



NEWS OF TAU PSI ZETA CHAPTER ALSIP, ILLINOIS



**Time to Party with Zetas - Denim & White, Part II**  
By Soror S. Lane

Tau Psi Zeta's end of the year celebration, Denim and White, Part II—themed: "Sexy Can I..." was held at the infamous 50 Yard Line Sports Bar and Grille on the Southside of Chicago on Friday, May 30, 2008.



Like last year, the party was an absolute success! The standing room only crowd—looking extra dougie in their denim and white outfits—leaned and rocked, erked and jerked, popped, locked, and dropped to the sounds of DJ Steve "Miggedy" Maestro on the ones and twos. More than 300 people were in attendance with dozens more waiting in line outside dying to get in!



Kudos to the Special Events Committee for another outstanding event!



TPZ, "Denim and White" looks good on you!



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**From the Desk of the President**

Greetings Sorors, Amicae, Youth, Brothers, Family & Friends,

TPZ is about to close out another successful year and we want to thank you – our family and friends for supporting us as we help our community and each other. In the past few months we were fortunate to:

- Support our community with over \$5,000 for scholarships and donations presented at our 4<sup>th</sup> Annual Finer Womanhood Breakfast.
- Support ourselves by winning several awards and recognitions at our 74<sup>th</sup> Annual Great Lakes Regional Conference
- Support others by participating in the March for Babies and the Glass Slipper Project.

Finally, I am excited about being re-elected as President of the chapter and congratulations to our new board members! I know that in the next two years we will continue to do great work and I hope you will join us in our service and social programs. I look forward to seeing you in the Fall!

Sisterly,

Charlotte D. Taylor, Esq., President



## Thanking and Praising with Zeal

### 4th Annual Finer Womanhood Prayer Breakfast

By Soror S. Flowers

On March 8, 2008, TPZ hosted its 4<sup>th</sup> Annual Finer Womanhood Prayer Breakfast at the Double Tree Hotel in Alsip, IL. "Thanking and Praising with Zeal" was the theme for this year's event which displayed the four principles of Zeta. This year's breakfast, a benefit for the Fervent Hearts Foundation, was blessed with performances by TPZ's own praise team, an inspirational song by neophyte Jacqueline Steward, as well as a record breaking number of 400 guests. Soror Natilee Simon served as the mistress of ceremony.



Through the Fervent Hearts Foundation, TPZ awarded five \$1000 scholarships to a wide range of students who will be taking their education to the next level in the fall and a \$500 award for highest GPA to a deserving undergraduate student of our undergrad chapter, Omicron Delta at Eastern IL University. This year's recipients were: Amanda Bush- Undergraduate Highest GPA Award; Monae Lane & Taija Thigpen - The Five Pearls Scholarship; Traci Norman - The White Dove Scholarship; LaSha Moore - The Blue and White Scholarship and Sheri Macon - The White Rose Scholarship.

Also, being honored at this year's prayer breakfast was TPZ's own Woman of the Year - Christopher Anne Robinson-Easley, PhD, Amicae of the Year - LaVorgis Sturkey, and Archonette of the Year - Ebony Honeywood.

TPZ made its Z-HOPE /community service donation of \$500 to Share Your Soles and a 50/50 raffle was held to collect funds for the March of Dimes. Two Doves Way Up to Soror Wadlington and the committee for their hard work and effort to making this year's prayer breakfast an even greater success!



## Tempting Pastries with Zetas

### 3rd Annual Dessert Social

By Soror K. Eaton

On March 29, 2008, the ladies of Tau Psi Zeta hosted their 3rd Annual Dessert Social. The social was open to all of the sororities affiliated with the National Pan-Hellenic Council to foster unity between these dynamic groups of women. TPZ made this an inclusive event by incorporating decorations and door prizes that were representative of each sorority's colors. The social provided an array of home-made desserts that ranged from cakes, to cookies, to pies and cobblers. There was such an abundance of desserts that attendees were encouraged to take home extras.



In addition to satisfying the sweet tooth, TPZ provided for the shop-a-holics as well! There was a purse vendor with a wide selection of designer purses, a naturalist with an assortment of lotions and soaps, and a specialty candle maker to cater to the shoppers' needs.

Each attendee was encouraged to bring a cell phone to donate to the March of Dimes and their campaign against prematurity. What a one stop shop the women of TPZ provided - add to your collection of purses, cater to your sweet tooth, and indulge in some all natural smell goods all while donating to a good cause.

Congratulations on such a successful event and keep up the good work ladies!!!



### Editor's Corner

Well, we've come to the close of another blutiful year in Zetadom! The Pearl Pages staff and I would like to thank you for your continued support—we couldn't do what we do without you. Have a lovely summer and we'll see you next year!

Charise R. Bennett

*The Pearl Zone*  
*Finer Womanhood Celebrations*

By Soror J. Johnson

The ladies of Tau Psi Zeta celebrated Finer Womanhood Month with great activities filled with celebration, giving back, and a little bit of giving to themselves.



Easter Sunday, March 23, 2008, Sorors of the chapter went out to the Chicago Christian Industrial League on Roosevelt and California to volunteer. Founded in 1909, the CCIL restores families affected by poverty and homelessness by providing comprehensive programs and services that empower people to transform their lives and strengthen the community. Sorors spent the day performing different tasks with the staff of CCIL.



The following Sunday, March 30<sup>th</sup>, Sorors and friends were invited to shop 'til they dropped at Unique Greek in Chicago Heights. Whether shoppers needed to pick up items for the upcoming Neophyte Celebration or just purchase something for themselves, the great incentive to shop on this day was that a percentage of what was purchased would be donated to the Fervent Hearts Foundation scholarship fund.

To round off Finer Womanhood month, on April 5, 2008 Tau Psi Zeta hosted the Neophyte Celebration for its newest members—the Delta Class. Held at the Elks Lodge in Crestwood, IL, the Neophytes were welcomed into the organization and given gifts by the chapter, other Greek organizations, family and friends.



The Neophytes prepared a routine which included singing, spoken word, and some incredible stepping. After their routine, the neophytes presented gifts of their own to various special people. There was food, vendors, and dancing late into the night. All of the month's Finer Womanhood

activities were amazing. Thanks goes out to the Finer Womanhood committee and all those that worked hard to make each event a success.

**Top Performing Zetas**

**74th Annual Great Lakes Regional Conference**

By Soror H. Smith

The 74<sup>th</sup> Annual "Greater" Great Lakes Regional Conference was similar to Oscar night for TPZ! The conference, held in Indianapolis, IN, April 17-20, was a paparazzi-worthy weekend in which TPZ embodied its motto—*Sisterhood at Its Finest!*

Under the direction of Regional Director Daisy L. Davis, the business of Zeta was conducted through workshops, business sessions, committee meetings and focus groups. Regional officers were elected and Minneapolis, MN was chosen as the next conference.

The flashbulbs started popping for TPZ on Friday night at the Sigma Step Show. Six teams of Sigmas and Zetas (5 undergraduate and 1 graduate) competed in the Blue and White filled ballroom. As the saying goes "save the best for last" and they did just that. The award winning TPZ Step Team showed the "young" crowd the meaning of precision with an electrifying 1<sup>st</sup> place-performance!



At the annual gala banquet, the royal blue carpet was rolled out to honor chapters and auxiliaries for their work throughout the year. TPZ and its auxiliary groups walked the blue carpet to receive the following honors:

- Archonettes: 1<sup>st</sup> place for Scrapbook/Journal
- Amicae: 1<sup>st</sup> place for Chapter Report
- 3<sup>rd</sup> place for Scrapbook/Journal

- Tau Psi Zeta: 1<sup>st</sup> place for Scrapbook/Journal
- 1<sup>st</sup> place Chapter Report
- 1<sup>st</sup> place Illinois Z-Hope Projects
- 1<sup>st</sup> place for March of Dimes Fundraiser, Walk America 2007



During the banquet, regional scholarships were awarded to Sorors in pursuit of education and TPZ's own Soror Chassidy Jenkins received the Ida B. King Memorial Scholarship. Congratulations TPZ and continue to let your Zeta light shine!

# Girls of Pearls ~ News

## The Youth Auxilliary of Tau Psi Zeta Chapter

### Archonettes Storm the Chicagoland Area Colleges

By Soror R. Byrd



On a wintry Good Friday, March 21, 2008, the Archonette Sponsor, Renee Byrd along with 12 Archonettes and the Archonette committee headed out to tour 3 college campuses. The first stop was Chicago State University where the highlights were the new Emil and Patricia Jones Convocational Center and the new Library.

Then, it was off to Roosevelt University in the heart of downtown Chicago where they viewed the Chicago College of Performing Arts (CCPA).

Finally, the last stop was the University of Illinois at Chicago (UIC) where members of Alpha Alpha Undergraduate Chapter provided the girls with a Q & A about college and Greek life.

This educational endeavor introduces high school students to college campus life and provides them with first-hand curriculum information, entrance requirements, and financial aid resources by offering them the opportunity to speak directly with college admission officials. The success of the event was overwhelming.



### Youth HIV/AIDS Symposium

By Soror R. Byrd

The topic was a touchy one, but the room was full of eager kids ready to hear the information being delivered. On, May 24, 2008, the TPZ Archonettes along with the Sigma Beta Club of Iota Nu Sigma Chapter and the Rhoers of Delta Sigma Chapter of Sigma Gamma Rho Sorority, Inc., participated in a Youth Symposium on HIV/AIDS Awareness. The event was sponsored by Diversified Behavioral Comprehensive Care an agency on the Southside of Chicago.



Over 40 teenagers came to hear information delivered by professionals in the field of medicine, nursing and HIV/AIDS. The group not only gained information but was provided with pamphlets and trinkets from BASUAH

- Brothers and Sisters United against HIV/AIDS who operate through the IL Dept. of Public Health out of Springfield, IL.



# Friends of Pearls ~ News

## The Adult Auxiliary of Tau Psi Zeta Chapter

By Soror C. Bennett

### Great Lakes Regional Conference Award-Winning Amicae!!!

The 74<sup>th</sup> Annual Great Lakes Regional Conference, held in Indianapolis, IN April 17-20, was one for the record books for the Amicae Auxiliary of Alsip, IL. Not only did they have the highest number of registered attendees at the conference and receive special pins commemorating the 60<sup>th</sup> year of the chartering of the Zeta Amicae; they also walked away with a newly elected regional officer and two regional awards!

Current Amicae President LaVorgis Sturkey was elected to the position of Regional Recording Secretary. Friend Sturkey is one of two members from Illinois on the regional board. During the awards dinner, the Alsip Amicae received two awards for their outstanding service this year. Their scrapbook/journal under the direction of Friend Lynnette Williams earned third place recognition and their chapter report compiled by Friend Janice Bennett earned first place honors!

Congratulations Friends on an outstanding year!



### Amicae Celebrate Finer Womanhood 4th Annual FWH Prayer Breakfast



During TPZ's 4<sup>th</sup> Annual Finer Womanhood Prayer Breakfast, two members of the Amicae Auxiliary of Alsip received very special awards and recognition.

Current Amicae President, Lavorgis Sturkey, was honored as the 2008 Amicae of the Year. Friend Sturkey was chosen for this honor because of her tireless work and unfailing dedication to the principles of Zeta that she exemplifies through her work with the Amicae.

Friend Sheri Macon received the White Rose Scholarship which is awarded to adult women seeking to continue their education. Friend Macon currently serves as the Membership Coordinator and Treasurer of the auxiliary. Her dedication to the pursuit of education is truly commendable.

Congratulations to both of these wonderful, deserving ladies!

### Meet the New Executive Board

The Amicae Auxiliary of Alsip held elections on May 17. Under the direction of their sponsors, Friends Jackie Collier and Adrienne Henderson, a new executive board was elected and the officers will be inducted on June 21 at the West Pullman Library in Chicago. Introducing the 2008-2010 Amicae Executive Board:

President: LaVorgis Sturkey

Vice-President: Sheri Macon

Secretary: Janice Bennett

Treasurer: Karen Plunkett

Chaplain: Thelma Murray-Sykes

Historian: Lynnette Williams

Parliamentarian: Mae Sisney

Please congratulate the new officers!



## Tasteful Proms by Zeta

### Glass Slipper Project

By Soror A. Pearson

On April 26, 2008, high school students had the personal touch of Zeta helping make sure that they were the "Belle of the Ball" at their high school proms. The Glass Slipper Project provides the opportunity for women and organizations in the Chicagoland community to give back. To date, the Glass Slipper Project has helped more than 10,000 young women attend their prom in style. Young ladies had their choice of beautiful formal gowns that were new and gently used—totally free of charge! Farren Elementary School located at 5055 S. State was transformed into "boutiques" giving these young women the opportunity to shop for the dresses of their dreams. So whether you were a size 3 who wanted a red gown or a size 14 who had your heart set on a black gown, TPZ had the pleasure of turning these young ladies into princesses.



In the tradition of Zeta, TPZ exemplified Finer Womanhood and Service by serving as personal shoppers, make-up consultants and accessories assistants. Sorors arrived bright and early at 7:30 am to greet these young ladies who had been in line since 2 o'clock that morning. They were then escorted to various rooms where they hand picked their look from head to toe. Having the option of three shifts, TPZ was there from beginning to the end and helped make over 400 young ladies' Prom night as memorable as possible.



On the morning of April 27, 2008, TPZ joined thousands of people across the Chicagoland



area to participate in the March for Babies, formerly known as WalkAmerica. This annual fundraiser through the March of Dimes raises money and awareness in their mission to improve the health of babies by preventing birth defects, premature birth, and infant mortality. TPZ walked in one of two locations, one in the South suburbs and one in Chicago. Not only did the chapter "walk the walk", they took on the challenge of raising money toward the chapter goal of \$2500 over the course of the winter months. Sorors individually created web pages through the March of Dimes' web site where people could log on and donate. Special prizes were given from the President to the top five fundraisers of the chapter. A great time was had by those that participated in the walk. A lot of money was raised this year and we look forward to raising even more for next year's march.

## Tackling Prematurity with Zetas

### March for Babies

By Soror J. Johnson

## Taking Politics to "Z" next level

### Legislative Day at the Illinois State Capital

By Soror R. Byrd

Springfield never looked so good as it did with all of the Blue and White family present to take the Capital by storm. On Tuesday, May 20, 2008 the event kicked off with a Welcome Reception at The Plaza on Adams. Early Wednesday morning on May 21st, began the platform speeches on March of Dimes; HIV/AIDS Epidemic and Z-HOPE. There were many Sigma/Zeta dignitaries in the house from both organizations. Including Brother Maurice Black, the newly elected Vice-Regional Director, Brother Carl Anthony Walker, Esq., Judge 1st District Circuit Court, and pictured below with TPZ Sorors, Brother Ken Dunkin, IL State Rep—5th District, the keynote speaker. The Legislative Day started with a



tour of the capital, a brief ceremony about the occasion in the rotunda and finally the group had a viewing of both the House and the Senate in sessions. A resolution was read to the body about our organizations and the purpose of our visit. Kudos to Kappa Sigma Zeta and Eta Psi Sigma chapters for their hard work in planning a politically-conscious event.





TPZ celebrated Mother's Day at the legendary ETA Creative Arts Foundation theater in Chicago on Sunday, May 11, 2008. TPZ Sorors, Amicae and Archonettes invited their mothers, aunts, friends, and other important women in their lives out to share this special day with a play and a reception.

## Touching Play with Zetas Mother's Day at the ETA Theater

By Soror S. Lane

The play "Checkmates," was written by Ron Milner and first performed at the ETA in January 1987. "Checkmates" starred four very talented actors, including one of Zeta Phi Beta's very own Caren Blackmore (Laura). The play showed conflicts that two couples have within their relationships, through flashbacks, conflict, comedy, drama and lots of love. The actors gave a great performance and answered audience questions after the production.

After the play, TPZ hosted a small reception for their guests. Those in attendance truly had a wonderful time with friends and family. Tremendous thanks go to the Fundraising Committee for this culturally stimulating event!



## Truly, Positive Zetas 4th Annual President's Awards

by Soror C. Bennett

Sisterly Love was definitely in the air on June 7th as TPZ's President, Charlotte Taylor, Esq., hosted the annual President's Awards Luncheon. The luncheon is held annually to honor members who exhibit exemplary service and commitment to the principles and programs of the chapter. This year's celebration was held at Westpoint Baptist Church in Chicago, IL, and was open to family and friends.

The following awards were presented during the luncheon:

- Perfect Attendance Award—Sorors L. Buckner, R. Byrd, N. Eades, S. Flowers, K. Jenkins, L. Ross-Busch, N. Simon, K. Snyder, and M. Watson
- Best Program of the Year—Archonette College Tour (Soror Renee Byrd)
- Apprentice of the Year—Soror Cecilia Ruiz
- Volunteer of the Year—Soror LaQuinta Golliday
- Committee Member of the Year—Soror Tina M. Davis
- Neophyte of the Year—Soror Andrea Wells
- Reclaimed Soror of the Year—Soror Michelle Atkins
- Committee Chair of the Year—Soror Adrienne Henderson
- Chapter Member of the Year—Soror Stacy Lane
- Officer of the Year—Soror Leslie Buckner
- Mentor of the Year—Soror Renee S. Byrd
- Top Pearl Points: 1st Place - Soror Margo Watson, 2nd Place - Soror Renee S. Byrd and 3rd Place - Soror Tina Davis



## Taking on Politics Zeta-style Chapter Elections

by Soror L. Golliday

Zetas flex their voting powers not only in local and national elections, but also in elections that are a lot closer to home. On May 3, 2008, members of Tau Psi Zeta elected the officers for the 2008-2010 term. With the assistance of the nominating/elections committee, Sorors Renee Byrd (chair), Natilee Simon and Carolyn Wadlington, Sorors were able to meet and greet the candidates, receive campaign materials, and listen to platform speeches from all Sorors on the ballot.

**Congratulations to the new officers!**

## Introducing the 2008 - 2010 TPZ Executive Board:

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|----------------------------------|---------------------------|
| • <b>President</b>               | Charlotte D. Taylor, Esq. |
| • <b>1st Vice President</b>      | Mariam Thiam              |
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## Undergrad Chapter Spotlight

Our Sponsoring Undergrad Chapter at Eastern Illinois University  
Under the Direction of Soror Leslie Buckner ~ Graduate Advisor &  
Soror Yolanda Williams ~ On-Campus Advisor at EIU

### 2008 Undergrad Highest GPA Award

Soror Amanda Bush

Amanda is a double major, in corporate communications and public relations. She currently holds a 3.2.GPA, the highest in her chapter. Amanda intends to graduate in May of 2009. She received a \$500 fellowship from TPZ for her great achievement.



### Congrats!! 2008 Graduate

Soror Angela Wilbanks

Angie is an early childhood education major and vice president of Eastern's chapter. She resides in Chicago and is planning on finding a teaching position in the Fall. Good work!! We look forward to seeing you in Grad with that same Zeta Zeal!!



### Presenting!

The seven Neophytes of Spring 2008, we welcome you to a life in Zetadom!



### Z.S.S.A.L.T.I.T.U.D.E.

Tashay Myrick	Captain Consizeré
Cheryl Mosley	Deuce Dimenzeré
LeToya Garland	Tre Tendejaé
Allie Pannell	Quad Quiadré the Midship
Latres Hines	Primijé the Pearl
LaDonna Martin	Lady Lysterious
Jaleesha Maury	Anchor Ardorea

## Upcoming Events

<p><b>June 27, 2008</b> Zeta Archonette Club End of the Year Celebration and Pizza Party at Beggar's 7pm - 10pm</p>	<p><b>June 28 - July 3, 2008</b> 2008 Grand Boulé Pearls &amp; Diamonds in the Desert Las Vegas Hilton &amp; Casino Resort</p>	<p><b>July 21, 2008</b> Zeta Archonette Club &amp; INS Sigma Beta Club at the White Sox Game US Cellular Field 7:11pm</p>
<p><b>August 9, 2008</b> Zeta Archonette Club &amp; INS Sigma Beta Club at Six Flags-Great America 10a - 10p</p>	<p><b>August 9, 2008</b> Blue &amp; White at the Bud Billiken Day Parade Phi Beta Sigma House 9a - 1p</p>	<p><b>September 7, 2008</b> ZΦB Host at the NPHC of Chicago Meeting Good Shepherd Church 3 pm - 5pm</p>



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