



## Zeta Phi Beta Sorority, Inc. – Zeta Delta Zeta Chapter

### A Word from our President!

Happy Fall! Zeta Phi Beta Sorority, Inc., Zeta Delta Zeta chapter is excited to begin the 2012-2013 year serving our community. From registering voters and fundraising for the American Cancer Society to supporting our brothers of Phi Beta Sigma in their scholarship endeavors and walking for the fight against breast cancer, Zeta Delta Zeta is starting the year doing what we love to do, and what we're called to do – serve!



Throughout this year we will continue to fulfill the mission of our organization by working with our youth and adult auxiliaries to promote scholarship, service and cultural enrichment throughout Burlington County.

Our signature programs such as our annual Finer Womanhood Scholarship Luncheon and our Z-Hope Awards Program are on the calendar. Please talk to any of our chapter members for details. Like Zeta Phi Beta Sorority, Inc. – Zeta Delta Zeta Chapter on Facebook and visit our web page ZetaDeltaZeta.org to keep up with what we are doing in the community!

### Anti-Bullying Workshop

On Saturday November 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2012 the National Pan-Hellenic Council, Inc. of Burlington County and Zeta Phi Beta Sorority, Inc. hosted the 2013 Youth Symposium Kickoff Community Service event. It will be held at St. Paul Baptist Church in Florence Twp. N.J. The workshop was held to address the dangers of bullying/hazing in our community. The workshop started off with a scripture from Ephesians and Bullying Bingo as an icebreaker. Girls from middle school – high school attended the event and recanted experiences of bullying/hazing that they had seen or experienced in school. Discussions were held on ways that students could prevent report and act on instances of bullying and the atmosphere was one of engagement and enlightenment.

### Stork's Nest 11<sup>th</sup> Anniversary

Zeta Delta Zeta Chapter's Stork's Nest is still going strong after eleven years in the Burlington County Community. We started the Nest in September of 2001 and have helped many young women over the last eleven years. Zeta Delta Zeta's Stork's Nest continues to be of service in the community teaching young women how to have a healthy full term baby. A happy baby is a healthy baby!

### Upcoming Events:

- *Adopt – A – Room: January 2013*
- *State Founders Day Celebration: January 2013*
- *Zeta Delta Zeta Holiday Extravaganza: January 2013*
- *Zeta Delta Zeta Redication Event: February 2013*
- *Black History Month Celebration: February 2013*

**Ephesians 4:29 (NIV)**  
**“Do not let any unwholesome talk come out of your mouths, but only what is helpful for building others up according to their needs, that it may benefit those who listen”**



Pictured Above: Anti-bullying event – NPHC, Zeta Delta Zeta and Girls of Grace ministry at St. Paul's Baptist Church - Florence NJ

## Congratulations Corner

We can never get enough of how poised, polished and professional our Zeta sisters continue to be. We are accomplished women designed with a purpose. Our chapter is celebrating many accomplishments this season including:

- Soror Katina Vaughn on the birth of her bouncing baby girl! Sophia Izabella Vaughn.
- Soror Angelica Russell on her promotion! Soror Russell was promoted to Caseworker Supervisor in Camden East Local Office.
- Soror Shivonne Matthew on her promotion! Soror Matthew was recently promoted to the Process Management Lead for Strategic Sourcing at Johnson & Johnson where she is now responsible for developing, standardizing and implementing organizational processes for her department.
- Soror Pauline Gibson on her appointment as the ZHOPE regional coordinator

## Zeta Day on the Hill

On Wednesday, September 19, 2012 Soror Pauline Gibson, and a van load of New Jersey Sorors from Epsilon Xi Zeta Chapter, ventured off from Trenton, NJ to Washington D.C to meet our Grand Basileus, First Anti Basileus, Second Anti Basileus, several other National, Regional and State Officers as well as over 200 Sorors on Capitol Hill.

The day was bright, sunny and beautiful and the City was covered with pure royal blue. It was a great sight to see especially when we gathered on the steps of the hill for picture taking.

Soror Krysta Jones our own Social Action Coordinator did a fantastic job organizing the events of the day. She further provided us with the summary of what took place on Capitol Hill. She shared that Sorors came from across the nation to Capitol Hill to learn about key issues affecting our communities, explore opportunities for national partnerships, and network with experts and advocates. The following is a summary of the day.

**Women in Politics**-Katherine Gilmore, legislative aide for Philadelphia City Councilwoman Blondell Richards Brown, moderated a discussion with Stefanie Reeves, lobbyist for the American Psychological Association. Stefanie discussed her experiences lobbying for associations over the past 10 years. Stefanie stressed the importance of doing your research

as citizen lobbyists conveying your message to Congress.

**An Insider's Perspective to Campaigns and Elections**-Marcus Mason, president of the Washington Government Relations Group and board member of the Congressional Black Caucus Foundation discussed his experiences serving as a Capitol Hill staffer and campaign manager. He provided an overview of the political process and how to best get involved in campaigns.

**Voting Rights** -Jotaka Eaddy of the NAACP discussed how voter ID laws around the nation are expected to decrease the number of people who are able to participate in the electoral process, specifically minorities, elderly, and low-income Americans. It is particularly important that we get more people registered to vote and to the polls on Election Day, and oppose voter ID laws at the state level.

**The Impact of the Election on Women's Health**-Moderated by Atlantic Regional Director Janet Bivins, this interactive panel featured representatives from the National Partnership on Women and Families and the American Congress of Obstetricians and Gynecologists to review various threats to reproductive health around the nation.

**Zetas Taking the Lead**-National Social Action Director Krysta Jones moderated a discussion with Zeta members the Honorable Sherrin Alsop, Chair of the Board of Supervisors in King and Queen County, VA, and Monica Reid, chair of the Northern Virginia Coalition. Panelists focused on the importance of being involved in your community, following the legacy of Zeta Phi Beta being a community-conscious, action-oriented organization. They stressed social action and community leadership being a natural progression from our ZHOPE and other service partnerships.

**ZHOPE on the Hill** -International president Mary B. Wright brought together experts on many programs addressed through ZHOPE and other sorority initiatives. The National Park Service, the Fish and Wildlife Service, the Senate Committee on Health Education, Labor, and Pensions and AG Health Strategies stressed innovative ways to promote healthy living through ZHOPE including partnerships, outdoor activities, and President Wright's Adopt-A-School initiative as a way to combat bullying.

Special thanks to Soror Krysta Jones for a job well done. Zeta Delta Zeta Chapter is grateful to you for providing the information for us to share with our chapter members and community.





Pictured Above: Sorors at the Breast Cancer Awareness Walk in Cooper River Park, Camden NJ

## What's Happen(ing)

### Canned Food Drive for Quest Food Pantry

Zeta Delta Zeta is collecting canned goods to donate to the Quest Food Pantry at our monthly meetings. Since September we have collected 2 boxes full of donations and have provided the goods to the pantry.

### Scholarship Fundraiser Project

The Scholarship Fundraiser project active and we continue to seek your support. To date we have received donations bringing us to a total of **\$785.00** collected thus far. Please note that all donors have received or will receive thank you letters and are instructed to save the letter for tax purposes.

## What's Happen (ed)

### Breast Cancer Awareness Walk/Fundraiser

ZΔZ Chapter started the year off with our Breast Cancer Awareness Fundraiser tabling event which was held on September 21st & September 22nd, 2012. The chapter's goal was to raise **\$1000** before the Breast Cancer Awareness Walk at the Cooper River Park in Camden NJ on 10/28/2012 and thanks to the resilience of the ladies in the chapter we have exceeded our goal and raised a total of **\$1,211** towards breast cancer research. Sorors walked a collective total of 40 miles and although the day was a bit windy, it was a pleasant walk communing with fellow walkers and cancer survivors.

### Voter Registration with Kappa Upsilon Sigma

The month of September continued with a joint effort for Voter Registration with our brothers of the Kappa Upsilon Sigma Chapter at the Moorestown Mall in Moorestown NJ which was held on September 29<sup>th</sup> 2012. We successfully collected **11** voter registration applications and handed out **5** additional applications.

### ZΦB National initiatives

Zeta Delta Zeta has participated in the **National Anti-Hazing Awareness Day Campaign** by posting awareness on our Facebook page and website. We will also be hosting an Anti-Hazing/Bullying/Cyber bullying Town Hall Meeting in Burlington County on November 3<sup>rd</sup> 2012. The chapter has also helped with awareness of Infant Mortality by publicizing the **Text4baby Campaign** on our Facebook and website.

