



Pearl Pages

News of Tau Psi Zeta Chapter, Alsip, Illinois

Truly Phenomenal Zetas ...Party with a Purpose 2nd Annual Auction - *Bachelors for Books II*

By: Soror S. Flowers



Tau Psi Zeta kicked off the month of October with their 2nd Annual Bachelors for Books Auction for Sweetest Day. The auction was

a big way! As Salt-n-Pepa once said, "Whatta man, Whatta man, Whatta mighty good man!" Throughout the night, guests continued to arrive and the bachelors continued to entertain the crowd.

The auction was such a success that they ran out of bidding paddles! The top bachelor for the night went for \$170, with the winning bidder receiving a three hour limo ride in addition to the dinner certificate. The auction was followed by an after party for the grown and sexy with Frater DJ Mondo on the tables.

held on October 5, at the Elk's Lodge in Crestwood. The money raised from this event will aid the Fervent Hearts Foundation in presenting scholarships to high school seniors attending college in the fall. All bidders received gift certificates to select restaurants. This year's event was one to remember, with a record number of 28 bachelors and a full house of Sorors and guests. There was even a special celebrity bachelor this year, Power 92's own morning radio personality, Tre the Choklit Jock! And ladies he definitely blew up the spot! The bachelors provided the audience with their own style of entertainment, bringing sexy back in

Two Doves Up to the Fundraising Committee for their hard work and dedication in making this year's bachelor auction an even greater success. Thanks to those who came out and supported this event. A special thanks to the restaurants who donated gift cards so that our lucky winners could have a Sweetest Day to remember.

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From the Desk of the President

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

Our year has gotten off to a very busy start. This summer, instead of "taking a break" we took time to teach our mothers, sisters, aunts and female friends how to improve their health with the Black Women's Health Imperative Workshops. Once the year began, we hosted our Annual Welcome Back Reception which included our Amicae and Youth. It was nice to see everyone and get to know some new faces. Next, we began raising money for scholarships with our second Bachelors for Books Auction just before Sweetest Day. The men volunteered for dates and we raised over \$1,000 for scholarships. Finally, we could not begin the year without providing service to those in need. We volunteered at the UNCF walk-a-thon, raised money, volunteered, and walked at the American Cancer Society Breast Cancer Walk, and passed out school supplies at the 9th Ward Back to School Picnic and Parade. Finally, we completed our Summer Stork's Nest with a baby shower and two workshops for the national Make a Difference Day in October. I hope that you enjoy reading more about these events and that you can join us for our upcoming Toy Drive in December and our Finer Womanhood Breakfast in March.



Sisterly,


 Charlotte D. Taylor, President

True Pearls of Zeta – Get Healthy!

By Soror C. Bennett

Black Women’s Health Imperative Workshops...



During the lazy, hazy days of summer, TPZ was hard at work providing service to the community. TPZ along with Zeta Tau Zeta alumnae chapter in conjunction with the Black Women’s Health Imperative presented a series of unique and informative workshops created especially for African American women under the National Health initiative Z-HOPE™, Zetas Helping Other People to Excel through Mind, Body and Spirit. The “Health-Wise Woman Diabetes Prevention Education & Immunization Awareness Project” was a

free, four-day symposium that provided informative sessions on diabetes, vaccines, health care, and fitness training by professionals in those fields. The workshops were held over four Saturdays in July and August at the Harris Park and Recreation Center. Participants who attended all four sessions received a certificate of completion. Many thanks to Illinois State Director, Soror Alice Craft, Illinois State Rep-at-Large, Soror Renee Byrd and the entire BWHI committee for their hard work and dedication to this project.



Top Priority Zetas – Take Care of Business!

By Soror H. Smith

IL State Leadership Conference...

Sorors across Illinois came together at Northwestern University for the 41st Annual State of Illinois Leadership Conference from October 19-20, 2007. The theme of the conference, hosted by Nu Sigma chapter at Northwestern, was "We Are Family." Under the direction of Illinois State Director Soror Alice F. Craft, Sorors met to discuss the business of Zeta at the local, state, regional, and national level. The conference included workshops, a presentation by the March of Dimes, vendors and a gorgeous view of Lake Michigan!!!! Great Lakes Regional Director Soror Daisy L. Davis provided updates on the region’s goals and

announced that the national conference will be held July 2008 in Las Vegas, NV.

One of the highlights of the conference was the election of TPZ’s own Soror Kendra Jenkins to the position of Illinois State Financial Secretary! Soror Jenkins will have the awesome responsibility of handling financial matters for the state. Congratulations!



Temporarily Pink Zetas – Walk it Out!

3rd Annual Get Healthy Challenge...

By Soror C. Bennett



The ladies of TPZ wore pink for a purpose on Sunday, October 21, as they participated in the American Cancer Society’s “Making Strides Against Breast Cancer” Research Walk.

This annual event which takes place along Chicago’s lakefront, is held to support funding for breast cancer research, education advocacy, and patient services. Members of TPZ and Amicae participated in the 5K walk, volunteered at refueling stations, and led the cool down session on the main stage. This year’s event had a record number of 12,000 participants! TPZ earned over \$1800 to contribute to the more than \$900,000 that the American Cancer Society raised in Chicago! Great job Sorors & Amicae!!

Teaching Parents with Zeal - Make a Difference Day!

By Soror S. Lane



Make a Difference Day was held Saturday, October 27, 2007, at the Catholic Charities on the Southside of Chicago. The Stork’s

Nest is a service program that focuses on the health, education, and well-being of parents and their children.

The keynote speaker, Tasha Wilkerson, spoke to the young ladies about having a vision, thinking big and focusing on your strengths. “When you walk out of here, you have to have a vision for your yourself.” says Wilkerson. These inspiring words gave everyone an opportunity to reflect, refocus and renew their vision.

Charlotte Taylor, TPZ President, gave two presentations about Sudden Infant Death Syndrome (SIDS) and Breast Cancer. SIDS is the #1 cause of death in babies between 1 month and 1 year of age. African American babies are 2 to 3 times more likely to die of SIDS than white babies. The Breast Cancer Awareness workshop was informative. Breast cancer affects 1 out of 10 African American women. Participants were taught how to properly examine their breast in order to increase the chances of early detection.

At the end of the presentations, Siobhan Sanders presented gift bags and baskets to the young ladies who attended the Stork’s Nest workshops throughout the year. Everyone who attended this wonderful “Make a Difference Day” left with lots of information, goodies, and full bellies! Great job to the event coordinators!



Girls of Pearls ~ News

The Youth Auxilliary of Tau Psi Zeta Chapter

From the Desk of the Archonette President...



President - Brianna Wadlington

The Archonettes are off to an exciting start so far this year. Participation in the Breast Cancer Walk was our first event where we walked and danced to raise awareness about Breast Cancer. The next event we have planned is actually in progress we are selling coupons for shopping days at Carson's. FUN, (for those who like to be scared) has also begun with a trip to Fright Fest at Six Flag's Great America. We are looking forward to a very exciting and productive year with many more activities planned. If you know of anyone willing to work hard and have fun please contact our sponsor Ms. Renee Byrd.

Girls of Pearls...Welcome Back BBQ!!



At the home of Soror Byrd, the Archonette sponsor, the girls enjoyed a fun-filled day of good eatin', music, dancing and greeting each other again since the summer break. The Zetas cooked, and even a couple of Sigma brothers stopped by to just say hello to the gang. Good times were had by all that came by to enjoy good food, fun and great friends!!!

Girls of Pearls...Day at Fright Fest!!



Thank goodness that the weather cooperated on October 27, 2007 as the Archonettes and Sponsor took on the challenge of the Fright Fest at Six Flags. The park was decorated with ghouls and goblins with scary Halloween music to frighten all. The Archonettes invited friends and family members to join in the festivities. In all, almost 30 kids entered the park to see coffins in the grass, ghost swinging from the trees and depictions of the dead walking.



Articles on this page by Soror R. Byrd

Girls of Pearls...Walk with UNCF!!



Soror L. Buckner - Archonettes A. Taylor & B. Simon

On the sunny 8th day of September on the Chicago lakefront, Archonettes Brianna Simon and Angelica Taylor joined the members of Tau Psi Zeta chapter at the UNCF Walk-a-Thon.

The purpose of the walk is to raise funds for high school seniors to attain scholarships for college. The chapter secured a booth to assist in the fundraising.

The Archonettes passed out materials about the chapter and its auxiliaries, spoke with cook county employees who were at the booth next to them and even did the cha cha slide in the warm up exercise. Both girls enjoyed the day and look forward to one day applying for a scholarship with the UNCF. This event has been on-going for the chapter and the first time for the Archonettes but after this joyous occasion, it will be a event to look forward to.

Girls of Pearls...Community Day Fundraiser!!



On a mission to raise funds for a college tour in March of 2008, the Archonettes researched a fundraiser that would bring in upwards of \$200+ in a short amount of time. The sponsor helped with the research and found the Carson Prie Scott Community Day event. With this event, coupon books are sold for \$5 each, they contain an instant \$10 off any purchase coupon which doubles your money back. Also, the buyer receives 8-20% off coupons to be used in the store the entire day. As an added bonus, the store opens at 6am for shopper's convenience. In a matter of a month, this event afforded the Archonettes a \$500 surplus for their tour. The chapter went above and beyond in purchasing the coupons to help the girls. So now the planning begins...

Friends of Pearls ~ News

The Adult Auxiliary of Tau Psi Zeta Chapter

From the Desk of the Amicae President...



President - LaVorgis Sturkey

Greetings all, my focus for the Amicae's for the new year is:

- To be Friends as well as Sisters in every aspect of those words.
- To get more involved in activities within the community and to let people know who we are as an Auxiliary.

- To bring in at least 10 new members to build our Sisterhood.
- To complete all categories of Z-Hope for the first time.
- To develop our own signature Amicae project.
- Also, Please join us for our 2nd Anniversary Celebration on November 30, 2007 at Gloria's Lounge & Show club located at 15430 Broadway in Harvey, IL. The cost is \$10.00 per person to enter upstairs. Cash Bar! With food and snacks. Please contact Sheri Macon, Chairman of Event or Karen Plunkett, Co-Chair. Looking forward to a great year!!

Friends of Pearls...Make a Strike!!

By Soror R. Byrd



S. Macon, L. Williams, T. Murray-Sykes, L. Sturkey, R. Pondexter

To help end a great year as an Auxiliary, the Amicae conducted a bowling fundraiser on



June 23, 2007 at South Holland Bowl. This event was spearheaded by the fundraising chair, Friend Roberta Pondexter (far right). The fundraiser raised over \$500 and assisted the women in purchasing needed items. This event was the first of many and the chapter, as well as the youth look forward to many more to come.

Friends of Pearls...Welcome Back too!!

By Soror C. Bennett



Amicae of TPZ welcoming a friend to the reception

The Amicae returned from the summer break energized and ready to get back to work. At TPZ's 2nd Annual Welcome Back Reception, held at the Harris Park and Recreation Center on September 29th, the Amicae came out to talk to women interested in joining the auxiliary. The ladies set up a beautiful display table with information and paraphernalia about the auxiliary and made themselves available to answer any and all questions.

The Amicae auxiliary group consists of women without college degrees who share the principles of Zeta and want to work with the organization in providing service to the community.



Friends of Pearls...Plan to Lead!!

By Soror C. Bennett



K. Plunkett, Soror T. Davis and L. Sturkey

This year's Illinois State Leadership Conference, October 19-20, brought out the best in TPZ's Amicae! Not only did the ladies come out in record numbers to attend the conference held at Northwestern University, but three of them walked away as elected Illinois state officials! Amica Sherri Macon was elected 1st Vice President, Amica Karen Plunkett was elected Rec. Secretary, and Amica Lynnette Williams was elected Chaplain for the State of IL Amicae Board! Please congratulate these ladies for their drive and determination in letting their light shine; they are truly a credit to the chapter and themselves. Way to go ladies!

Truly Positive Zetas –

Do good in da hood!

By Soror C. Bennett



On September 15, TPZ participated in Alderman Anthony Beale's Ninth Ward Parade and Back to School Picnic. This event, which took place in Chicago's Roseland community, was held to get students ready to go back to school and encourage them to work towards earning a college degree. TPZ's Step Team performed a mini-step routine to give the neighborhood kids a look at Greek life. Other sorors gave away school supplies and answered questions about college life. Special thanks to Alderman Beale, Soror Foust and the planning committee for inviting TPZ to take part in this worthy event.



The Pearl Zone – Steps it Up!

Chicago Classic Step Show...

By Soror K. Eaton



September 8, 2007, the City of Chicago hosted the 8th Annual Chicago Classic football game at Soldier's Field. This is a battle between two historically black universities within the South Western Athletic Conference otherwise known as the SWAC. This year the two schools that participated in the game were last year's winners Mississippi Valley State University and Southern University at Baton Rouge.

The step show was hosted by the local radio station WGCI. WGCI's own "Destined Legend" Leon Rogers shared the hosting responsibilities with the president of the Zeta Tau Zeta chapter Soror Melody Byrd. The ladies of Tau Psi Zeta chapter were accompanied in the show by the ladies of the Sigma Gamma Rho Sorority, Inc. and the men of the Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, Inc. Tau Psi Zeta's theme for this show was "It's a Family Reunion." Their performance earned them a \$500 prize. Congratulations ladies, keep up the good work!

The Pan-Hellenic Zest – Celebrating Unity & Success! 2007 Sankofa Awards Banquet...

By Soror J. Johnson



"Nine Legacies, One Future—Celebrating Leadership, Scholarship, and Character" was the theme of the National Pan-Hellenic Council of Chicago's Sankofa Awards Dinner held on Saturday, October 13, 2007. Sankofa, derived from the Akan language of West Africa, teaches that African Americans must go back to their roots in order to move forward. The festivities were

held at the Crystal Light Banquet Hall in Burbank, IL. The program included an inspirational message mixed with spoken word by keynote speaker Allen J. Bryson—author, poet, and member of Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity, Inc., dinner and dancing. Of the many

awards presented that night, TPZ walked away with four of them! The 2007 Finer Womanhood Scholarship Prayer Breakfast received the Outstanding Original Program of the Year award. Soror Leslie Buckner received the FIRE Award for her tenacity and drive in participating in N P H C C events. And Soror Renee Byrd was honored with both the Chairperson of the Year Award and the Learning Lamp Award. Congratulations to Sorors Buckner and Byrd and keep up the fantastic work TPZ!



True Pearls of Zeta – Welcoming Sisterhood! 2nd Annual Welcome Back Reception...

By Soror J. Johnson

After a summer break, the ladies of Tau Psi Zeta came together on Saturday, September 29th, 2007 for the 2nd Annual Welcome Back Reception. The reception was held at the Harris Park and Recreational Center on 62nd and Drexel. The first half of the festivities was set aside for women and young ladies interested in becoming members of the organization through the sorority as well as the adult and youth auxiliary groups. The second half of the reception was held to welcome returning members,

transferring Sorors and reclaiming Sorors to the chapter. The attendees were welcomed by President Soror Taylor and given a lesson in the history of Zeta Phi Beta Sorority, Inc., Tau Psi Zeta chapter and its auxiliary groups by Soror Watson. All in attendance enjoyed refreshments while mingling and playing games. The reception was well-received, with many Sorors and interested women looking forward to spending more time working with TPZ. Special thanks to the membership committee for putting together such a wonderful program!



The Pearl Zone

Congratulations to:

Sorors Wadlington, Norwood-Baugh, J. Smith & Wise on the purchase of new homes! Soror Norman & C. Jenkins on your weddings! Soror C. Sanders on the birth of your child!

Birthdays

Johnson 9/7, Collier 9/12, Smith, H. 9/13, Cannon 9/16, Terry 9/16, Peace, T. 9/23, Payne 9/26, Byrd 9/27, Mixon 10/1, Smith, J. 10/2, Brooks 10/9, Moody 10/10, Flowers 10/16, Peace, C. 10/24, Silas-Patterson 10/30, Smith, C. 11/5, Conley 11/13, Childress-Lee 11/16, Ross-Busch 11/19, Lane 12/5, McCrary 12/10, Walton 12/10, Davis, T. 12/31

Anniversaries

October - Henderson 10/97, Peace, C. 10/00
November - Ross-Busch 11/91, Buckner 11/97, McGee 11/98, Bennett 11/05, Childress-Lee 11/05, Flowers 11/05, Lane 11/05, Mburu 11/05, Smith, H. 11/05, Smith, J. 11/05, Wallace 11/05
December - Collier 12/87, Al-Nurridin 12/96, Eades 12/96, Robertson 12/96, Watson 12/97, Jarnagin 12/01, Davis, T. 12/02, Joseph 12/02, Davis, R. 12/03, Sanders 12/03, Norwood-Baugh 12/04, Thiam 12/04, Webster 12/04, Brooks 12/06, Johnson 12/06, Snyder 12/06, Young 12/06

TPZ's Upcoming Events

<p>November 11, 2007 March of Dimes & ZΦB Prematurity Awareness Sunday at St. Ailbe 11:00am Mass</p>	<p>January 12, 2008 ΦΒΣ & ΖΦΒ Joint Founders' Day Champagne Sip and Celebration - TBD</p>	<p>March 8, 2008 4th Annual Scholarship Prayer Breakfast Doubletree in Alsip 10a-1p ▪ \$40</p>
<p>December 7, 2007 4th Annual Benefit Night Toy Drive and Raffle Fuddrucker - River Oaks 5p-9p</p>	<p>January 26, 2008 ΦΒΣ & ΖΦΒ Joint Founders' Day Banquet at the Chateau Del Mar - \$50</p>	<p>April 17-20, 2008 ΦΒΣ & ΖΦΒ Great Lakes Regional Conferences Indianapolis, IN</p>



Editor-in-Chief's Corner

Welcome to another action-packed year in TPZ! The Pearl Pages staff and I are working overtime to bring you all the blue news fit to print. Be sure to check out the insert page to read the articles written by members of our youth group—the Archonettes. As usual, if you have any questions, comments, or concerns email me tpz2blu4u@yahoo.com.

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The Pearl Zone... Sisterhood at its Finest!

