

Fall 2021

ZETA TAU ALPHA

Sigma Chapter Alumnae Newsletter

Letter from Anita

Zeta Sisters,

The dog days of Summer are ending, and we look to the Fall events. Cooler days and nights, football games, Fall festivals and the colorful leaves of Autumn are what I look forward to this time of year. The Fall semester started with formal recruitment. The chapter took quota of 11 plus 3. Membership Advisor Becky Johns did a great job directing and assisting the chapter. The members are working hard to add another few Zeta ladies through Crown events. A big event that is coming up soon is Baker Homecoming on October 2. The House Corporation plans on having an open house for alumnae and their families, and collegians, with cider and donuts from 9:00-11:00 a.m. This gives time for a morning visit before heading to the game tailgate. Let's have Zetas fill the stands at homecoming – wear your Zeta letters or Baker garb if you have it!

The House Corporation is still being conservative with work on the house except for needed maintenance. The chapter growing its membership will enhance working capital and the House Corporation can then re-focus on improvements and upgrades that are on our radar. As of now there are 20 members living in the house., and we are hoping some new members can move in at semester break. Of note is that the members are looking forward to the delivery of their new sectional sofa and ottoman, to be delivered in mid-September. The purchase of these items was made possible by a designated gift from an alumna.

STAG will be held on Saturday, May 14, so mark your calendars. There will be some changes this year! We are planning an afternoon social hour, possibly on the lawn at the Alumni House (previous Phi Mu house) for sorority alumnae to have a chance to get together in a group and see friends from other houses. We are exploring making changes to the Annual House Corporation meeting in order to allow more visit time as well. And, in addition to honoring the 50 year classes from 2020, 2021, and 2022 with the Order of the Shield (White Violet), we have other milestones to mark. Sigma Chapter was chartered in 1912, so will be 110 years old at STAG. The Sigma of ZTA House Corporation was founded in October of 1920, so the Centennial that we missed last year will be marked this year!

Watch for more details on our Sigma Alumnae Facebook page or in the Spring newsletter.

We have missed STAG for 2 years! So, everybody is looking forward to seeing our Zeta sisters.

ZL,
Anita
Sigma House Corporation President

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Gifts Given and Generosity Appreciated

Since our Sprig 2021 newsletter we have continued to be so grateful to those who have made donations to Sigma of ZTA House Corporation. Your gifts continue to help us take care of necessary repairs and maintenance to our Baker home. We are in lean times, so a special thank you to our sisters here:

Kathy Painter Anderson, Roberta Cooper Anderson, Jane Fields Baker, Amy Stever Berg, Maribeth Ogg Brennaman, Maurian Sommese Buchholtz, Mildred Yeamans Buss, Sara Brookens Caton, Anne Wills Ferneau, Marcia Rossiter Hawk, Mary Jefferson, Phyllis Stegner Kidd, Karen Horvath Odgers, Amanda Peterson, Jennifer Poersch, Darcy Russell, Suzanne Stoskopf Sedgwick, Sarajane Blythe Shubert, Linda Carlson South, Chris Hawkinson Trotta, Kris Randell Waldren. Separately, meals that had been provided during workshop week in years past, were not part of the commissary contract for this year. An appeal was put out on Facebook for alumnae assistance to provide the members with those meals.

Alumnae opened their hearts and donated funds so that our collegiate sisters would not have to individually purchase workshop lunches and dinners. Alumnae who helped with this separate endeavor were:

Alyssa Paul Thomas, Amy Austin Colwell, Amy Horton Buckley, Becky Lynn Vawter, Brenda Nanninga Carroll, Brenda Tuller Stasiulis, Carrie Campbell McAtee, Chere Carter Ferguson, Chloe Mercer Keslar, Erika Engelken Parker, Heather Allison Elliott, Heather Cooper Fischer, Heidi Gretchen Hulse, Jeannine Bailey Hurford, Jen Kinard Johnson, Jennifer Grau Knox, Jennifer Yocham Poersch, Jimi Burke, Jody Shouse McKnight, Julie Simecka Biswell, Kari Bond Valentine, Kate Badenoch White, Kathleen McGrath Ellis, Katie Radford McGuire, Kelly Butaud Rogers, Kelly Urban Demeritt, Kendra Jean Clark, Kimberly D Erickson, Lisa Larson Bandre, Liz Gates Johnson, Mendy Colburn Weakley, Meredith Morphew Pearson, Paula Yarick Tilgner, Rachel Theobald Gray, Sara Koup Barth, Shelby Marie Riley, Sonya Picking Jones, Susan Kleinschmidt Poling, Tobi Davis Barnett.

Thank you to all, whether you gave to the House Corporation or to the meal fund!

Thank you also to those who came down to help with mock recruitment, baked cookies and served. Your time and input was greatly appreciated:

Ashley Pippin, Anita Miller Hempy, Brenda Tuller Stasiulis, Brenda Nanninga Carroll, Britton Stasiulis, Brooke Geenens Burkhart, Brynn Stasiulis, Carrie Reynolds Rauenzahn, Hannah Tolliver Bowers, Kaitlyn Shafer, Mendy Weakley, Molly Hunt Anderson, Nico Kenney, Olivia Beins, Ryenn Johns Yarbrough, Sarah Fritz Miller, Steph Woltkamp, Whitney Silkey Perez.

Welcome to Sigma Chapter of Zeta Tau Alpha!



Meet our new Zeta sisters!!

Ann Beal: Topeka, KS
Carson Becker: Topeka, KS
Emma Berkley: Overbrook, KS
Gracie Childs: Clearwater, KS
Kierra Hipple: Raymore, MO
Lindsey Boedicker: Paola, KS
Kaylee Reese: Wellsville, KS
Madi Byerley: Overland Park, KS
Marah Lutz: Garnett, KS
Maya DeMeritt: Atchison, KS
Natalie Sheperd: Lawrence, KS
Olivia Deichmann: Windsor, MO
Sydney Delfelder: Lawrence, KS
Zoey Schroeter: Olathe, KS

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WHEN IT RAINS IT POURS

When air conditioning was retroactively added to the house, the ductwork in the 2nd hall ceiling was not able to be insulated because of space constraints. During hot weather when A/C is most utilized, the intake of outside air mixing with cold air in non-insulated ductwork resulted in condensation forming and coming through the dropped ceiling in the hallway. There has been expense annually to replace ruined ceiling tiles which has escalated in recent years. With financial constraints caused by COVID, an interim approach to address the problem conservatively revealed deeper seated issues that must be addressed now.

The plaster and lathe construction in the older part of the house has disintegrated from the moisture behind these walls. What we thought was a problem we could address "when we got around to it", has become something that needs addressed immediately. While the walls and ceiling are cracked open, it is cost effective to address other very pressing issues: replacing one of the last 2 furnaces we have yet to complete that we know is on borrowed time, significant electrical issues that require upgrades, the fire sprinkler system and more. Estimates for this project are \$70,000.

We are faced with doing this work summer of 2022, at a time when the House Corporation income is down significantly because of the necessity of lowering the chapter rent while the chapter rebuilds its membership. As noted in the Spring newsletter, COVID has negatively impacted membership numbers. The good news is the strength of Sigma's recruitment this Fall, so there is much cause for optimism. However, we won't be out of the woods for awhile yet!

Alumnae donations continue to be an integral part of the House Corporation budget. Gifts of any amount are gratefully received and put to use toward maintaining and improving Sigma's home. See the form in this newsletter on how to donate by check or use the QR code to the right and donate with PayPal. Simply use the camera on your smart phone to unlock the link. As always, donations are from the heart and non tax deductible. Thank you!



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MARK YOUR CALENDARS!!

HOMECOMING: OCTOBER 2, 2021
MAPLE LEAF: OCTOBER 16-17, 2021
Alumni Weekend: MAY 13-15, 2022
STAG: May 14, 2022

SCHOLARSHIP RECIPIENTS FOR THE 2021-2022 ACADEMIC YEAR

Achievement Scholarship	Zoe Brewer
Vallera Clough Ross Endowed Scholarship	Lauren Eason
Helen "Gail" Songer Dippold Memorial Recognition Scholarship	Haleigh Harris
Joan Griffin Dibble Memorial Scholarship	Alexandra Petracek
Joan Griffin Dibble Memorial Scholarship	Kathleen Drake

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Thank you in advance!