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for the Sorors of New Jersey

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Attention Chapters!

Please email a roster of your next fiscal year's **Executive Board** to the State Director no later than June 30!

Please plan to:

- Attend ZOL and the Regional Conference
- Support the MSABC walks by walking or donating
- Apply for the Regional Scholarship

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Message from the State Director

As the 2010 - 2011 fiscal year comes to a close, I'd like to thank all of you once again for welcoming me as your State Director and for a wonderful year! Together, we've accomplished a lot. I am looking forward to 2011 - 2012, and to supporting each chapter as you reclaim our Sorors, "Get out the Vote," and establish/support auxiliaries and Stork's Nests. Congratulations to all new chapter officers - I look forward to working with you. I wish you all a safe and happy summer season. See you at ZOL!



Tickets are due to IHQ by June 30. Remember, your chapter will earn \$4.00 per ticket sold!

Sorors Needed!

Please email the State Director if you are interested in serving on the Protocol and Amenities Committee under the leadership of Soror Eunice Samuels Lewis.

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Soror Needed!

Please email the State Director if you are interested in coordinating the State's Miss Zeta Contest!



New Jersey Charters 14th Undergraduate Chapter!

On Friday, April 29, five Sorors of New Jersey City University became charter members of Upsilon Tau Chapter. The chartering was administered by Soror Jacqueline C. McNair, Atlantic Regional Director.

Upsilon Tau's sponsoring graduate chapter is Sigma Zeta Zeta (Hudson County), and this chartering was a fitting capstone for the chapter's 10th anniversary!




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*One of the gifts given at the State Executive Board meeting was a candle with a scent titled "Zeta." This candle was created by Soror Angela Joye (Rho Tau Zeta Chapter). If you loved it, here's how to get it!
(Preferred email: apurejoy@aol.com)*

Past State Directors' Reception — Friday, April 29



State Executive Board Meeting — Saturday, April 30



Arizona C. Stemons Scholarship (Atlantic Region)

PARTIAL CRITERIA FOR SELECTION:

1. Applicant must be a fully financial member (on all levels) of Zeta Phi Beta Sorority, Inc. and the Atlantic Region.
2. Applicant must possess a 2.5 or above cumulative Grade Point Average ("GPA") and produce an official transcript or college/university Letter of Acceptance as proof of study.
3. Applicant must submit three (3) letters of recommendation— One (1) must be from current Chapter Basileus/Advisor/Sponsor and Two (2) from work, school, church, civic or community affiliations
4. Each scholarship will be a one-time only award.
5. The application deadline will be August 15, 2011 (postal mail or electronically) to Soror Curi Lawrence, Atlantic Region Scholarship Committee Chair, 305 Hawke Drive, Wilmington, DE 19804, (201) 988-0785 or epzbasileu@zphib1920epz.org.
6. Scholarship will be given directly to the awardees at the Atlantic Regional Conference. The awardees must be present to accept the award from the Atlantic Region. Sorors selected to receive the scholarship will be notified by Sept. 10.

SAVE THESE DATES!

July 7–10, 2011—Zeta Organizational Leadership Conference, Washington, DC

Aug. 15, 2011—Arizona C. Stemons Scholarship application deadline (Atlantic Region)

Aug. 28, 2011—MLK Memorial

Sept. 21, 2011—Zeta Day on the Hill

Oct. 13–16, 2011—54th Atlantic Regional Conference, Wilmington, DE

Nov. 15—Filing deadline for Form 990-N or Form 990-EZ

Jan. 15, 2012—New Jersey State Founders' Day Observance (St. James AME Church, Newark)

April 27–28, 2012—New Jersey State Leadership Conference

July 6–12, 2012—Boule', Chicago, IL



Save These 2011 Dates!

Sunday, October 16:

Parsippany: Mack-Cali Business Park

Newark: Military Park

Jersey City: Lincoln Park

Woodbridge: Woodbridge Center

Point Pleasant: Arnold Avenue Bandshell

Ocean City: 6th Street and Boardwalk

Paramus: Overpeck County Park

Sunday, October 23

Pennsauken: Cooper River Park

State Goal: \$11,000

(\$1,000 per graduate chapter "family" (including auxiliaries and undergraduates)

Answers to Zeta History Quiz

- 1) After the idea for establishing Zeta was born, the number of students interested in pursuing membership reached:
 - b. 14

- 2) For several reasons, the number of interested students decreased to four. Those four were:
 - c. Arizona Cleaver, Pearl Neal, Viola Tyler and Myrtle Tyler

- 3) Myrtle Tyler approached Fannie Pettie, a fellow student in a bookkeeping class, and asked her to become the fifth Founder.

- 4) The first official meeting of the sorority was held on January 16, 1920 in:
 - a. Founder Arizona Cleaver's dormitory room

- 5) After the Sorority was founded, _____ women joined the initial pledge class:
 - a. 25

- 6) Of the initial pledge class, only four were initiated. Name them.
Gladys Warrington, Harriet Dorsey, Pauline Phillips and Nellie Springfield

- 7) The first graduate chapter in Zeta was established in the Atlantic Region. The name of the chapter is Alpha Zeta. The chapter was established in Baltimore, Maryland in 1923.

- 8) The Sorority's first official publication was called the X-Ray.

- 9) The current official publication is called the Archon, and was first published in 1929.

- 10) The Sorority was incorporated in Washington, D.C. on March 30, 1923. Name the five incorporators: Myrtle L. Tyler; Gladys Warrington; Joanna R. Houston; Josephine F. Johnson; L.O. Goldia Smith

- 11) The Sorority is also incorporated in the state of Illinois, which is located in the Great Lakes Region.

- 12) The Sorority's first paid executive secretary was Soror Lullelia Harrison and the address of the first executive office was 1721 Worms Street, Houston, Texas.

- 13) The slogan "A Community-Conscious, Action-Oriented Organization" was adopted during the tenure of Grand Basileus Janice Kissner.

- 14) Only 15 living women hold the honor of honorary membership in Zeta Phi Beta Sorority. The first honorary member was Madame Lillian Evarianti.

- 15) The Atlantic Region was formed in 1944. The first Atlantic Regional Director was Soror Audrey Tripp James.

We hope you've enjoyed this month's edition!

Please submit your news and photos for upcoming newsletters!

Your feedback and suggestions for future topics are welcomed!

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