

2014 Great Lakes Regional Conference... is almost here!

Great Lakes, you have much to look forward to as an attendee to the 2014 regional conference in Cleveland!

Our Amicae and Youth will all be at the conference to help celebrate the region's 80th anniversary celebration. Remember to bring something of significance for the *"Time Capsule."*

We have workshops and presenters who have years of ex-

perience in Zeta. Our Under-



graduate members will have a workshop all to themselves and they will also have quality time alone with our Grand Basileus.

At the Opening Program, we will recognize various chapter milestones, our Zeta Doves and welcome our fellow Greeks from NPHC.

This year's conference will kick off the newly instituted mandatory Advisors/Sponsors

Certification Training and we will also have our MIP training facilitated by the National First Anti-Basileus, Soror Scarlet Black.

The National Candidates' Forum is another resourceful event to enlighten and inform you about those candidates running for National Office. Grand Wright will present the State of the Sorority address and Regional Director Porter Norman will present the State of the Region address.

We will award scholarships and showcase several community service agencies at the awards dinner. As such, we need *you* to support the Z-HOPE Community Service Initiative.

And finally, Wal-Mart & Sam's Club will be conducting on site interviews so come prepared.

Your leadership team, regional officers, appointees and host chapter Nu Theta Zeta are excited and working hard to make this a memorable and enjoyable conference for all attendees.



Visit the regional website, www.glrzetas.org for updates and information about the conference.

See you in Cleveland!

Congratulations Great Lakes Region!



Regional Director Greetings

Greetings one and all! I am so happy for winter to finally be over and I look forward to a beautiful spring season.

Your leadership team has been quite busy. As we continue to prepare for the regional conference,

I want to say thank you to all who have registered and plan to register for the conference. We are truly excited to gather in Cleveland, OH. First time attendees have much to look forward too.

This edition of the *"Gazette"* profiles happenings around the sisterhood and region.

We have so much to be proud of. I want to personally congratulate our Grand Basileus, Soror Mary Breux Wright and my counterpart in the Awesome Atlantic Region, Soror Janet Y. Bivins, Esq. on the European Expansion by chartering chapters in England & Belgium.

Recently, we chartered a chapter in Murray, Kentucky. Please join me in welcoming the Alpha Alpha Iota Zeta chapter to the Great Lakes Region. Zeta Phi Beta is truly blazing new paths.

God bless each of you and I will see you at the conference!

PBS Celebrates 100 Years with a Galas & Induction

by LaWander Bradley-Bey



January 11th was not only the day to celebrate the Phi Beta Sigma ($\Phi\beta\Sigma$) 100 year anniversary; it was a night to honor Civil Rights pioneers and living legends. Actor Malik Yoba entertained and kept the program running smoothly as the emcee.

Former U.S. President and Phi Beta Sigma member, Bill Clinton brought special greetings through a video message.

“My contribution as a new member of the fraternity is to sucker all of you into coming with me to man up and stand up.”
Belafonte said to cheers and sustained applause.
“Let us use this century to be the century where we say we started the mission to end the violence and oppression of women.”



*Phi Beta Sigma International President
Jonathan Mason, Sr.*

Former singer, actor and outspoken activist Harry Belafonte – the keynote speaker – amused and challenged the audience while other honorees challenged the crowd to keep the dreams and movements of past leaders relevant.

Honorees for the evening included Freedom Rider Hank Thomas; former New York Congressmen Edolphus Townes; Congressman John Lewis; Civil Rights leader C.T. Vivian; Elizabeth Williams-Omilami, President of Hosea Williams Feed the Homeless and Hungry; President of the A. Philip Randolph Institute, Clayola Brown; and the Rev. Al. Sharpton, who could not make the event. His daughter accepted the honor and spoke in his stead.

Zeta Grand Basileus, Mary Breaux Wright brought the house down with her spirited Centennial charge. Not only did Soror Wright charge the Sigmas to continue to promote their founding tenants and to reclaim inactive brothers, but to also continue their awesome work with the Sigma Beta youth clubs. She continued the charge for them to be participators, not spectators and share their time, energy and talents to move Sigma forward for the next 100 years.



Photo by Roy Lewis

PBS Celebrates 100 Years with a Galas & Induction (con't)



Zeta Phi Beta Sorority announces a new initiative

*Zetas
Have Heart*

Zeta Phi Beta Sorority, Inc.



*Did you know that heart disease kills more women every year than all cancers combined?
It is actually the number one killer of women!*

This is why International President, Mary Breaux Wright, thought it was important to develop a program just for Zeta Members. As we take great care of our communities we must remember to take the time to make our health a priority.

Diet and exercise has been known to reverse the effects of some forms of diabetes, high blood pressure, reduce the risk of stroke and other cardiovascular illnesses, and improve mobility and joint strength.



*International President
Mary Breaux Wright*

Join me in *Zetas Have Heart*. A 90-day journey we will take together to improve our health and increase our years with each other.

The challenge starts on March 31st. Please sign up now and participate in this journey with us. Hand in hand we will have a healthier heart, Zetas Have Heart.

Please visit <http://www.zphib1920.org/zetashaveheart/what-is-the-zetas-have-heart-90-day-challenge/> for additional information.

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A 90-Day Journey to a Better You

Join the Challenge

Follow the Challenge hashtag: #ZetasHaveHeart

Some Friendships Last A Lifetime

by Soror Michelle Porter Norman



RD Michelle Porter Norman speaking at the Tau Psi Zeta Breakfast.

As the old saying goes, people come into your life for a minute, a season or a lifetime. For me and Soror Renee Byrd it **HAS** been a lifetime. We met in 1984, as cheerleaders for Mendel Catholic High School. Our paths crossed again after I graduated high school in 1986 and went on to matriculate at Illinois State University, where Renee was attending.

I pledged Zeta in the spring of 1987 with six (6) other young women and Renee was there to encourage the seven (7) of us. She was such a support to us, that she loaned us her car all throughout hell week! Renee's **ONLY** request was **"don't tear up my car and put gas in it"**.

Renee entered the world of Zeta Phi Beta in 1994 and has not stopped working

for our beloved organization. She helped charter the Tau Psi Zeta Chapter in 2004 and served as an Illinois State Director from 2008 to 11.



Soror Renee Byrd showing off her newly given State Director pin. While RD Porter Norman speaks.

On Saturday, March 8th, the Tau Psi Zeta chapter honored her as **"Zeta of the Decade"**

and I was privileged to introduce Soror Byrd at the program.

Only a Grand Basileus can present the prestigious **"State Director Pin"** and for whatever reason, Renee never received one. So I presented her with the one I was given, having served as Illinois State Director from 2002-2006. Renee so deserved and has earned it. Even though it's a hand me down, it is a solid gold memento for a Soror, sister and friend who has blazed new paths and continues to work hard for Zeta. Congrats my friend and Soror! Love you!



Friends

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Editor's Nook - Chauntine J. Dorame



Greetings All!

I am happy to present the new edition of the **Great Lakes Gazette**. Since the last edition, our brothers of Phi Beta Sigma Fraternity have celebrated their 100th Anniversary and started their year long memoriali-

zations. The women of Zeta ushered in their 94th year of existence with jubilation and the yearly Finer Womanhood Observance was kicked off with a bang.

Next up in April, we are going to paint Cleveland, Ohio - **BLUE**. Here's to a

most productive conference!

Safe travels to everyone and I'll see you at the hotel.

-Chauntine

Please send submissions to glnewsletter@gmail.com

On The Move With The Great Lakes Regional Director



RD and Zeta Zeta Chapter Sorors in Chicago on the Windy City Live set.



RD with Michigan SD and Sigma Brother, Congressman John Lewis at the Sigma 100th Anniversary Celebration in Washington, D.C.



NORTH CENTRAL PROVINCE COUNCIL MEETING
KAPPA ALPHA PSI FRATERNITY
"TRAINING FOR LEADERSHIP"



At the 10th Annual Tau Psi Zeta Finer Womanhood Breakfast



RD with Korlon Kilpatrick, Polemark - North Central Province of Kappa Alpha Psi Fraternity



RD and Sorors at Niagara Falls



2014 Founders' Day



RD with National 1st Anti-Basileus, Scarlet Black at the 2013 Atlantic Regional Conference

On The Move With The Great Lakes Regional Director



Zeta Phi Beta Sorority, Inc.
And
The St. Joseph County Minority Health Coalition Presents...

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"EAST SIDE STORY"
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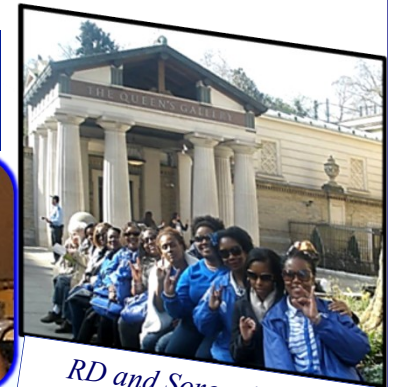
On March 22nd, the South Bend, Indiana Zetas presented *"A Blue Mystery Dinner: East Side Story - Murder in the 1950s"* at the Studebaker National Museum. The affair is Upsilon Omicron Zeta's (YOZ) bi-annual scholarship event. To their delight, the venue was sold to capacity.

On The Move With The Great Lakes Regional Director



RD at a German Castle

RD with Soror Janet Y. Bivins (Atlantic Regional Director) and Soror T. Diane Surgeon (Eastern Regional Director) at the Zeta Ball.



RD and Sorors in front of the Queen's Gallery



RD in front of Big Ben



RD at the Zeta Scholarship Ball in Germany



RD in front of Buckingham Palace



Zeta dignitaries in London



RD next to the famous tele booths

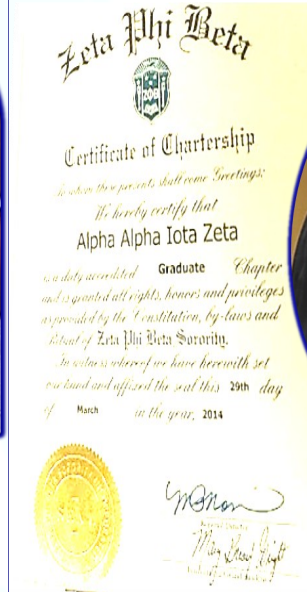
On The Move With The Great Lakes Regional Director

Murray, KY

On Saturday, March 29, 2014, seven (7) women in Murray, Kentucky came together to begin a new journey as charter members. Please join us in welcoming the **Alpha Alpha Iota Zeta Chapter** to Kentucky, the "Greater" Great Lakes Region and into Zeta Phi Beta Sorority!



CONGRATULATIONS to AAIZ Charter Members, Sorors Kimberly Newbern, Nisha Ganster, Katie McAllister, Paige Adlich, Jamesha Rhodes, Dominique Willis and Laneir Sprague



RD and Soror Keisha D. Smith, Kentucky State Director



AAIZ Sorors with RD, Soror Brunhilda Williams (National Phylacter), Soror Keisha D. Smith (KY State Dir.), Soror Ira J. Ebbs (Past GL Regional Dir.), Soror Toni Thomas (Past KY State Dir.) Soror Venishia McGregor (Upsilon Lambda Zeta Advisor - Nu Rho), Soror Velenzia Rouse (KY Undergrad-Member-at-Large - Nu Rho)

In Memoriam: Soror Isabel C. Taylor



Isabel Connolly Taylor was born Queen Isabel Connolly in Savage, Mississippi to Lena and Toney Connelly. Her parents instilled in her Godly principles and the virtues of womanhood. Her house became a classroom as she was taught by her grandfather, Mr. Jackson.

On April 12, 1931, she married Luke Taylor. Together they bore and raised ten amazing children, five boys and five girls. They emphasized the values of hard work and education. Therefore, it is no surprise that their children

became successful entrepreneurs, educators, and government officials throughout the cities of Chicago and Los Angeles.

Soror Taylor's joy of motherhood and love for Christ was followed closely by her passion for education. She followed in her family's footsteps by becoming an Educator. A high achiever, she took and passed the state of Mississippi teaching test and was assigned a position. She continued teaching until her retirement in 1959.

The author and poet was an advocate for education and social change. Similar to the organization that she joined 40+ years ago, she has been a champion for change. She stood in the trenches arm to arm with current and past civil rights leaders; spent over 40 years educating children in classrooms from Holly Springs, Mississippi to Chicago, Illinois; published literary works; and continually provide service to Zeta Phi Beta Sorority, Incorporated until her death in January 2014 at the age of 104.

Whereas, Soror Isabel C. Taylor was a finer woman and special gift to many, giving tirelessly to Zeta Phi Beta Sorority, Incorporated and Zeta Tau Zeta Chapter of Chicago, Illinois; never tiring in her efforts to serve the sisterhood.

Whereas, in celebration of Isabel C. Taylor's 104th birthday in August 2013, the state of Illinois honored the life-long learner and Educator by naming a scholarship in her honor. **The Isabel C. Taylor Scholarship** was created to assist and support high school students preparing to matriculate in an institution of higher learning. The revolving scholarship (based on the host site of the leadership conference) will assist young adults throughout the state of Illinois.

Be It Resolved, that Zeta Phi Beta Sorority, Incorporated and the state of Illinois share in sorrow in the passing of Soror Isabel C. Taylor, but more importantly, we recognize that this loss is Heaven's gain.

May It Be Further Resolved, that members of Zeta Phi Beta Sorority, Incorporated and the state of Illinois will continue to walk in her footsteps and honor the legacy of love that she left, for we are truly blessed to have known Soror Isabel C. Taylor.

Rest in Peace Beloved Sister,

Respectfully Submitted
Connie V. Pugh
Illinois State Director



Tribute to a True Blue Hoosier

On our 94th Founders' Day, Triumphant Soror/Congresswoman Julia



Congresswoman Carson's official portrait.

M. Carson, Indiana's first African American and first woman from Indianapolis elected to the U.S. House of Representatives, was memorialized with a bronze bust at the Indiana Statehouse in Indianapolis. The unveiling of the historic bust created by Jon Hair occurred during the 23rd Annual Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Indiana Holiday Celebration.

Throughout her life, Soror Julia M. Carson worked to overcome barriers imposed on her and on others by racism and sexism. A graduate of Crispus Attucks High School, Carson was elected to the Indiana House of Representatives in November 1972 and served two terms. In

1976, she was elected to the Indiana Senate — one of the first two African American women in that house — where she served for the next fourteen years. That same year, past Great Lakes Regional Director, the late Soror Effie L. Burford, recommended her to become an Honorary Member of Zeta Phi Beta Sorority, Inc.

tive reelection campaigns, and served until her death on December 15, 2007.

The bronze bust has a permanent home on the third floor of the Indiana Statehouse.



Sorors Amber Pratcher, Kimber Monford-Hall, Indiana SD Johnson, Londra Dufor, Past RD Norma C. Dartis with Congressman André Carson, grandson of Soror Carson



Soror Carson served as Center Township Trustee of Marion County, 1990-1996. In 1996, she was elected to the U.S. House of Representatives, becoming the first African-American woman to represent Indianapolis. She won five consecu-

Indiana State Organization Sorors representing at Soror Carson's ceremony.



Illinois State - Finer Womanhood Highlights

Champaign-Urbana

On March 8th, the **FINER WOMEN of Theta Lambda Zeta** in Champaign, Illinois presented their 11th Annual Finer Womanhood Awards Breakfast. This year's theme was "Precious Pearls, Generations of Wisdom".



TLZ Sorors: (l to r) Demetria Candler and Shandra Summerville

The program consisted of honoring four scholarship winners and five "Pearls of Wisdom" presentations. The breakfast program was an awesome way to show admiration to those in the community.

Alsip

On March 8, 2014 **Tau Psi Zeta** celebrated their 10th Annual Finer Womanhood Prayer and Scholarship Breakfast, which benefits the Fervent Hearts Foundation. This year's theme "**Thanking and Praising with Zeal**", summarized the chapter's programming, community service efforts and the lives that have been touched by the chapter over the past ten years.

The 2014 honorees were: Reverend Annette Barker (Woman of the Year), Soror Tranese Walker (Zeta of the Year), Kyilah Terry (Archonette of the Year), Chi-Town Cheerleading and Tumbling Stars (Organization of the Year) and Soror Renee S. Byrd (Zeta of the Decade).

A total of six scholarship were



Soror Nicole Langston with her Mother, Grandmother and Mother-in-law

awarded to deserving young ladies who demonstrated participation in community service projects and an educational need from throughout the Chicagoland area. Pastor Darius Brooks took the audience to church through song and words of inspiration.

Markham

For an organization to still be around for 25 years is a feat. For that same organization to have raised funds to provide scholarships for various community members is amazing. The Xi Mu Zeta chapter of Markham is not only celebrating their 25th year of existence

Soror JuTun King, Xi Mu Zeta's Zeta of the Year



but also are rejoicing over the fact that they have provided and are still granting civic recognition and scholarships.

On March 22nd at the **2014 Essence of Zeta Awards** luncheon, Xi Mu Zeta along with the Pearl Foundation commended, applauded, hailed and sang the praises of the following: Gospel Kitchen – Community Partner of the year, Joan Millender – Woman of the Year, four (4) scholarship recipients (who each received \$2,000), Deanna Roby – Zeta Zeal recipient, Friend Jametta Ware—Amica of the year and last but certainly not least, Soror JunTun King – **ZETA** of the Year.

The affair was top notch as we grooved with the live band, talked, laughed and truly just enjoy each other's company.

Chicago

On March 1, 2014, the Psi Psi Zeta Chapter of Chicago held their First Annual Finer Womanhood Scholarship Luncheon with the theme:



"Celebrating Our Future Leaders while Planting Seeds for a Better Tomorrow". It was held at the Crystal Light Banquet Hall.

The Partner of the Year Award was given to Mr. Merritt J. Hasbrouck, President of Jackson Park Hospital and Medical Center. When Jackson Park Hospital opened their new maternity and OB



Soror Connie V. Pugh
Illinois State Director



unit in May 2012 and chose to partner with Psi Psi Chapter for our Stork's Nest Program, it made for a perfect marriage.

The Community Service Award was given to Ms. Madiha Qureshi, State Director of Program Services for the March of

Dimes. Four scholarships were bestowed on college bound women who will be continuing their education in the Fall.

The luncheon also included a silent auction which was comprised of gift baskets, in recognition of each one of our Founders with funds going to our Scholarship Fund.

Indiana State Organization



Soror Susan D. Johnson, Ph.D.
Indiana State Director



The state of Indiana has been busy celebrating Finer Womanhood Month and our founding principles. All across the state Sorors had bonding events, recognized outstanding women in their communities and were recognized as well, starting with our own State Director!

Eta Upsilon Zeta Chapter Sorors and their luncheon honorees

Soror Susan Johnson was honored by the City of Bloomington at their Legends Tea on March 9th. The Legends Tea is held in honor of women in the Bloomington community who have blazed trails and shown leadership in a number of different areas. Congratulations Soror Johnson, you are definitely living up to the tenants of Zeta Phi Beta Sorority.

In Ft. Wayne, the Sorors of Eta Upsilon Zeta held their Second Annual Women's History Month Luncheon "Celebrating Women of Character, Courage and Commitment". It gave the Chapter great pleasure to recognize and honor phenomenal women who have made a difference in the lives of their families and the community.

The Sorors of Upsilon Omicron Zeta in South Bend celebrated Founders

Day and Finer Womanhood Month with bonding and performing outreach for others.

Events included a chapter



The Sorors of Upsilon Omicron Zeta making a blanket.

dinner for Founders Day and Family Bowling that also included our brothers of Phi Beta Sigma and their Archonette group. The chapter also came together to make blankets for the local

hospital NICU and Ronald McDonald House.

The Sorors of Epsilon Kappa Chapter at Purdue University celebrated Finer

Womanhood with a Finer Womanhood mini week of events from March 6th to the 8th. The series of events consisted of *Know Your RootZ: Part 2. The first Know your*

RootZ was a smash. A night of performing arts and a Healthy Food demonstration. Attendees learned simple and inex-



The Sorors of Epsilon Kappa

pensive ways to eat better to enjoy a happier and healthier life. The chapter wrapped up their Finer Womanhood mini week of events with a *Mind, Body & Spirit* wellness conference for young women in the local and campus community.



Kentucky State Association



*Soror Keisha D. Smith
Kentucky State Director*



The fabulous women of the Kentucky State Association have held wonderful Founders' Day programs and Finer Womanhood events throughout the state of Kentucky. The Zetas, Amicae, and Youth have rocked through recognition of our 5 pearls, leadership development, and sisterhood. We hope you will enjoy the real moments captured in time!

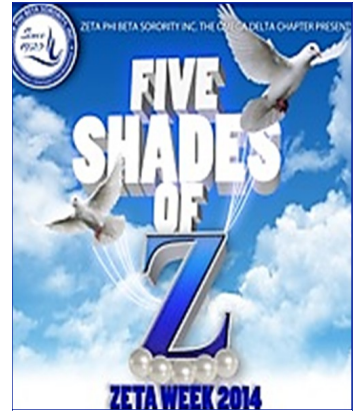
Eta Zeta Chapter, Louisville: Presented the **2014 Founders' Day Program** at the Downtown Marriott with Graduate and Undergraduate Zetas, Amicae, Youth, NPHC organizations, and family and friends in attendance.

Pictured left to right: Sorors Felecia Patterson (Co-Chair); Vivian Landrum-Clayton (Basileus); Keisha D. Smith, Kentucky State Director, and Shervita West (Co-Chair)

Kappa Lambda Zeta Chapter, Lexington: Hosted the **2014 Founders' Day Celebration of 94 Years of Being Exceptional** at the Rafferty's with Graduate and Undergraduate Zetas, family and friends in attendance. In addition, they conducted "**March of Dimes: Bowling for Babies**" for FWO. *Pictured left to right top: Soror Karen Wright; Lanisha Hostler; An-*

Mu Lambda, Eastern Kentucky University, Richmond: Presented their Bonding/Spa night with a Mary Kay Consultant for facialZ and Make-up; community service for on campus clean-up; "Blizz Yoga", and "Am I a Sex Symbol?" events for Finer Womanhood Week.

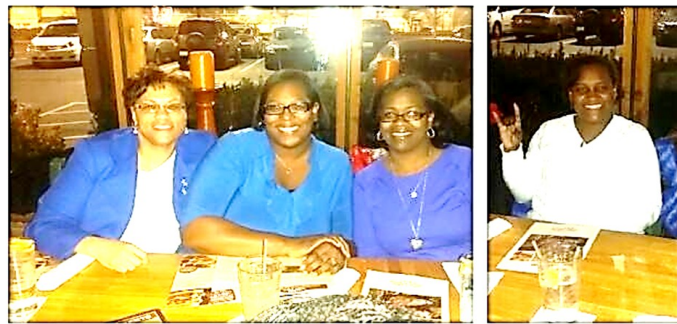
Omega Delta Chapter, Western Kentucky University, Bowling Green:



Zeta Alpha Zeta, Frankfort:

Conducted Rededication under the leadership of Evetta Jackson, Basileus, and State Director Keisha D. Smith. The chapter immediately transitioned to a chapter meeting while providing food, supporting the Golden Girls, and getting down to business! It is wonderful to visit chapters as we continue to learn so much from one another. The following is photo of Ida B. King shared by Kathy Padgett from a state meeting conference

book when Zeta Alpha Zeta hosted years ago.



drea Fender, Tonya Muhammad (Basileus); Monique Beckham; Verinda Emerson; Kairise Conwell.

Presented **FIVE SHADES OF Z** for their **2014 Zeta Week** with seven events planned for each day of the week under the leadership of Jamie Daniels, Basileus.



Zeta Amicae, Louisville:

Hosted a fellowship gathering with the members of Eta Zeta. We engaged and played ZETA BINGO which had a wonderful outcome. Zeta Amicae is under the leadership of Amica Lesa Cole (President) and Soror Cassandra Grigsby, State Amicae Coordinator and Eta Zeta Advisor.





*Soror Elner B. Taylor
Michigan State Director*

Michigan State Organization hosts the State Undergrad Retreat

On Saturday November 2nd, 2013, the Nu Nu Chapter of Oakland University in Rochester, MI hosted the Michigan State Organization's annual Undergraduate retreat. This year's theme featured workshops on how to build a bigger and better ZETA. There were five (5) workshops that Graduate Zeta members facilitated; Recruitment and Retention, Transitioning from Under-

grad to Grad, Z-HOPE 101, How to be an effective Tamias and Understanding and Improving Zeta's Image. Sorors Erin Coleman and Erica Goldston incorporated two (2) models into their Zeta image presentation. The audience had the opportunity to discuss the issues up close and personal. MIP was offered to those that that needed it. For the Sorors that were already MIP certified, "Stroll Swapping" - sisterly bonding time was offered.

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MSO Sorors at Oakland University



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For Recruitment and Retention, Soror Urayna Nance emphasized the importance of bringing in new members and keeping

points by incorporating different activities into chapter's Zeta weeks.

Commendations go to Soror Trycennia Dean-Motley and her Tamias presentation. Sorors left with a better understanding of establishing budgets, vouchers and filing tax



SD Taylor presenting MIP training

Minnesota State Organization



*Soror Bernadette Harrell
Minnesota State Director*

On January 20, 2014, Sorors from the Minnesota State Organization volunteered at the Historical Black Colleges and Universities (HBCU) College Fair held at Saint Peter's AME Church in Minneapolis, Minnesota. Over 500 high school and middle school students

questions and answers portion on financial aid.

The event included a keynote speaker, Ms. Lissa Jones from KMOJ radio station in Minneapolis, Minnesota; a gospel performance by Javonta Patton with the singing group

University were a part of the HBCU College Fair. Dillard University and Johnson C. Smith University were

(left to right) Soror Bernadette Harrell, Minnesota State Director and Soror Fannie Harrell, Chair of Minnesota State Executive Board



were in attendance. Financial aid sessions were held and students participated in the

DFY, and a step performance. Central State University, Florida A&M University, and Fisk

SKYPED in.

On January 24, 2014, the local chapters of Phi Beta Sigma Fraternity, Inc. hosted a "Black Tie Affair" in celebration of their 100 years anniversary.

The event was held at McNamara Alumni Center on the University of Minnesota campus (Minneapolis, Minnesota). Sorors from the Minnesota State Organization, university alumni, and community leaders were all in attendance. The "Black Tie Affair" also featured a live band. All appeared to have a good time.

Sorors Mary Caruso Dailey, Leila Comer and Collena Coleman





*Soror LaRita MJ Smith
Ohio State Director*



On Saturday, February 8, 2014, the ladies of the Zeta Xi Zeta Chapter in Toledo, Oh hosted the first "Stepping for Scholarship."

This event, which the chapter plans to make an annual event, was held

*Members of Sigma and Zeta
with their trophies*



Ohio State Organization

is "Stepping for Scholarship" and Breaking Records

to raise money for the Annual Finer Womanhood Scholarship fund.

ing and stepping with a short documentary film. The Blue and White



The program was developed to help show unity among the African-American Greek community in the City of Toledo. Members of the other Divine 9 Greek organizations participated in this event through stepping, strolling, and singing.

Although we primarily wanted to entertain our guests, we also included an educational element by presenting the historical perspective of stroll-

Family swept the 1st Place trophies with the Zeta Xi Zeta chapter winning on behalf of the sororities and the



Gamma Alpha Sigma Chapter of Phi Beta Sigma winning on behalf of the fraternities. Next

year, we hope to take this event to a bigger venue and draw in an even bigger crowd to make "Stepping for Scholarship" an even bigger success.



The ladies of Zeta Phi Beta Sorority, Inc., Sigma Iota Zeta chapter of Reynoldsburg, OH continue to break records while serving the community. As part of their Founders' Day

celebration, Sigma Iota Zeta members returned to the Mid-Ohio Food Bank on January 11 where they packed food boxes for senior citizens. This year, the Sorors broke a record by completing 863 boxes. The event was part of a week of celebration that included a Buffalo Wild Wings fundraiser, a bowling social, a church service and brunch.



*Soror Milika Z. Miller
Wisconsin State Director*

Wisconsin State Organization

It's all about Service



Lambda Lambda Chapter volunteers at the Aurora Family Services and participates in Martin Luther King Day of Service



Kappa Xi and Kappa Beta Zeta Chapters at Alexian Village



Sigma Alpha Zeta donating gifts cards to Family House, dropping off Christmas gifts to a needy family and donating to the tutoring program at Mount Zion MB Church in honor of Founders' Day.



Regional Life Member News and Updates

On behalf of over 140 Great Lakes Life Members, including over 40 new Life Members and more than 35 Diamond Life Contributors, I am pleased to greet our entire Great Lakes family and supporters!

Thank you to all Life Members who answered when Zeta called, collectively doing our part to support our wonderful sisterhood and our "house." We are served well by our hard-working State Life Member Coordinators, who have complied with all requests for information, allowing us to appropriately identify the efforts of each Great

Lakes Life Member.

Our Life Members continue to model leadership within their chapters, at their state levels, and even on our regional and national boards. I am pleased to represent you on our national Life Member team. The launch of our national newsletter (ZETA LIFE-LINE), development of a special project for all Life Members (Elder care), and re-establishment of a Life Members' business meeting at the Grand Boulé are just some of the national team's achievements. Your national team is planning a celebratory luncheon for you in July which you

will not want to miss!

I look forward to seeing you at our Life Members' program at the 80th Great Lakes Regional conference in Cleveland, where we will recognize your work, and again at our anniversary Boulé in DC! You'll want to learn of the national team's goals and objectives and the plans for Golden Life Members and Diamond Life Contributors. As always, your ideas and concerns are welcomed, and *thank you for answering the call to service.*

Always sisterly,
Cheryl A. B. Christie



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From the Desk of the Great Lakes Regional Amicae Coordinator

***GREAT LAKES REGION
AMICAE LEADERSHIP***

Soror/Friend Donnie Faye Hull
National Director of Amicae Affairs

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National Co-Director of Amicae Affairs

Soror/Friend Renee S. Byrd
Great Lakes Regional Amicae Coordinator

Amica Janice L. Brown
Great Lakes Region Amicae President

Greetings Sorors & Amicae,

The National Amicae Leadership Team which is comprised of all 8 Regional Coordinators along with the National Director and Co-Director of Amicae Affairs is excited and gearing up for our 1st Boulé as a team. We look forward to welcoming the Amicae from all over the Nation to join us for a week of fun-filled learning, fellowshiping and downright fun. All Amicae are encouraged to attend as we will for the first time ever announce the Amicae Legacy Club, give out the Special Boulé awards - Friend Mary Breaux Wright Friendship Award and Friend Lullelia Walker Harrison Service Award and announce the winners of the Zeta Amicae Auxiliary Signature Project award. Please watch your email, forthcoming will be an Amicae packet with all of the detailed information.

The Boulé registration information is as follows:

International Grand Boulé | July 15 - July 19, 2014

Washington Hilton | www3.hilton.com | 1919 Connecticut Ave NW | Washington, DC 20009

T: 1-202-483-3000 | Toll-free: 800-445-8667 | F: 1-202-232-0438

\$199+14.5% tax - King/Double rooms | \$275+14.5% tax - Executive level King/Double room | +\$25 per person

IMPORTANT DATES – register online at <http://www.zphib1920.org> or mail-in forms only, no faxes accepted

Zeta Amicae - Early registration 3/13/14 - 4/5/14 - \$600 | Regular registration 4/6/14 – 5/31/14 - \$650

Optional Ticketed Events – please be sure to add these additional costs to your registration fees.

- **Please note:** Amicae will receive tickets to the Amicae Luncheon and Awards banquet with registration. **Amicae are required to pay for a ticket if they wish to attend the Inspirational Breakfast for an additional \$55.00.**
- Zeta Sponsors will receive tickets to the Awards Banquet and Inspirational Breakfast with registration. **Zetas are required to pay for a ticket if they wish to attend the Amicae Luncheon for an additional \$75.00.**

The workshops will be lead by the National Amicae leadership team and include such topics as the following:

- Organizational Structure
- A Historical Prospective of the Zeta Amicae
- The Road map to Develop an Effective Auxiliary
- Strategic Planning & The 3 R's of Membership
 - Understanding the Operations Manual
 - Strategies for Effective Fiscal Management
- Parliamentary Procedures & Ceremonies and Services
- Effective Use of Social Media & Effective Communication

Sisterly,

Renee S. Byrd

Soror/Friend Renee S. Byrd

**MANDATORY
YOUTH
CERTIFICATION
TRAINING**

Save the Date
April 27, 2014



Who: Zetas who serve as State Youth Coordinators and Zetas who serve or will serve as a local Youth Sponsor..

When: 8a – 12p

Where: Renaissance Cleveland Hotel

Cost: \$10 – *submit fee and form (Conference workbook) with Regional registration by 04/01/14 – NO ON-SITE*






*Questions or comments? Feel free to contact the Regional Youth Affiliates Coordinators:
Ayana Fordham or DeAnna Riley
Zetaglr.youthcoordinator@gmail.com*

2014 March for Babies Campaign



The reasons we walk...

-  *In the United States, one (1) in nine (9) babies are born prematurely.*
-  *Worldwide, 15 million babies are born too soon each year.*
-  *More than 1 in 6 black infants are born premature compared to 1 in 9 for all babies.*

... thus, we are working to address the crisis at home and abroad.

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2014 Dates to Remember

April 15: Soror Violette N. Anderson Day

Apr 17-20: ΦΒΣ – GLRC, Chicago, IL

Apr 24-27: ZΦB 80th Annual GLRC, Cleveland

Apr 27: Mandatory Advisors/Sponsors Training, Cleveland, OH 8am-Noon

June 30: Fiscal Year Ends

July 1: Fiscal Year Begins - Fees and Taxes are Due.

Jul 15-19: Grand Boulé, Washington, DC

Jul 16-20: Phi Beta Sigma Conclave, Washington, DC

Sept 11-14 State Directors' Retreat, Chicago, IL

Sept 13 Regional Executive Board Meeting, Chicago, IL

Sept 13 Advisors/Sponsors Training, Chicago, IL

Sept 26-27 Michigan State Conference - Kalamazoo, MI

Oct. 10-11 Indiana State Conference - Fishers, IN

Oct. 18: Minnesota State Conference - St. Louis Park, MN

Oct. 24-25: Ohio State Conference - Dayton, OH

Nov 7-8: Wisconsin State Conference - Milwaukee, WI

Nov 14-15: Kentucky State Association's Undergraduate Retreat and Leadership Conference - Frankfort, KY

TBD: Illinois State Conf.

2014 March for Babies Campaign

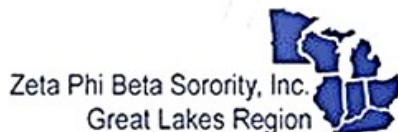
Great Lakes Region is waiting for *you!*

Our region has been challenged to raise \$2,014 this year for March of Dimes/March for Babies. Let's move beyond that by far.

The goal on the page states \$2,500, but let's **STAND UP** and show others what the *Greater Great Lakes Region* is really about.



To **DONATE** to the GLR Team,
visit <http://www.marchforbabies.org/team/t2163572>



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HOST CHAPTER: NU THETA ZETA

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Zeta Phi Beta Sorority, Inc.
Nu Theta Zeta Chapter
Warrensville Heights, OH

2014 Great Lakes Region Leadership Conference

Friday April 25, 2014

Doors Open at 7:00 PM

Renaissance Cleveland Hotel

Stroll Off Competition

\$10 until 3.31.14
\$15 after 3.31.14

Register your team today!

First Place: \$400

Second Place: \$200

Third Place: \$100



For more information contact

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Mary Breaux Wright, International President

Michelle Porter Norman, Regional Director

Tamara Manning Gordon, President

Purchase Tickets Online

<https://www.eventbrite.com/e/zeta-phi-beta-sorority-inc-2014-great-lakes-regional-conference-stroll-off-tickets-9656830841>

Building on the Principles of Zeta While Blazing New Paths

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LEADERSHIP CONFERENCE

Zeta Legacies

The **Great Lakes Region** has a rich history and is a legacy in itself. Starting from the very first Zeta Legacies in 1920; Founders & Sisters Myrtle Tyler Faithful and Viola Tyler Goings to Frances Faithful, daughter of Founder Faithful & niece of Founder Goings; 20th Past Grand Dr. Jylla Moore Tearte to her daughter, Anjylla Foster our National Third Anti-Basileus.

We are privileged to share with you the mothers, daughters, sisters, aunts and cousins that are members of the Great Lakes Region Legacy Club.

Please remember to send pictures and legacy information to: Soror Fannie Harrell, Great Lakes Region Legacy Club Coordinator at fannie_m_harrell1920@yahoo.com



Name: Naomi Carter (left) (Mother)
1st Wisconsin State Director
Initiated: Tau Alpha - 1948
Current Chapter: Sigma Beta Zeta
Location: Roseville, MN

Name: Sheri Carter (right) (Daughter)
Initiated: Eta Iota - 1979
Current Chapter: Nu Iota Zeta
Location: Madison, WI



Name: Ira J. Ebbs (left) (Mother)
Past Great Lakes Regional Director
Initiated: 1974
Current Chapter: Eta Zeta
Location: Louisville, KY

Name: Keisha D. Smith (right) (Daughter)
Kentucky State Director
Initiated: 1996
Chapter: Iota Mu
Location: Lexington, KY
School: University of Kentucky
Current Chapter: Eta Zeta
Location: Louisville, KY

Zeta Legacies



Name: Tosha Bunch (left) (Sister)
Initiated: Summer 1988
Alpha Alpha - Chicago Metro
Current Chapter: Zeta Zeta
Location: Dolton, IL

Name: Tonia Lewis-Rogers (right) (Sister)
Initiated: Winter 2013
Chapter: Zeta Zeta
Location: Dolton, IL

Name: Yolonda Fincher (left) (Mother)
Initiated: Psi Epsilon
Bowling Green State University
Bowling Green, OH
Spring 1987

Name: Biannca Mitchell (right) (Daughter)
Initiated: Psi Epsilon
Bowling Green State University
Bowling Green, OH
Fall 2011



Name: Kimber Monford-Hall (left) (Cousin)
Initiated: Beta Omicron Zeta – Detroit, MI
Spring 1988
Charter Member and current chapter: Upsilon Omega Zeta
Fishers, IN

Name: Candace Connell-Jordan (right) (Cousin)
Initiated and current chapter: Eta Upsilon Zeta
Ft. Wayne, IN
Winter 2003

Zeta Legacies

Name: Kimberly King (left) (Daughter)
Initiated: Upsilon Epsilon – Univ. of Akron
1990

Current chapter: Gamma Delta Zeta
Cleveland, OH

Name: Claudette Kennedy (right) (Mother)
Initiated and current chapter: Gamma Delta Zeta
Cleveland, OH
1996



Name: Danielle Gooden (left) (Sister)
Initiated: Nu Delta - University of Illinois
Urbana, IL
Spring 2004
Current chapter: Eta Chi Zeta
Joliet, IL

Name: Janielle Gooden (right) (Sister)
Initiated and current chapter: Eta Chi Zeta
Joliet, IL
Winter 2005



Name: Dr. Janet L. Gardner (left) (Cousin)
Initiated: Summer 1977
Alpha Alpha - Chicago Metro
Current Chapter: Xi Mu Zeta
Location: Markham, IL

Name: Angela Philmore (right) (Cousin)
Initiated: Tau Delta Chapter
Western Michigan University
Kalamazoo, MI
1981



Save The Date!



July 15-19, 2014

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