



# Pearl Pages

News of Tau Psi Zeta Chapter, Alsip, Illinois

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## REAL PEARLS...GET HEALTHY!

Community Health Fair by Soror Bennett

On October 28, the Rho Gamma Gamma chapter of Omega Psi Phi Fraternity Inc. hosted a Community Health Fair in conjunction with South Suburban College of Nursing. This event, which is a mandated program of the fraternity, was open to the public and offered free health screenings at South Suburban College. Medical professionals were present to test glucose and cholesterol levels, as well as administer flu shots. Participants were also encouraged to donate blood and to register as bone marrow donors.



TPZ's own Soror Byrd conducted a workshop on breast cancer and SIDS awareness. In keeping with Zeta's programmatic thrust, Z-HOPE, the lecture was presented to educate men and women about risk factors that specifically affect our communities and to promote healthy lifestyles. In addition to conducting a workshop, TPZ hosted an information booth and distributed breast cancer promotional items.

The community health fair was a great success and TPZ looks forward to participating in this worthwhile event again next year!

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### From the Desk of the President...

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

I am looking forward to another exciting year of *Finer Womanhood, Service, Scholarship and Sisterly Love* with you all in The Pearl Zone. We began the year with a new event, a Welcome Back Reception for all Chapter members and Sorors interested in joining Tau Psi Zeta. It was a wonderful event, which we hope to continue next year. Next, we got down to the "business of Zeta" with our new State Director, Soror Alice Craft at the State Meeting in Normal, Illinois. Of course, we had fun this summer and our step team won the Chicago Classic Step Show to qualify for the national step show in Atlanta next year. Finally, we began this year with three service projects: two walk-a-thons, the UNCF walk and the American Cancer Society Breast Cancer Walk and we completed our Summer Stork's Nest with a baby shower in October. I hope that you will join us in our upcoming events in The Pearl Zone.



Sisterly,

Charlotte D. Taylor, President



***Real Pearls... Celebrate***  
*Stork's Nest Baby Shower*  
*By Soror H. Smith*

On October 21, TPZ hosted its 2<sup>nd</sup> Annual Stork's Nest Baby Shower at the Catholic Charities located 11255 S. Michigan Avenue. The Stork's Nest is a service program that focuses on the health, education, and well being of parents and their children. The annual baby shower serves as a way to thank and encourage the young people who've participated in the program throughout the year. Several young ladies, along with a few young men came out to enjoy the festivities. The highlight of the program was the guest speaker: Ms. Tasha Wilkerson. With high energy, and a very focused theme, Ms. Wilkerson emphasized the importance of making a plan for one's self and taking advantage of the mother-daughter relationship. Ms. Wilkerson also encouraged everyone to realize their potential, to understand the beauty in themselves, and to allow these attributes to flourish. Ms. Wilkerson's address was well received by the participants and many were happy to express their gratitude. Special thanks to Soror Sanders, Stork's Nest Sponsor, for her hard work and dedication to the program!



***2<sup>nd</sup> Annual Get Healthy Challenge / Real Pearls in Pink... with Blue Accents***  
*By Soror Bennett*



Bright and early on October 15, TPZ made its presence known along the lakefront by taking part in the American Cancer Society's "Making Strides Against Breast Cancer" Walk. This annual event is held in order to raise funding for breast cancer research, education advocacy, and patient services. The goal of this year's event was to raise \$1.3 million. TPZ helped to support these efforts in the finest ways possible! Some members participated in the five-mile walk, many volunteered at refueling stations, while others cheered and encouraged walk participants. With the support of TPZ, the American Cancer Society raised over \$420,000 in Chicago. Way to go Sorors!

***Real Pearls... Embrace Sisterhood!***  
*By Soror S. Flowers*

With the New Year underway, Tau Psi Zeta hosted its first Welcome Back Reception on September 9 at Harris Park District. The reception was held to welcome back chapter members from a long summer, as well as to welcome reclaimees to the chapter. Some of the reclaimees had been out the game for a while, but showed that they were ready for a new and fresh beginning in Zeta. Tau Psi Zeta's new President, Charlotte Taylor, introduced herself and her plan for the chapter. Each Soror had the opportunity to introduce herself and tell why she became a member of Zeta Phi Beta Sorority, Inc. Special thanks to the Special Events and Membership committees for giving TPZ an opportunity to share Sisterly Love. The Ladies of Zeta were able to enjoy the festivities and look forward to a promising year ahead.



## **United Negro College Fund Walk-A-Thon**

*By Soror H. Smith*

The 23<sup>rd</sup> Annual UNCF Walk-Run-Bike-Skate-A-Thon took place on September 9, 2006 in Grant Park. The goal of this year's event was to raise \$300,000 and to continue to push the importance of supporting historically black colleges and universities. Registration for participants began at 7am and festivities began promptly at 8 am. Participants and volunteers were entertained prior to the walk with sponsor and awards presentations,



guest speakers, and warm-up aerobic exercises. Throughout the day food and other entertainment was provided. Several members of TPZ were located at checkpoints to provide refreshments and cheer on the walkers. In keeping with our principles of Service and Scholarship, TPZ looks forward to supporting this worthy cause again next year!

***Remember a Mind is a terrible thing to Waste!***

## **Editor's Corner**

Greetings Sorors, Family, and Friends,



Welcome to this first edition of the new year. The Pearl Pages staff and I look forward to bringing you the latest and greatest news from TPZ. As the new Editor-in-Chief, I'd like to hear from our readers. Feel free to e-mail me with comments and suggestions at [tpz2blu4u@yahoo.com](mailto:tpz2blu4u@yahoo.com). Can't wait to hear from you!

Sisterly,  
*Soror Charise Bennett*

## **Real Pearls...Step It Up!**

*By Soror Bennett*

For those who haven't had a chance to witness one of the greatest graduate step team in Illinois in action, read this very closely! The TPZ step team, under the leadership of Soror C. Peace, continues to amaze and entertain audiences with its precision and style. During the Windy City Classic weekend (September 1-3) in Chicago, TPZ participated in a step show hosted by Kappa Kappa Psi and Tau Beta Sigma at the Richard Jones Armory. Not only did TPZ win the first place award in the show, they also won the opportunity to participate in Invictus in Atlanta. The national competition is scheduled to take place Spring 2007 with a grand prize of \$50,000.



The TPZ step team also participated in Illinois State University's homecoming step show on October 14 in Normal, IL. TPZ's step team was the only graduate team in the show, and while they did not win first place in the competition, they exhibited the energy and maturity that audiences have come to expect from TPZ.

Special thanks to all the members of the step team who work so hard to make TPZ look so good!! The teams in ATL had better look out for TPZ!

## **Real Pearls...Take Care of Business**

*By Soror T. Peace*



The 40<sup>th</sup> annual Illinois Leadership Conference occurred on September 22-23, 2006 on the campus of Illinois State University in Normal, Illinois, under the direction of the newly appointed State Director, Soror Alice F. Craft. Everyone was excited about this conference and was thoroughly pleased with the outcome. State meeting entailed meeting our newly appointed regional director Soror Daisy L. Davis. She made it her business to attend the

state of Illinois conference even though she had to depart early to go to Michigan where they were having their conference also. Soror Davis looked forward to working with the state of Illinois, because of the great things Illinois has to offer. The state meeting also consisted of workshops ranging from membership intake to the meaning of Sisterhood. Sorors had the option of sitting in on the budget committee chaired by Soror Barefield, scholarship committee chaired by Soror Wadlington, recommendations committee chaired by Soror Johnson, and time and place committee chaired by Soror Mitchell. The highlight of the conference was the workshop titled "What is Sisterhood?" presented by Soror Chima. The workshop was very informative and used real-life scenarios to make its points. A lot of Sorors who attended the conference suggested that Soror Chima present this workshop to all chapters in the state of Illinois for enhancement.

Elections took place and all positions that were open in the state were filled. Congratulations to TPZ's own Soror Renee Byrd, the State Representative at Large. State meeting this year was a huge success and very informative. The 41<sup>st</sup> Annual Illinois Leadership Conference is scheduled to be held at Northwestern University in Evanston, Illinois. Can't wait to see how they top this year's conference!

# The Pearl Zone

**Prayers:** Sorors: Past Zeta National President Dr. Eunice Thomas on the passing of her husband, Mr. James N. Thomas, Soror Karen Gipson, WI State Director, Soror Mixon and her family.

**Congratulations To:** Soror Eades on your wedding. Soror Sims on your engagement to Brother Jafar Rahimi. Soror C. Jenkins on your engagement to Brother Van Richardson. Soror Watson on winning the NPHC Sankofa Friendship Award. Soror Byrd on winning the NPHC Sankofa Learning Lamp Award.

## Birthdays

Collier 9/12, Smith, H. 9/13, Cannon 9/16, Peace, T. 9/23, Byrd 9/27, Mixon 10/1, Smith, J. 10/2, Moody 10/10, Graham 10/15, Flowers 10/16, Peace, C. 10/24, Cross 10/26, Smith, C. 11/5, Conley 11/13, Foust 11/28, Lane 12/5, McCrary 12/10, Walton 12/10, Holt 12/30, Davis, T. 12/31

## Anniversaries

Collier 12/87, Eades 12/96, Robertson 12/96, Jones 10/97, Buckner 11/97, Watson 12/97, Peace, C. 10/00, Jarnagin 12/01, Davis, T. 12/02, Joseph 12/02, Jackson 10/03, Davis, R. 12/03, Foust 12/03, Sanders 12/03, Sims 12/03, Norwood-Baugh 12/04, Thiam 12/04, Bennett 11/05, Flowers 11/05, Lane 11/05, Smith, H. 11/05, Smith, J. 11/05, Wallace 11/05

# Upcoming Events

### SAVE THE DATE!

3<sup>rd</sup> Annual Toy Drive  
& Raffle  
12/1/06

Annual Joint Sigma/Zeta  
Founders Day  
1/20/07

### SAVE THE DATE!

Valentines Day  
Bachelor Auction  
2/11/07

3<sup>rd</sup> Finer Womanhood Prayer  
Breakfast  
3/10/07

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