

## Zeta Phi Beta Sorority, Inc... 85 Years and Growing!

Sorors, Amicae, Brothers and Guests painted the Marriott Wardman Hotel in Washington, DC an outstanding array of Royal Blue and White for the entire week. The week began on Wednesday, July 20, 2005 with the Zeta Organizational Leadership (ZOL) program.



"Z.O.L Leadership Certification is one of the Z.O.L program components. It is a method to prepare candidates for national elected office, for appointed regional / state directors and for those interested in serving in this capacity. The program assumes effective leadership roles through the practice of specific behaviors that enhance leadership performance. Completion of this certification curriculum means the member is expected to perform at a high level of leadership competency and exemplify leadership behaviors." *Quote excerpts and graphics from the International Zeta Website at [www.zphib1920.org](http://www.zphib1920.org).*

Tau Psi Zeta (TPZ) Chapter was represented at the ZOL by Sorors: Byrd, Wadlington, Buckner, L. and Wise. These Sorors took the opportunity to learn the new policies of Zeta and plan to educate TPZ.



On July 21-24, 2005, Zeta Phi Beta Sorority, Inc., held its celebration for 85 Years of excellence at place where it all began in Washington, DC. Activities included: Zeta Museum Tours, Finer Womanhood/ Scholarship and Service Receptions, a Salute / Tribute to our Five Founders (Pearls), Enrichment Workshops, National Headquarters Rededication / Tours, Sisterly Love Ecumenical Service and a Zetas only Rededication Ceremony.

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

Greetings to my Sorors, Amicae, Youth, Brothers, Family & Friends, I am very pleased with the accomplishments and goals set and achieved by Tau Psi Zeta Chapter within our first year of existence. I look forward to the new fiscal year which will bring new and exciting adventures for the chapter. Some endeavors that we will venture on this upcoming year are:



- One Year Anniversary Celebration - 9/05
- Establishing a 501c (3) status
- Chartering an Amicae Chapter
- Increasing Youth membership
- Conducting more Z-HOPE projects

A special thanks to all Tau Psi Zeta chapter members, for putting us on the map and for making our chapter a home for Sorors.

*Sisterly,*

*Renee S. Byrd*

*Renee S. Byrd, President*

## Induction of 4 new Amicae Friends...

On June 11, 2005, TPZ enhanced its Amicae Auxiliary Group with the induction of 4 new members (Friends). These new Friends



(pictured above from left to right) are: Sheni Macon (introduced by Sor. A. Moody), LaVorgis Sturkey (introduced by Sor. A. Cook), Helena Smith (introduced by Sor. T. Shorty) and Jessica James (introduced by Sor. J. Collier). Elizabeth Coleman (introduced by Sor. G. Buckner-Hayden) was not able to attend and will be inducted in the fall.

The Amicae induction ceremony took place at the Epiphany Ministries Church (Soror Rev. Jackie Collier) in Chicago, IL. The new Friends were treated to an array of gifts and all participants enjoyed a good variety of refreshments and music. Also, in attendance were: Sorors Byrd, Collier, Moody, Shorty & Wadlington and Friends Arleata Harden and Thelma Murray-Sykes.

The Amicae have begun learning the business of conducting meetings and what it means to be a Friend of Zeta Phi Beta Sorority, Inc. These meetings are conducted under the direction of Sorors Rev. Collier and Rev. Moody, Amicae Sponsors. If you are interested in assisting the Amicae in their endeavors, please contact the Sponsors.

## The Zetas Bring Steppin' Back

On May 20 2005, the Zetas rocked the Delta's (Joliet Alumnae) Step show and took the \$1000.00 grand prize. The step show took place at Governor's State University. The Zeta step team was comprised of the Sorors from Eta Chi Zeta (Joliet) and TPZ Chapters.



The Zetas showed the others how it should be done, as they brought the Art of Steppin' back to the main stage. The Zeta step team was dressed in their black attire with Zeta neckties. They stepped with canes and believe it or not wooden bar stools. Technical difficulties at the center did not stop the Sorors from presenting their flawless show. The crowd was truly exceptional when the Sorors were on the stage and the Blue family came out in record numbers to support.

Other teams participated in the step show and did their best to try and obtain the grand prize. These teams were: Alphas, AKA's, Omega's, Delta's, S G Rho's and the Iota's. The Delta's did an outstanding job in presenting the step show and gave Zeta much Kudos. The Zetas of Alsip and Joliet have forged a new alliance and have to be prepared to defend the title next year.

## TPZ's Stork's Nest Program Starts...



On June 4, 2005, TPZ held its first Stork's Nest (SN) Session at the Catholic Charities located at 11255 S. Michigan in Chicago. Since opening, the SN has held an additional session hosted by Soror R. Byrd, Nutritionist.

The Women of Catholic Charities are pleased to have Zeta host the SN at their site. Beginning in the fall, TPZ will host monthly sessions. If you would like to assist with SN Project, please contact Soror S. Sanders, Chair for more information.

*Pictured at above are: Soror Sanders [c] w/ Friend Helena Smith [r] and a SN participant. SN graphic from the International Zeta Website at [www.zphib1920.org](http://www.zphib1920.org)*



## 1st Annual Presidents Awards Ceremony...

*By Soror D. Norwood, Staff Writer*

On June 4, 2005, TPZ held its 1<sup>st</sup> annual Presidents Awards Ceremony at the St. Columbanus Glass House in Chicago. The Awards program was a celebration for TPZ. However, the President spoke on the following: State of the Chapter, TPZ's accomplishments and goals for the next year, TPZ having a stronger presence in the Chicagoland area and obtaining more exposure in the media. The following awards were presented:

- **Officer of the Year** – Soror Tina M. Davis
- **Committee Chair of the Year** – Soror Charlotte Taylor
- **Reclaimed Soror of the Year** – Soror Natilee Simon
- **Neophyte of the Year** – Soror Mariam Thiam
- **Committee Member of the Year** – Soror Nicole Patterson
- **Chapter Member of the Year** – Soror Leslie Buckner
- **Volunteer of the Year** – Soror Chandra Smith
- **Mentor of the Year** – Soror Rev. Jackie Collier
- **Apprentice of the Year** – Soror Kendra Jenkins
- **Best Program of the Year** – *Finer Womanhood Program*
  - Soror LeShele Silas-Armour, Chairperson
- **Perfect Chapter Meeting Attendance Awards**
  - Sorors Candice Walton, Natilee Simon, Kendra Jenkins

**Pearl Points** was established by the President to motivate Sorors to attend chapter events. Points were tallied and all Sorors received a certificate with the amount of points listed. The top 5 Sorors were awarded gifts for their hard work and diligence.

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| 1 <sup>st</sup> Place | Soror Carolyn Wadlington  |
| 2 <sup>nd</sup> Place | Soror Charlotte D. Taylor |
| 3 <sup>rd</sup> Place | Soror Tina M. Davis       |
| 4 <sup>th</sup> Place | Soror Natilee Simon       |
| 5 <sup>th</sup> Place | Soror Leslie Buckner      |

### Youth Auxiliary host 1<sup>st</sup> Mother/Daughter Tea...



On May 14, 2005, the Mother Daughter Tea was hosted by the Youth Auxiliary of TPZ. The event was a success under the direction of Sorors Al-Nurridin (who served as Mistress of Ceremony), Holt and Williams (Youth Directors). The event was open to all youth and their families (including Sorors). The show

consisted of oratorical readings, singing and modeling. Congratulations to our youth. Sorors should be prepared to participate in outstanding youth events for the upcoming year.

### Great Lakes Regional Conference...

The 71<sup>st</sup> Annual Conference was hosted by the Lexington, Kentucky Zetas on April 28 - May 1, 2005. Illinois reigned supreme by having 119 registered participants at this year's conference. Also, Illinois won three elected seats on the Board: Historian, Rep to the National Nominating Committee and Illinois State Rep.



TPZ had a good turnout at the Regional Conference, as the

chapter took home the 2<sup>nd</sup> place award for the Zeta Journal (Kudos to Soror K. Jenkins and committee for the outstanding journal and chapter report). Congratulations to the following Sorors: G. Buckner-Hayden (for winning one of the Graduate division Scholarships) and R. Byrd (for serving as the recommendations chair) and to all who attended/ worked at the Regional.

### Annual March of Dimes Walk America...

On April 24, 2005, TPZ Sorors and youth, came together to help Fight for Healthy Babies at the annual March of Dimes (MOD) Walk America at Yankee Woods in Tinley Park, IL. TPZ contributed over \$1,400 to Save Premature Babies. The MOD



has reported that Zeta is still the #1 adult-contributor amongst Non-Profit Organizations. In the fall, Tau Psi Zeta will begin its Change for Babies Program to collect funding for the MOD Prematurity Campaign.

MOD graphic from the MOD Website at [www.modimes.com](http://www.modimes.com)

### TPZ's First FWP Prayer Breakfast...

On March 12, 2005, over 200 Sorors, guests and honorees attended a successful Prayer Breakfast at the House of Lynwood, entitled "We've come this Far by Faith!" TPZ honored two scholarship recipients: Ms. J. Condra, (a graduating senior from Eisenhower H.S. with a 3.5 G.P.A) and Marilyn Szeszycki (also a graduating senior from Eisenhower H.S. with a 4.1 G.P.A). The Woman of the year was Mrs. Jorja English Palmer, who is a dedicated community activist and political strategist. Soror N. Simon, granddaughter of Mrs. Palmer accepted the award on her behalf. The Zeta of the Year: Soror C. Wadlington (1<sup>st</sup> Vice President – pictured at right) could not be forgotten with her outstanding tear-jerking acceptance speech (which had the whole crowd moved).



At the breakfast, TPZ made its Z-HOPE / Community service donation to the Kohl House and distributed Jewel / Osco Shop-n-Share coupons (to collect funds for March of Dimes.) Special thanks to the following Sorors: L. Silas-Armour (Finer Womanhood committee), Taylor (Z-HOPE committee), Sanders and Shorty (March of Dimes / SN committee), Foust and Smith (service committee) for all of your hard work. TPZ looks forward to next year's event.

### EDITOR'S CORNER

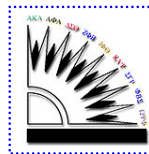
*This year has been both challenging and exciting for Tau Psi Zeta Chapter. I have enjoyed serving as your Editor of the Pearl Pages publication, which represents our many accomplishments. Special thanks to our President for entrusting this job into my capable hands and to my staff for your outstanding efforts.*



Sisterly, Soror T. M. Shorty, Editor

### Zeta Chapters host NPHC, Inc., Chicago...

The June meeting for the National Pan-Hellenic Council, Inc., Chicago (NPHC) was hosted by the five active chapters of Zeta Phi Beta Sorority, Inc. Those chapters were: Tau Psi Zeta (Alsip), Zeta Tau Zeta (Chicago), Zeta Zeta (Dolton), Xi Mu Zeta (Markham) and Tau Xi Zeta (Forest Park).



TPZ was well represented at the meeting. The member chapters of the NPHC are usually excited when Zeta hosts the meetings. Special thanks to all who made this event possible.

The other annual NPHC events attended by TPZ Sorors include: the Ecumenical Service (Sor. C. Taylor read for Zeta), Networking Social and the Greek Family Picnic. Be on the look out for the 75<sup>th</sup> annual NPHC, Inc. Conference in October 2005. The conference is hosted by the member chapters of NPHC. NPHC graphic from the NPHC Website at [www.nphcchicago.org](http://www.nphcchicago.org)

# The Pearl Zone

**Prayers:** Byrd (lost father)

**Congratulations:** Byrd (promotion to Training Supervisor of the Springfield Urban League's Community Health Training Center,) Cook (promotion to 2nd Vice President at the Northern Trust Company in July,) Foust (first article published in WO Christian Magazine,) Shorty (starting Master's of Organizational Development Program at DePaul Univ.,) Taylor (safe travels to & from China,) Thiam (for being accepted into the Alvin Ailey American Dance Theater Summer Intensive in NYC,) Williams (received Master's Degree,) to all Sorors traveling to ZOL.

**Birthdays:** Al-Nurridin (6/17), Brinson (4/26), Buckner, L (5/10), Buckner, G (7/6), Cook (7/29), Davis, R. (6/26), Glover (4/17), Jarnagin (6/2), Jenkins (5/12), Norman (6/7), Norwood (8/22), Patterson (8/9), Shorty (6/20), Silas-Armour (6/1), Sims (8/8), Wadlington (7/19), Williams (7/7), Wise (5/15)

**Anniversaries:** Buckner, G (5/99), Byrd (5/94), Glover (6/99), Holt (7/98), Jenkins (7/98), Moody (6/90), Wadlington (6/90), Walton (7/98), Williams (7/98)

## Upcoming Events

**8/13/05 - 10 a.m.**

**Bud Billiken Parade**  
31-55 Sts. on King Dr. &  
BBQ @ the Sigma House

**9/03/05 - 11:00 a.m.**

Tau Psi Zeta Chapter Meeting  
St. Albie's Church

**SAVE THE DATE**

**September 15- 18, 2005**  
**Zeta / Sigma Joint**  
**Illinois State Conference**  
**Carbondale, IL**

Registration deadline is  
8/20/05...If you have not  
received your registration form  
contact the President

**SAVE THE DATE**

**September 24, 2005**  
**TPZ's 1 Year Anniversary**  
**Celebration - TBA**

**Z-HOPE**

Bring your toiletries items to  
the September chapter meeting  
for donation @ State meeting

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Through Mind, Body and Spirit!  
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