



Z-Lessons

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for the Sorors of New Jersey

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Zeta History: The Next Level

Attention Chapters!

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

Welcome to the following new Sorors!

Eta Omicron Zeta

Carmel Domond
Katherine Myers
Tiffany Randolph

Upsilon Tau

Latifah Ali
Melissa Felix
Tiffany Ocansey
Monae' Younger

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Most Sorors can recite the names of our Five Pearls, our colors, and principles, and the date and location of the founding of our beloved organization. In 1998, we were blessed with a wonderful source of knowledge – *Torchbearers of a Legacy – A History of Zeta Phi Beta Sorority, Inc., 1920 – 1997*. This treasure was authored by Triumphant Soror Lullelia Walker Harrison, who served as our 12th International Grand Basileus.

The quiz below is based on information from *Torchbearers*. In finding the answers, I hope that you are inspired to review our history and encouraged by those who established and maintained our organization. The answers will be provided in the June *Z-Lessons*, which will be the final newsletter of the 2010–2011 fiscal year. Learn, refresh and enjoy!

- 1) After the idea for establishing Zeta was born, the number of students interested in pursuing membership reached:
 - a. 9
 - b. 14
 - c. 5
 - d. 3

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

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

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Sorors Needed:

Please email the State Director if you are interested in:

1. Serving on the Protocol and Amenities Committee under the leadership of Soror Eunice Samuels Lewis.
2. Coordinating the State's 2012 Miss Zeta Contest!
3. Assisting with the Health Justice Fair to be held at the 2012 State Leadership Conference.

Top 20 Takeaways and Assignments from the State Executive Board Meeting!

1. Form 990 (990-N or 990-EZ) must be submitted by each chapter by Nov. 15 of each year.
2. With the chartering of Upsilon Tau (New Jersey City University), the State currently has 14 undergraduate chapters!
3. 49 Sorors reported themselves as Zeta Legacies!
4. More than 100 Sorors walked in "Making Strides against Breast Cancer" in 2010 and raised \$10,000! (see 2011 dates below.)
5. 177 Sorors registered for this year's State Executive Board Meeting!
6. Capital Campaign raffle tickets are due back to IHQ by June 30, 2011.
7. The 54th Atlantic Regional Leadership Conference is Oct. 13-16, 2011! (New Jersey boasted the largest single state attendance at the Regional Executive Board Meeting in February! Let's keep it going!)
8. Every graduate chapter is encouraged to establish Amicae and youth auxiliaries.
9. Sorors should familiarize themselves with the hazing laws and hazing policies at New Jersey colleges and

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4th Place - \$1,500.00 • 5th Place - \$1,000.00

OFFICIAL DRAWING DATE
JULY 8, 2011
12:00 NOON

TICKET COST:
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Get 1 Free Ticket
When You Purchase 3
Tickets available from Regional Directors
and at www.zpbh1920.org



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))

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universities.

10. Every graduate chapter is encouraged to support or establish a Stork's Nest.
11. The State Director will follow up with each chapter to obtain its reclamation plan.
12. Each chapter should adopt one of the three "Get Out the Vote" initiatives presented by the Social Action Chair, Soror Shavon Chambers.
13. 71 Sorors were MIP certified!
14. The goal for our 2012 Founders' Day donation is \$1,200.00. \$1,255 was donated in 2011.
15. 224 "First Night" Kits and over \$900 was donated in support of the *Jersey Cares* ZHOPE initiative!
16. Please purchase gift cards for our Sorors who were affected by the recent storms. SOS!
17. Congratulations to our six scholarship recipients and seven Youth Essay Award recipients.
18. The budget for 2011-2012 was passed!
19. Thanks to Sorors Paquita Henderson, Kimberly Moore-Jones and Eunice Samuels Lewis for the wonderful workshops.
20. A day of training will be planned for our undergraduate Sorors.

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
 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

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- 4) The first official meeting of the sorority was held on January 16, 1920 in:
 - a. Miner Hall, Howard University
 - b. Founder Arizona Cleaver's dormitory room
 - c. A room at the Howard University Medical School

- 5) After the Sorority was founded, _____ women joined the initial pledge class:
 - a. 25
 - b. 19
 - c. 20
 - d. 5

- 6) Of the initial pledge class, only four were initiated. Name them.

- 7) The first graduate chapter in Zeta was established in the Atlantic Region. The name of the chapter is _____. The chapter was established in _____ (City, State) in _____ (year).

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

- 9) The current official publication is called the _____, and was first published in _____ (year).

- 10) The Sorority was incorporated in Washington, D.C. on _____, 19___. Name the five incorporators:

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

- 12) The Sorority's first paid executive secretary was Soror _____ and the address of the first executive office was _____.

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

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

- 15) The Atlantic Region was formed in ___ (year). The first Atlantic Regional Director was Soror _____.

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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