

## **GREAT LAKES REGION TORCHBEARER COMMITTEE**

**Mission:** To promote a network of caring and celebration of members within the Great Lakes Region who have made significant contributions as Regional Gems. These sorors will have been change agents for Zeta Phi Beta Sorority, Inc. and will have been deemed to have changed the landscape of their communities as well. They will have provided innovative leadership, continuous community service, and possessed outstanding scholarship. This committee will involve the Undergraduate Leadership in its endeavor. This committee will also serve as the vehicle for gathering achievements of members of the region. The means of communication to chapters will be Great Lakes Torchbearer (electronic) Alerts. The action will be to remember these members of our region with calls, cards, and visits to provide encouragement.

The Torchbearer Committee will notify the region of sorors who have special circumstances that have served on three levels of sorority leadership:

- Past Grand Basilei within our region on the occasion of their birthdays and holidays.
- These sorors will have held elected State, Regional or National offices within Zeta Phi Beta Sorority, Inc. who are 60+ years of age.
- This will also include Past Regional Directors and Past State Directors (regardless of age).
- This will include Amicae and Youth.

The Torchbearer Committee will encompass recognition on a regional and national level those who have impacted the community at large:

- These sorors will include the late U.S. Congresswoman Julia Carson (D-IN), member of the U.S. House of Representatives. We propose a national tribute to Soror Carson.
- Those who have achieved significantly in the workforce and community.

The Torchbearer Committee will celebrate sorors within the region who reach the milestone of 100 years of age as Centennial Sorors. There are two are currently known:

- Soror Catherine LaRue, Eta Zeta Chapter, Louisville, KY, February 2009
- Soror Isabel C. Taylor, Zeta Tau Zeta Chapter, Chicago, IL, August 2009

**The Torchbearer Committee also wants to be notified of chapter/auxiliary anniversaries and membership anniversaries (in multiples of five years) for those anniversaries 25 years and up.**

**Notification of our regional family members in the above categories should be directed to Norma C. Dartis, Chairperson, @ NCDartis@aol.com. All information will then be forwarded to the Regional Director, Soror Alice Craft, for approval of dissemination. Please include all contact information with submittals. Documentation may be requested.**

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