gmail account, and event details can be found on the Evites.

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.







EVITE RSVP Etiquette

Reservations are very important to our Crown Connection events. If you're unsure about a date, please RSVP as a 'Maybe'. Day of cancellations should be rare. Thank you for understanding this delicate matter.



RECAP

PREPARING EXECUTIVE SLATE FOR 2020-2021

HAA Board applications were available to all members prior to the start of the year. Applications were reviewed on February 16th by a Nominating Committee. The SLATE of executive members was proposed to the current Board and was voted in approval. Now it is time for dues-paying members of HAA to review the people who have been nominated and case your vote on March 10th at the Joint Gathering.

President: Jennifer Reyes

VP I Programming, Day: Diane Goyette

VP III Fundraising: Ashton Archer

Treasurer: Marla Russell

Corresponding Secretary: Renee Svitek

Historian/Reporter: Angéle Wolk

President Elect: Meghan Johnson

VP II Membership: Kim Clarke

VP IV Programming, Night: Ariel Alaniz Recording Secretary: Heather Whitfield

Parliamentarian: Marcy Cann



RECAP CONTINUED

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AWARD WINNING GO'S

Congrats to the Gamma Omega chapter for winning the Verna Hick Patton Ritual Award for the second year in a row!

- From Angèle Wolk









TX ZTA DAY in FORT WORTH

A 'roaring' success for the 2020 TX ZTA DAY at the Fort Worth Zoo. While most HAA ladies couldn't attend, we did step it up with our amazing "Date Night In" basket with items donated by Candy Bourgeois, Alice Hahn, Leslie Hix, Taryn Hryc, Jennifer Major, Carol Nutter, Carol Petrusek, Courtney Scaggs and Renee Svitek! Our basket went for \$225! In total the Foundation raised about \$11,000. AMAZING!!

CONGRATULATIONS to:

- **Renee Svitek** for winning the <u>Zeta Lady Award</u>, your continued involvement and leadership of Ladies Dine Out make you shine. Thank you for all you do for HAA.
- **Allison Poore** for winning the <u>Lone Star Award</u> for 15 years of dedication, and you have been an amazing member, leader and friend. Thank you for all you have done for HAA.





SAVVY SISTERS



members to all the latest and greatest sisterhood activities. International Badge Day

Dues-paying members receive Crown Connection Evites inviting

Wear your Zeta Tau Alpha badge and represent everything that makes a Zeta Lady.

Happening: March 2



Sisters Who Sip (SWS)

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.

Happening: **March 5**, see Evite for details.



Gathering - SLATE

Taking place at Lisa Wilson's Home. Gatherings are for any ZTA to join their sisters for an evening of fun - drinks, food and conversation. This one is very important because we will vote on SLATE, pg. 4.

Happening: **March 10**, see Evite 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: **March 18**, see Evite for details.



UofH Frontier Fiesta

University of Houston's Frontier Fiesta is coming up. Help out or just show up for the Gamma Omega's and enjoy this fun event. More details to come via Evite.

Happening: March 19-21



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: March 31, see Evite for details.