



Pearl Pages

News of Tau Psi Zeta Chapter, Alsip, Illinois

T. M. Shorty Editor - Fall 2005 Edition

Happy 1st Anniversary... Tau Psi Zeta Chapter!



Guests received bags with info on Cancer and Voting

September 19, 2005 marked the first Anniversary of Tau Psi Zeta Chapter (TPZ the Alsip, Illinois Alumnae chapter of Zeta Phi Beta Sorority, Inc.). However, September 23, 2005 marked the first Anniversary celebration for Tau Psi Zeta Chapter. The celebration was filled with laughter, a host of Family, friends and guests.

In addition to the celebration, TPZ hosted some of its educational programs (e.g. Z-HOPE and the Project Vote Day with Phi Beta Sigma Fraternity, Inc., which promoted the Cancer Health Disparities). See picture at left.

Posen, Illinois (South Suburb of Chicago) was the host area for this year's celebration. Thus, Tau Psi Zeta has sparked a partnership with the Posen Area Center (who was gracious of the Blue and white presence) and has held up its motto of "The Pearl Zone...Sisterhood at its Finest!" Special thanks to those who made this event possible.

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From the Desk of the President...

Greetings to my Sorors, Amicae, Youth, Brothers, Family & Friends, Since the fiscal year has begun, the chapter has been in full swing and ready to take on new and exciting challenges. We celebrated our 1 year anniversary with a bash in Posen, Illinois on 9/23/05. A good time was had by all. The next major project on the agenda is the Chartering Ceremony for the Amicae (*Friends of Zeta*) Chapter. Plans are underway and we are looking forward to extending the arm of Zeta to our 10 new friends. Again, thank you to Tau Psi Zeta chapter and auxiliary members. Remember that none of this would be possible without all of the teamwork, loyalty and loving sisterhood.



Remember - Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. said it best..."Everyone has an opportunity to be great because everyone has an opportunity to serve."

Sisterly,

Renee S. Byrd

Renee S. Byrd, President



Helps Saves Minds



Helps Saves Lives

On September 10, 2005 TPZ Sorors and Amicae volunteer to Save Minds at the Annual United Negro College Fund (UNCF) Walk in Chicago, IL. The UNCF Walk is held all over the country to raise funds for the students of the Historically Black Colleges and Universities.



TPZ with UNCF Vol. Cord. – A. Travis (AΦA)

On September 9, 2005, the Tau Psi Zeta (TPZ) Family (Sorors, Amicae and Youth) banded together (with thousands of workers) to assist in the Hurricane Katrina Effort at the Rainbow-PUSH Coalition in Chicago, Illinois. The event was filled with Chicagoland residents coming together for one positive cause. TPZ packed boxes (as pictured below) donated non-perishable food / personal care items for the cause and was



fortunate to have a photo opportunity with the organizer of the event: The Rev. Jesse Jackson (Founder of the Rainbow-PUSH Coalition and of Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, Inc. pictured with Zetas / youth above right). Rev. Jackson was honored that the women of Zeta Phi Beta and its auxiliaries assisted in the Katrina Efforts.



Make A Difference Day...

Each year, millions of people all across the nation go out and "Do Good!" on the National "Make A Difference Day," (MDD- sponsored by the Points of Light Foundation.) Zeta Phi Beta Sorority, Inc. is no different.



On October 22, 2005, TPZ hosted its Project Stork's Nest Delivery Program in conjunction with its Baby shower for the clients of its Stork's Nest Program, located at the Catholic Charities (CC - 11255 S. Michigan in Chicago, Illinois.)

The program consisted of the following: The collection of New and gently used baby items for the Project Stork's Nest Delivery Program, a Health and Beauty Day for the clients of the CC (which included the March of Dimes, Reach 2010-Breast Cancer Z-HOPE presenter, the Sickle Cell Disease Association of Illinois (SCDAI) and Special Beauty Services from Warm Spirit and Lynette Bush, Licensed Massage Therapist). The day was enjoyed by all and Zeta Made a Difference in the Southside Community of Chicago, IL.



MDD SCDAI Presenter educating participants

SN graphic from the International Zeta Website located at www.zphib1920.org.
Make a Difference graphic from www.makeadifferenceday.org.

Illinois' Blue Family Meet in Carbondale...

On September 15-18, 2005, the Blue Family of Illinois marked the start of many successful State endeavors. Phi Beta Sigma Fraternity, Inc. and Zeta Phi Beta Sorority, Inc. (and their auxiliaries) ventured down to Carbondale, IL, to host its 2005 joint State Conference entitled "It's a Family Affair," under the direction of the State Directors: Brother D. C. Neely and Soror M. P. Norman. The conference hosted the following events: Business meetings, a Z-HOPE Project for a Women's Shelter, a Banquet and social activities.

The following TPZ Sorors serve on the Zeta Illinois State Board: Byrd (Chair of the Board), Wadlington (Scholarship Chair,) Shorty (Stork's Nest Chair).

Special thanks to the TPZ Family for your attendance and to the Brothers and Sorors from the Carbondale chapters for hosting a successful event.



Zeta began its partnership with the Points of Light Foundation last year, as promotional tool for the Stork's Nest Program. Zeta collected new and gently used clothing, (to make a difference amongst low-income women, through education and incentives on Prenatal Care.)



NPHC, Inc., Chicago hosts 75th Anniversary Conference...

On October 19-23, 2005, Chicago was painted in a rainbow of National Pan Hellenic Council, Inc. (NPHC) colors as the 75th Anniversary (63rd Biennial National Conference) rolled into town. Representative from various councils throughout the county converged on Chicago (which hosts the largest council with 41 chapters strong) to learn the business of the Historically Black Greek Letter Organizations. The 32nd National NPHC President, Dr. Michael Bowie (Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, Inc. pictured at right), lead the delegation on its quest to understand the NPHC and its endeavors.



Zeta Int'l & NPHC Nat'l President



Zeta past Int. Presidents (20th, 17th & 18th)

The Blue and White Family was blessed with the presence of Zetas 22nd International President, Barbara C. Moore (pictured at right). On October 20, 2005, a reception was hosted during the NPHC Conference in Grand Moore's honor. Other Zeta Dignitaries in attendance (and pictured at left) included: the 17th (Kissner), 18th (Francis) and 20th (Foster) Zeta National Presidents and various National officers. NPHC graphic from the NPHC Website at www.nphcchicago.org

The Girls of Pearls...

On October 8, 2005, The Youth Auxilliary of Tau Psi Zeta Chapter launched its new year with an opening ceremony and meeting. The Youth have a host of activities and fundraises planned for the year under the direction of its sponsors: Sorors: Holt, McCrary & Williams.



Pictured above right Archonette Elissa with Jesse White, (IL Secretary of State) & pictured above center Amicette Brianna at Katrina Effort (both service activities for the youth)

TPZ Launches its Get Healthy Challenge...

On October 16, 2005 at the Making Strides Against Breast Cancer Walk (at Montrose Harbor in Chicago), Tau Psi Zeta launched its Get Healthy/ Weight Loss Challenge. The walk participants and volunteers were able to "get down to the beat of the Bus Stop" and stretch out after a 5k Walk, which is held (annually) to save the lives of women everywhere, which are affected or survivors of Breast Cancer.



Tau Psi Zeta during the Get Healthy Challenge

EDITOR'S CORNER

Once again it's on! Another exciting edition of the Pearl Pages, promoting Tau Psi Zeta's many accomplishments. We have been in existence for one year now and again has hit the ground running.



Congratulations to all of the officers, committee chairs and my staff for making this job easy. To the world of Zeta, it's good to be Blue. To my chapter Sorors, it's good to be in the "Sisterhood at its Finest!"

Sisterly,
Soror T. M. Shorty, Editor



New Amicae at introduction celebration

The Friends of Pearls...

Congratulations to our Amicae (Friends of Zeta) and Sorors Rev. J. Collier & T. Moody (Zeta Sponsors) for the Induction of 3 new Friends. These Friends (who were inducted on October 8, 2005) are Roberta Pondexter (sister-in-law of Soror M. Pondexter - ZZ Chapter), Carol Cooley (Cousin of Friend LaVorgis Sturkey - Amicae President) and Maria Ford (pictured in order above right). Congratulations on upcoming chartering of and many great programs from our Amicae Auxilliary (the Alsip Friends of Pearls). Remember "What's a World without Friends."

The Pearl Zone

Prayers: Memory of Rosa Parks (1913-2005), Buckner, L. (her family - survivors of Hurricane Katrina & to all survivors of the disaster), Davis, T. (Prayer for her LS Soror A. Joseph for full recovery after hospitalization with leg problems), Shorty (Family & Health of Dad Willie Lee Shorty) and Wadlington (The family of Rosa Lee Thompson [her God Mother] who passed on 9/28/05).

Congratulations: Jenkins (to her LS Soror C. Williams on becoming an English Professor at Chicago State Univ.), Norman (New Job as Counselor at the Youth Connection Community Academy H.S., and for obtaining sponsorship of Omicron Delta Chapter at Eastern IL Univ.), Peace, C. (to her sister Soror T. Peace on pursuing a 2nd Master's Degree in Social Work at Univ. of IL at Chicago), Thiam (on obtaining a new job with Chicago Cares as a Program Coordinator for Children's Education & Recreation Programs), Wadlington (for her accomplishments as listed in the 2005 edition of Who's Who Amongst America's Teachers) & Walton (for winning the 2005 IL State Conference Scholarship).

Birthdays: Collier (9/12), Peace, T. (9/23), Byrd (9/27), Moody (10/10), Peace, C. (10/24), Foust (11/28), McCrary & Walton (12/10), Holt (12/30) & Davis, T. (12/31).

Anniversaries: Peace, C. (10/14) Jackson, M. (10/24) and Buckner L. (11/24), Jarnagin (12/9), Watson (12/10), Davis, R., Foust, Sanders & Sims (12/12), Al-Nurridin & Patterson (12/14), Davis, T & Joseph (12/18) & Collier, Cook, Hampton, Norwood & Thiam (12/19).

Upcoming Events

SAVE THE DATE

November 13, 2005
Zetas Prematurity Sunday
Benefiting the March of Dimes

SAVE THE DATE

November 18, 2005
Finer Fridays
TPZ Networking Social
Posen, IL
Email TPZ for more info.

SAVE THE DATE

December 2, 2005
2nd Annual Benefit Night Toy Drive
Toys will be donated to Children's
Memorial Hospital & Hope Village

SAVE THE DATE

January 28, 2006
Zeta / Sigma Founder's Day
Celebration
Email TPZ for more info.

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TPZ, Pg. 2...UNCF clip from
www.uncf.org,
Katrina clip found on a web search

Retractions

Spring / Summer 2005 Edition...

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There are 5 active Chapters (not 4 as listed) in the NPHC, Inc. of Chicago.
Xi Mu Zeta of Markham, IL was not listed.



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