



Pearl Pages

News of Tau Psi Zeta Chapter, Alsip, Illinois

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Real Pearls...Rock Denim & White

By Soror T. Shorty



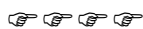
Tau Psi Zeta (TPZ) chapter hosted its First Annual Denim and White Party...An end of the year after-work affair on Friday May 25, 2007, at Bar Louie on Taylor Street in Chicago, IL.

The Chicagoland Greek Community and guests, in addition to the Members of TPZ, supported this historical event in record numbers (more than 250 participants all decked out in their denim & white attire). The patrons were entertained by the sounds of the electrifying DJ, while enjoying refreshments and great spirits.

The Special Events committee (under the direction of Sorors K. Jenkins and N. Eades) did an exceptional job in hosting this event. Special thanks to all in attendance and TPZ looks forward to next year's Denim & White affair.

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From the Desk of the President

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

Tau Psi Zeta (TPZ) has many successes to brag about, as we close out our third year as a chapter. These successes include the following:

- Raising \$3,750 for scholarships at our 3rd Annual Finer Womanhood program – which is almost double the amount we raised last year – congrats to all who helped us to help a child go to college!
- Welcoming 4 new members and 19 inactive Sorors into our chapter. Congratulations to the Membership Coordinator, Soror Margo Watson on a job well done!
- Raising over \$2500 for the March of Dimes' annual WalkAmerica Program. This amount is double the amount raised last year, and
- Winning four chapter awards at our Annual Great Lakes Regional Conference, which include: *3rd place for our Z-HOPE programs, 2nd place for the Chapter Report, and 1st place for both our Chapter Journal and our Youth Journals.* In addition, to the chapter awards, TPZ had two scholarship winners on the Graduate Level: Sorors Byrd and Wadlington. Congratulations, Sorors for you educational accomplishments.

TPZ, I am honored to have been selected as your Zeta of the Year for 2007. Also, I want to commend all of the members, committee chairs, and officers on a job well done. It is with your support and hard work that TPZ has had successful programs all year. I am looking forward to another fantastic year. See ya next year!

Sisterly,

Charlotte D. Taylor, Esq., President



Real Pearls...Celebrate @ 3rd Annual President's Awards... By Soror C. Bennett

Sisterly Love was definitely in the air on June 2nd as Tau Psi Zeta's President, Charlotte Taylor, Esq., hosted the Third 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. The luncheon, held at Westwood College in Calumet City, IL, was open to family and friends as TPZ celebrated another successful year in Zetadom!



The following awards were presented during the luncheon:

Perfect Attendance Award (Sorors Kendra Jenkins, Nicole Eades, and Candice Walton); Best Program of the Year (Sorors Stacy Lane and Adria Joseph); Apprentice of the Year (Soror Stacy Lane); Volunteer of the Year (Soror Angela Payne), Committee Member of the Year (Soror Akilah Mixon); Neophyte of the Year (Soror Kreszentia Snyder); Reclaimed Soror of the Year (Soror Kennise Eaton); Committee Chair of the Year (Soror Charise Bennett); Chapter Member of the Year (Soror Kendra Jenkins); Officer of the Year (Soror Siobhan Sanders); and Mentor of the Year (Soror Renee Byrd).

Another highlight of the afternoon was the announcement of the top earners of Pearl Points. The Pearl Points system was established in 2004 as a way to motivate chapter members to attend meetings, activities and other Greek events. All members received Pearl Points certificates, but the three members with the most Pearl Points at the end of the year earn monetary incentives for the upcoming year. And those dedicated Sorors were: 1. Renee Byrd 2. Charlotte Taylor, Esq. 3. Tina Davis.

Real Pearls...Help Save Babies @ Annual March of Dimes Walk...By Soror S. Lane



The March of Dimes Walk was held on April 29, 2007, at the Tinley Park Woods in Tinley Park, IL. Members of TPZ along with several hundred supporters came out to complete the three mile walk.

The March of Dimes is a program that encourages women to seek prenatal care within their first trimester of pregnancy to increase the prevention of birth defects and infant mortality. Zeta Phi Beta Sorority, Inc. has had a partnership with The March of Dimes since 1972. The walk is held annually to raise money to support the March of Dimes' programs and provide funding for its research efforts.

TPZ raises funds and actively participates in this walk each year. TPZ broke last year's record by raising over \$2500 for the cause this year! Congratulations TPZ on your tremendous fundraising efforts!

Real Pearls...Celebrate Finer Womanhood... By Soror J. Johnson

This year Tau Psi Zeta's 3rd annual Finer Womanhood Scholarship Prayer Breakfast was bigger and better than ever—so big that the event sold out! Held at the beautiful Doubletree Hotel in Alsip, IL on Saturday, February 10, 2007, the breakfast—a benefit for the Fervent Hearts Foundation, gathered two hundred seventy-three guests to celebrate finer womanhood in our chapter and in the community.

Soror Al-Nurridin served as the Mistress of Ceremonies, leading the program which included a special greeting from Illinois State Director, Alice F. Craft, performances from the TPZ youth groups and step team, and a community service presentation to the Kohl's House of Children's Memorial Hospital.

Being honored at this year's Prayer Breakfast were Brianna C. Wadlington—Archonette of the Year, Lynnette Williams—Amicae of the Year, Charlotte D. Taylor, Esq.—Zeta of the Year, and both Dr. J. Kamala Buckner and Dr. Melanie Anewishki—Woman of the Year. Following the honorees' awards was the presentations of scholarships from the Fervent Hearts Foundation to four graduating high school senior girls, including one Archonette. The foundation will be awarding close to \$4,000 to these young ladies.

Led by Soror Carolyn C. Wadlington, the 2007 Finer Womanhood Prayer Breakfast committee planned and executed an amazing event. We look forward to another great Prayer Breakfast next year.



Girls of Pearls ~ News

The Youth Auxiliary of Tau Psi Zeta Chapter

All insert articles by Soror R. Byrd

Girls of Pearls... TPZ Honors Two Archonettes at the Finer Womanhood Breakfast President - Archonette Brianna C. Wadlington honored as 2007 "Archonette of the Year"

Brianna Commiel Wadlington is the daughter of the late Rodney Boone, Cassandra Wadlington and Ronald Watts. Brianna is an alumni of St. Columbanus School in Chicago where she graduated in the top 7% of her class with an overall average of 92.7%, earned 98% (highest scores) on both the US and IL constitution exams. Brianna continues to excel at Homewood-Flossmoor High School as a freshman with a semester average of 5.1 (on a 6 pt honor scale). Not only is she an excellent student Brianna has been cheering with the Chi-town Allstar Cheerleaders for 7 years. Her team has won several 1st pl. and National Championships placing them among the Nations top ranked teams. To make her more well rounded Brianna is also on the track team at H-F where she received a 1st pl throw in the Shot Put and assisted her 4x160 relay team obtain a 1st pl. finish. Brianna has also been an active member of the Zeta auxiliary group since the age of 4 until present. Currently she holds the office of President of the Archonette club. Brianna is a continuous source of joy, pride and laughter for her family and friends. She attends Hartzell United Methodist Church in Chicago, Illinois.



Archonette Jasmine Shannon honored as a 2007 Scholarship Receiptent



On September 22, 1989, Jasmine Shannon was born to the parents of Mark and Jacqueline Shannon. Jasmine is the older of two siblings. In 1998, Jasmine joined Zeta Phi Beta Youth Group in hopes of later becoming a member in college. Being in the Zeta Youth group gave Jasmine the opportunity to understand the importance of sisterhood, feed the homeless, visit nursing homes, and develop a keen insight for giving back to the community. In June of 2003, Jasmine graduated from St. Thaddeus with High Honors. Jasmine's drive and determination helped her adjust to the high school environment. She unsurprisingly began taking honors classes. Getting involved with her school and peers helped inform her on the option of taking college courses and receiving college or high school credit. As a result, Jasmine will begin the Certified Nursing Assistant Program at South Suburban College in March 2007. Jasmines love for other people and life shows as she willingly gives her time to assist others as a tutor at her school. She also volunteered at her school for Special Olympics with children that are mentally and physically disabled. Jasmines future goals include attending Northern Illinois in Dekalb and becoming an Executive Director of a health care facility. Jasmine graduated in May of 2007 from Thornwood High School in South Holland, Illinois.

*Girls of Pearls... enjoy "Coasters for a Cause"
A Day at Six Flags – Great America*



On Saturday, May 19, 2007 the Youth Auxiliary of Tau Psi Zeta Chapter, enjoyed a day at Six Flags – Great America with family and friends. The weather was beautiful with sunny skies and a temperate in the high 70's for the 53 members that rode Omega Shuttle® to the theme park. This trip was planned in conjunction with Eta Chi Zeta Chapter and was well publicized to all Zeta Chapters. Sorors and Archonettes spent the day riding the new roller coasters, getting wet on the water rides and eating to their hearts content. TPZ plans to make this an annual event for the girls, since it was such a great success for all. Also, the funds raised were used to fund scholarships for deserving students who can benefit from the additional help with school.



Friends of Pearls ~ News

The Adult Auxiliary of Tau Psi Zeta Chapter

Friends of Pearls...Honored at the Finer Womanhood Breakfast

Amica Lynnette Williams honored as 2007 "Amicae of the Year"

She was introduced to Zeta Phi Beta Sorority, Inc. when her oldest daughter became a Zeta. Upon accepting an award for her daughter from her sorority, two ladies Mrs. Thelma Murray-Skyes and Mrs. Arletha Hardin approached her and told her about the Zeta Amicae Auxiliary. The rest is history; She became a member of the Xi Mu Zeta Amicae Auxiliary in 1995; in 2005 she became a member of the Tau Psi Zeta Amicae Auxiliary of Alsip and now holds the position of Historian.



Lynnette graduated from Copernicus Elementary School in 1958 and Englewood HS in 1962. Later she attended Wilson Jr. College (now Kennedy-King) and Harold Washington City College.

She has been married for over 36 years to her husband Percy; They have 2 daughters, Yolanda—Academic Advisor at Eastern IL University and a former member of Beta Delta Zeta Chapter of Zeta Phi Beta Sorority, Inc. in Philadelphia and LaTanya—Newly licensed LPN, 2 grandchildren Isis age 12 and Israel a few weeks old.

Lynnette was employed by the Chicago Board of Education for 25 years, 2 years as a Teacher Assistance and 23 as a Vision & Hearing Tech., she retired in Feb. of 2004.

While working she served on the Chicago Teachers Union for 20 years in the capacity of Delegate, District Supervisor, Functional Vice-President and Trustee.

Her hobbies are scrapbooking and stamp collecting; and she serves as a Greeter at Salem Baptist Church of Chicago where Rev. Senator James T. Meeks is the Pastor.

Neophytes Welcomed into Blue & White Family...By Soror S. Flowers

December 19, 2006 marked a special day in the history of Tau Psi Zeta Chapter (TPZ). Not only does this day mark the anniversary of the fall 2004 line, but it also marked the day of welcoming for four new members (neophytes pictured right) into the wonderful world of Zeta Phi Beta Sorority, Inc. Under the direction of Soror Margo Watson (Membership Coordinator), TPZ welcomed Danielle Young, Kreszentia Snyder, Angela Brooks, and Janese Johnson.



A celebration was held in honor of the neophytes on March 31, 2007, at the Phi Beta Sigma Fraternity, Inc. house in Chicago, IL. The neophytes were introduced to family, friends, the Blue & White family as well as members of the Greek community. The neophytes entertained their guests with poetry, a Zeta chant, and a step performance. As the neophytes enjoyed their celebration, they were presented with a lavish assortment of wonderful gifts from guests and other Greeks. The ladies have embraced the four principles of Zeta since their induction. The celebration was an evening of fun, good food, and good music. Welcome to the Sisterhood ladies!



Real Pearls...Embrace Their Finances

INS Financial Boot Camp...By Soror H. Smith

The one thing that African-Americans need to get a strong handle on is their financial future. On Saturday, April 21st the brothers of Phi Beta Sigma Fraternity Inc. (Iota Nu Sigma Chapter) hosted a Financial Management Boot Camp at Hales Franciscan High School in Chicago, IL. The workshop is a part of the chapter's "Bigger and Better Initiative" which focuses on improving the economic condition of minorities. The workshop was open to the public and offered consumers advice on how to repair and re-establish their credit.

Sorors from TPZ assisted with the workshop in various capacities. The workshop was well-received by all in attendance, with many participants leaving with a renewed sense of financial freedom. Special thanks to the Brothers of INS for inviting TPZ to be a part of this community service project!

Real Pearls...Share in Sisterhood

2nd Annual Dessert Social

By Soror K. Eaton

On March 18, 2007, the ladies of Tau Psi Zeta hosted their 2nd Annual Dessert Social. The social was open to all of the sororities affiliated with the National Pan-Hellenic Council. Tau Psi Zeta made this an inclusive event by incorporating decorations and door prizes that were representative of the other sororities.

The social provided an array of desserts that ranged from cakes, to cookies, to pies, and a chocolate fountain. There was such an abundance of deserts that the Zetas encouraged their attendees to take home extra desserts.

In addition to providing their participants with an assortment of desserts, a purse vendor with a wide selection of designer purses and a skin specialist from Café Spa were made available to any interested participants.



Each attendee was encouraged to bring a pair or pairs of shoes to be donated to *Share Your Soles*. *Share Your Soles* is a

nonprofit organization that donates gently worn shoes to those in need. The ladies were proud to announce that some of their donations from last year went to the Katrina Survivors. This year the ladies were able to collect over 130 pairs of shoes at the social.

What a one stop shop the women of Tau Psi Zeta provided – get your nails done, add to your collection of purses, and cater to your sweet tooth all while donating to a good cause. Congratulations on such a successful event and keep up the good work ladies!!!

The Pearl Zone

Congratulations to:

Congratulations to: Soror Norwood-Baugh on your new position at Walgreen's as an Operations Budget Specialist. Soror Al-Nurridin on your new position as a Wardrobe Consultant! Soror Taylor on your nomination as a "DePaul Woman of Spirit and Action"! Soror Byrd on becoming a Life Member of Zeta Phi Beta Sorority, Inc.! Soror Norman on your new position as Assistant Principal at Perspectives Calumet Middle School! Soror Thiam on being accepted into the Joel Hall Dance Center Summer Scholarship Program for 2007!

Birthdays

Jenkins, C. 5/8, Buckner 5/10, Jenkins, K 5/12, Wise 5/15, Watson 5/16, Benjamin 5/21, Young 5/31, Jarnagin 6/2, Al-Nurridin 6/17, Shorty 6/20, Davis, R. 6/26, Gardner 6/29, McGee 6/29, Wallace 7/3, Concetta Williams 7/7, Carla Williams 7/13, Henderson 7/14, Wadlington 7/19, Eades 8/9, Barnes 8/15, Norwood-Baugh 8/22

Anniversaries

Smith, C. 5/87, Moody 6/90, Wadlington 6/90, Byrd 5/94, Jenkins, K. 7/98, Walton 7/98, Williams 6/98, Jenkins, C. 5/05, McTear 5/05

Upcoming Events



SAVE THE DATE!

July 19-20
Zeta's ZOL Conference
Wash. D.C.

SAVE THE DATE!

July 28, Aug. 4, 18, 28
ZΦB & Black Women's
Health Imperative's
Chicagoland Workshops on
Diabetes Education &
Adult Immunizations

Editor-in-Chief's Corner

Phew! I made it through my inaugural year! The Pearl Pages staff and I have worked really hard to bring you the "Blue News of TPZ" and we look forward to keeping you informed next year. As always, direct any questions, comments, or concerns to me at tpz2blu4u@yahoo.com

Have a *blu-tiful* summer!



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