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*Soror Dionis Hussey is
Tau Eta Zeta's Zeta of
the Year.*

THZ celebrates Finer Womanhood month

Tau Eta Zeta Chapter hosted its Second Annual Finer Womanhood Luncheon on Saturday, March 26, 2005 at the Sheraton Hotel in Towson, Maryland. Sorors enjoyed an afternoon of fun and fellowship with family and guests. The Oriental Cuisine was delectable and the royal blue and white decorations were eye-catching. In honor of charter member, Soror Sharon K. Harvey, a slide show presentation was given.

Soror Regina O'Neal, Finer Womanhood Chair gave an inspirational speech on Finer Womanhood as it relates to the spirit of Sankofa, which represents the concepts of self-identity, redefinition, and vision; and a personal reflection of what it means to be a Finer Woman.

Presidential Awards honoring the five founders were presented to Sorors Brenda McKinley, Lisa Nixon, Yolanda Jackson, Katrina Debnam and Dawn Barnes. Soror Dionis Hussey received Tau Eta Zeta Chapter's Zeta of the Year Award. Soror Vonda Holman presented Sisterhood tokens of love to those sorors that impacted her life as a Zeta.

The interactive games at the tables provided an opportunity for us to engage in open discussion with our sorors, family and guests. Door prizes were given in conjunction with the "Who am I" game in honor of Women's History month. The wonderful afternoon ended with the singing of the Negro National Anthem, "Lift Every Voice and Sing"

Notes from Finer Womanhood...

I charge all of us to make a commitment to get to know all of the sorors of our chapter on a personal level. We are growing as a chapter and that is a beautiful thing. In that growth we must remember to foster love.

Every reclaimed soror should feel just as euphoric as she felt when she was made. Every aspirant who is brought through this chapter should feel her heart swell so greatly that she cannot contain it.

If this is not happening, then sorors, we have a lot of work to do.

We all belong to this chapter so I charge each of you to sit and talk with that soror you don't know so well. Embrace her genuinely rather than the quick "back pat" that we feel obligated to give.

Make a connection and touch her heart, let her touch yours. If you feel that maybe it just takes time and that new people feel like strangers, remember...she is a Zeta. The same thing that brings tears to your eyes and causes your heart to beat out of your chest is what lies in her.

Let us love each other well and never let an opportunity pass to uplift our sisters.

Soror Regina O'Neal



Members of Tau Eta Zeta pose together during the Maryland State Leadership Conference held in Pikesville, MD.

Tau Eta Zeta shines brightly during 2005 State Leadership Conference

As if having two chapter members on the State Executive Board weren't enough, Tau Eta Zeta made an impressive showing at the 2005 Maryland State Leadership Conference held April 8 and 9 at the Pikesville Hilton.

Nineteen chapter members attended the event, including two voting delegates. During the business meeting, Atlantic Regional Director, Soror Jacqueline Lemon-Denton, and State Director Soror Jacqueline McNair addressed the body and spoke about the work Zeta is doing around the state. Later, THZ members presented a slide show honoring THZ's fallen dove, Soror Sharon K. Harvey.

During the Membership 101 workshop, many of these sorors became certified on the Membership Intake Process. Additionally, Soror Brenda McKinley, stepping in with little prior notice, served as a presenter for the Basilei Workshop. Four sorors, Tinika Watters, Dionis Hussey, Jackie Knight and Rhonda Lawson, helped demonstrate the proper way to perform the intake rituals during the Membership 102 session.

The highlight of the conference came during the awards luncheon when Tau Eta Zeta was honored twice. The first award was presented by Soror McNair for reaching 2,000 people during Prematurity Sunday, which took place in November 2004. She then presented THZ with another award for having completed 18 Z-HOPE projects, the most in the state of Maryland.

Overall, the conference was a great opportunity to gain information and meet sorors from other parts of the state. Next year's meeting will be hosted by Omicron Chi Zeta, located in Harford County, MD.



Roses are for smelling

Acknowledgement of service is not given often enough. We must remember to acknowledge those who complete even the smallest task. We must never forget to say "thank you." We must always appear appreciative when someone does something that impacts our lives directly or indirectly.

We often give people their accolades, also known as "roses," after they have departed this earth. How often have we said, "She *was* a beautiful person" or "He *did* a lot of work in the community"? The past tense verbs are often used after our loved one has passed away. I charge each of you to give people their "roses" while they can smell them.

Sisterly,
Soror Tamara Harris
Tau Eta Zeta Basileus



Zeta Amicae

Please submit the names of any ladies interested in joining the Zeta Amicae to Soror Brenda McKinley at amicae@aphib-thz.org.



Loves and Doves

Please keep the following sorors in your prayers:

Soror Helen Dunkley and her son DeJuan Logan

Please send cards to:

6 Otley Court

Suite 3A

Baltimore, MD 21244

Soror Nichelle Scarborough and her family

Please send cards to:

3712 Lamoine Rd.

Randallstown, MD 21133

Where can I go from Your Spirit? Or where can I flee from your presence? If I ascend into Heaven, You are there; if I make my bed in hell, behold, You are there. If I take the wings of the morning, and dwell in the uttermost parts of the sea, even there Your hand shall lead me, and Your right hand shall hold me.

Psalm 139 :7-10

Notable Notes

Cut these dates out and put them on the fridge so you can remember to support these events!

April 16 –
Our Playground at Stadium Place
Pan Hellenic Council Meeting

April 17 –
Chapter meeting and elections

April 23 –
Youth Advisory Council meeting

April 25 –
Bull Roast Committee meeting

April 28 –
Zeta/Sigma Liaison meeting

April 29 –
Undergraduate Council Spring Informational at JHU

April 30 –
Rebuilding Together Baltimore

May 1 –
March of Dimes Walkathon

May 6
Website meeting

May 7
Scholarship meeting

May 9 –
Historical Committee meeting

May 11 –
Executive Board meeting

May 14 –
Youth Mother/Daughter Tea

May 15 –
Chapter Meeting

May 21 –
Pan Hellenic Council meeting

June 13 –
AIDS awareness
and testing forum

July 20-21 –
Zeta Organizational
Leadership Program

July 21-24 –
Zeta 85th Anniversary Celebration

October 6-9
Atlantic Regional Conference



Sorors gather at Outback Steakhouse in January to celebrate Finer Womanhood Month and exchange gifts.



March of Dimes

The March of Dimes Walk-a-Thon is set for May 1 in Baltimore. We will meet at Phillips World Food Headquarters on E. Fort Ave. Registration is at 8 a.m., and the walk begins at 9 a.m.

Walkers, please make sure you send in your registration forms. The form can be mailed in or filled out online at www.walkamerica.com. Don't forget to include on the registration form under "team name": Zeta Phi Beta Sorority, Inc, Tau Eta Zeta Chapter.

Each soror is asked to raise \$100 for MOD. We need to raise close to \$1000 as a chapter in order to receive Z-HOPE credit for this event. The sponsor/donation forms can be turned in on the day of the event.

Those interested in only volunteering to work checkpoints or the registration table on the day of the event should email Soror Katrina Debnam. She will let you know where you've been assigned. Keep in mind that everyone is not going to be able to work the registration table.

We will have brunch immediately following the walk at Cactus Willie's in Glen Burnie. Cost is \$10 for adults, .55 times for children ages 3-12, plus drink.

Zeta Youth

A Youth Advisory Committee meeting is scheduled for 12 noon, April 23 at the Madison Avenue Family Life Center. During the meeting, we will discuss plans for the upcoming Mother/Daughter Tea. Following the meeting, the youth will have a skating event at Shake and Bake on Pennsylvania Ave. from 1-3:30 p.m. The cost is \$7.50, which includes skate rental, admission, four game tokens, a soft drink, and a slice of pizza. Parents interested in having their children participate should drop them off at Madison by 11:45 am and pick them up from Shake and Bake by 3:45 pm.

The Mother/Daughter Tea is scheduled for 1 p.m. on May 14 at the Madison Avenue Family Life Center. Theme for the event is "Mothers are great treasures." Items are still needed to make this event a success. For more information, contact Soror Dionis Hussey at (410) 868-4631.

The Youth Advisory Committee would like to thank every soror who continues to support Zeta's commitment to its youth.





***THZ welcomes the following
reclaim sorors:***

Soror Camelia Clark

Soror Monika Dillard

Soror Latasha Gresham-James

Soror Tinika Watters

**We look forward to your fresh
ideas and enthusiasm!**

Don't forget!

- Sorors are encouraged to begin paying on their dues now. By paying \$40 per month from now until Oct. 15, you will have fulfilled your financial obligation to the sorority on the local, regional and national levels. For more information, contact Soror Lisa Nixon (410) 496-7202.
- All sorors who have been nominated for an office are asked to prepare a short speech to bring to April's chapter meeting. This speech should outline your plans for this office once elected.
- Sorors are encouraged to bring any special dates, i.e. birthdays and anniversaries to Soror Nichelle Scarborough at the next chapter meeting.
- Anyone who has photos of sorors or chapter events are asked to send them to Sorors Yemisi Adekunle and Tamara Harris so they can be added to the chapter scrapbook.

Marketplace

**Please support the following sorors
in their business ventures:**

Dawn Barnes – gift baskets

Cheryl Harrison-Murray – ceramics

Vonda Holman – wedding coordinator

Rhonda Lawson – fiction author

Jackie Knight – Mary Kay consultant



The community service committee is collecting the following school supplies to donate to 20 deserving children at Collington Square Elementary school. Specifically, we are asking sorors to donate:

- Clear Bookbags (on sale at Citi Trends for \$7.99)
- #2 Pencils
- Pencil Cases
- Crayons
- Glue Sticks
- Rulers
- Index Cards
- Large Erasers
- Scissors
- Pocket Folders
- Ziplock Bags
- Construction Paper
- Spiral Notebooks
- Boxes of Tissues
- Pencil Sharpeners
- Small Bottles of White Glue
- Washable Markers
- Marble Composition Notebooks
- My First Dictionaries
- Reading Books for Grades K-3



Happy birthday!

Soror Monika Dillard – April 5

Soror Regina O’Neal – April 18

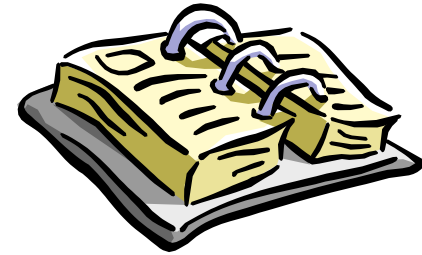
Soror Tequilla McArthur-Jones – April 23

Soror Hyacinth Walker – April 30

Prayer Closet

If anyone needs to talk or needs prayer, contact the Tau Eta Zeta chaplain, Soror Tiffani Smith, at (410) 750-6828 at home or on her cell at (410) 258-3304.

She is available for prayer 24 hours a day, seven days a week.



Announcements...

Best wishes to Soror Yolanda Jackson on her wedding anniversary.

Soror Regina O’Neal’s 5-year-old son Marquise won third place in the 1st Annual Korea General Consel Invitational Tae Kwon Do Tournament.

Soror Lisa Nixon is selling \$1 raffle tickets to help raise money for her Family Reunion Getaway - Prizes are 1st place - \$500; 2nd place - \$250; and 3rd place - \$100

If you have any submissions for the THZ newsletter, please email them to newsletter@zphib-thz.org.

Submissions can include anything from announcements, prayer requests, or event happenings. We need your support to make this newsletter a success.