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# The Dove's Cry

## Finer Women... Timeless Elegance

### Annual Fashion Show & Scholarship Luncheon

A Message from our  
Chapter President  
Soror Wanda F. Smith



Happy New Year! 2012 brings our chapter into a year of new beginnings with greater opportunities for Zeta women to demonstrate our beloved principles of Finer Womanhood, Scholarship, Sisterly Love and Service. This year also brings opportunities for our continued efforts to serve our community. In part, in 2011 the Zeta Delta Zeta chapter made significant strides with the American Cancer Society and danced the night away at our bi-annual Autumn Gala. In early 2012 we look forward to our upcoming Black History Program, our highly anticipated Annual Fashion Show & Scholarship Luncheon and our sorority's National Boule` in Chicago. We also celebrate the accomplishments and promotions of our chapter sorors and members of our youth auxiliaries. January is especially dear to me as we congratulate our Sigma brothers on 98 years of undying commitment to service for humanity as well as celebrate our own 92 years of phenomenal Zeta history. With over 50 years of service to Burlington County, Zeta Delta Zeta chapter continues to help move the community forward and we are looking forward to sharing these times with you.

**SAVE THE DATE** - Saturday, March 3, 2012 at the Westin Hotel in Mt. Laurel, NJ is the place to be for the highly anticipated Annual Fashion Show & Scholarship Luncheon. Each year the sisters of the Zeta Delta Zeta Chapter hosts an outstanding event to raise funds for youth scholarships. As in years past, these funds are awarded to academically outstanding students in the Burlington County community. With your contributions at last year's luncheon in 2011, we awarded over \$3000 in scholarships to several students. Although every year our luncheon is a simple demonstration of both our support for Scholarship and Finer Womenhood celebrated by all Zeta women, this year's extravaganza is charged full of fashion, flair and fun.

**Finer Women...Timeless Elegance** is this year's theme featuring dazzling fashions by Designers Inc. with two of Zeta Delta Zeta's members, Lynette Harris and Veronica Sills as mistress of ceremony. Even more exciting, you can shop 'til you drop when the event doors open at 11 am for vendor shopping, silent auc-

tion, and your chance at over twenty door prizes.

Of course in true Zeta purpose and fashion, we seek to honor those individuals who exemplify the ideals of Zeta Phi Beta Sorority, Inc., honoring those individuals dedicated to a cause by awarding Finer Womanhood Observance Awards. Therefore, if you know of a woman in the Burlington County area who, through her unselfish and distinguished service, has significantly contributed to the health, welfare, and safety of others through voluntary efforts, please consider sending her information to the chapter for consideration of recognition. For more information concerning nomination criteria and/or to submit a nomination, please contact the chapter or email Luncheon Chairperson Katina Vaughn at [kwlcsw@aol.com](mailto:kwlcsw@aol.com) or Co-Chairperson Natoya Gibson-Hill at [natoya.gibson@gmail.com](mailto:natoya.gibson@gmail.com).

To further commemorate this event, souvenir journals will be available and ads are available for purchase. For journal ad or event ticket information please contact any member of the Zeta Delta Zeta chapter. Hurry, you do not want to miss this year's event and tickets are going fast!

## Culture, Pride, Courage—Black History Month

February is the celebration and formal acknowledgement of the struggles, contributions, accomplishments and strides of African Americans throughout the centuries all over the world. With Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. as one of the most notable figures of African American history and a member of Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity, Inc., a Zeta woman in particular knows that the significance of this month provides an additional opportunity to recognize countless notable brother and sisters serving others within our communities and families. While February is the time of national commemoration, the accolades of African culture extend beyond the 28 days of the month. In tradition we carry the torch and continue to exhibit the pride of the African-American culture through our annual Black History Month program. This year's program will be held at the Willingboro Library on Saturday, February 25, 2012 from 2-430pm. This year's program features the energetic and expressive storytelling of the renowned Queen Nur, synchronized steps of New Jersey's Zeta Elite step team and individual spoken word. For more information contact a member of the Zeta Delta Zeta chapter.

## The Family Bond Continues

January 2012 marks the continuous celebration of a true blue and white family bond. On January 16<sup>th</sup> the elite sisterhood of Zeta Phi Beta Sorority, Inc. celebrated 92 years of **Scholarship, Service, Sisterly Love and Finer Womanhood**. In the thoughts of our International President, Sheryl Underwood, to all Zeta women all over the world, we are 'the talk of the town' as we reflect on the growth of a contemporary and relevant organization cherishing our beloved history. On January 9<sup>th</sup>, our constitutionally bound brothers of Phi Beta Sigma Fraternity, Inc. celebrated 98 years of unrelenting efforts towards fulfilling their motto, **"Culture for Service, Service for Humanity"**. We especially congratulate our local brothers of the Kappa Upsilon Sigma Chapter for their accomplishments and we appreciate their continued support. With our own Deidre West serving as our chapter's Sigma/Zeta liaison, helping to keep us connected to our brothers, we continue to demonstrate the genuine love and heartfelt service of our true blue and white family, a bond that can never be duplicated. Remember, whether it's Sigma or Zeta, it's all PHI BETA!

## 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. That is why it is no surprise that we have an opportunity to recognize one of our own Zeta Delta Zeta chapter members, **Angela E. Johnson**. Johnson recently received a promotion from The Division of Youth and Family Services. She now serves as an Investigator I in the Institutional Abuse Investigative Unit (IAIU). As alumna of The College of New Jersey, inducted into the Omicron Epsilon chapter in Spring 2006, Johnson is also co-founder of Burlington Royal Lightning Cheerleaders and serves as their coach of junior rec. Congratulations Angela Johnson on all of your accomplishments! Continue the great work!



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## Spotlight on Zeta Delta Zeta Youth

Train up a child in the way that he/she should go and when they are older, they shall not depart from it (Proverbs 22:6). In line with God's purpose for his children as well as the mission of our beloved organization, the Zeta Delta Zeta chapter is certainly teaching our youth to practice what they preach. One of our youth groups in particular are shining brightly under the mentorship of Soror Kathy Dumont. Although they are small in numbers with only two members, our Pearlettes (ages 9 and under) are unselfishly giving their time, talents and learning the true value of **SERVICE** as they grow to become outstanding community leaders. During the Christmas season our Pearlettes created and decorated holiday cards to send to our nation's wounded war veterans. In addition, our they collected two full grocery bags of canned items to donate to needy families and toys for tots to help the donation goals for the Chairville Elementary School, where Soror

Dumont serves as a 5<sup>th</sup> grade teacher. Vibrant and enthusiastic our Pearlettes are certainly leading the way!

Just as exciting, our Archonettes (high school aged youth) have proven our other beloved principle of **SCHOLARSHIP**. Archonette **Kaitlin West**, a graduate of Rancocas Valley Regional High School is a freshman at The College of New Jersey studying sociology with aspirations to specialize in Medical Sociology. As a member of TCNJ's Musical Theater, United Gospel Ministries and Gospel Choir, Kaitlin has been involved in all of our youth auxiliary clubs. Having received scholarships from several organizations Kaitlin is the daughter of Bro. Keith West and Soror Deidre West. Additionally we are proud of now **Soror Lydia Smith**. A student at Vanderbilt University and past Zeta Delta Zeta Archonette Soror Smith is studying psychology. Congratulations to all of our blue and white family!

## Let My Works Speak for Me - The Sigma's Zeta of the Year

Outstanding, check. Quality, check. True hearted Zeta, soft spoken, real worker...check, check and CHECK! Our own **Soror Janet Adams** definitely fits the bill. Her work within our beloved organization is a testament not only what she has selflessly done for others, but truly demonstrates the kind of genuine sister she really is. As a result, during this year's 98<sup>th</sup> Phi Beta Sigma Fraternity, Incorporated Founder's Day Celebration, the brothers of the Kappa Upsilon Sigma chapter selected Soror Adams as their Zeta of the Year. Under the direction of Bro. Keith West, serving as Chairperson of the event, a committee of brothers reviewed several nominations for this coveted award which is given each year to a South Jersey chapter member of Zeta Phi Beta Sorority, Incorporated who represents not only the ideals of the sorority, but also truly exemplifies, exhibits and accomplishes the works of our beloved organization. Since her induction into Zeta on February 14, 1998 through the Zeta Delta Zeta chapter, Soror Adams has selflessly

and graciously committed to serving her community. Currently she serves as the chapter's corresponding secretary, coordinator for our Z-HOPE (Zeta's Helping Other People Excel) Awards Ceremony and committee member of the chapter's Autumn Gala. "It was not the length of time, but the quality of time", as stated by Bro. West, that was evident in affirming Soror Adams for this award. We are blessed to have Soror Adams and overjoyed that she has been honored with such a commendation.



Soror Janet Adams (2nd from the R) pictured with sorors from Zeta Delta Zeta, attending the Phi Beta Sigma Fraternity, Inc. 98th Founder's Day Celebration.