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Beach Party ZTA

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in sorority sportswear, gifts, and accessories), breakout session, luncheon and program. If you did not receive your Zeta Day invitation in the mail, simply find it online by going to www.illinoiszetas.org. There is an "early bird" discount for responding by February 11th, so send in your reservation now! The proceeds from this event benefit breast can-



cer education and awareness through the Zeta Tau Alpha Foundation. The Foundation also supports scholarships, educational programming, and leadership development. Hope to see you there!

Zeta Day Program Ads

As part of this year's Zeta Day fundraising effort, each alumnae chapter has again been asked to sell at least \$100 in ads for the Zeta Day program. Ads range in price from \$15 for a personal ad, to \$30,

\$40, and \$75 for various sizes of business ads. The deadline for ad submission is Feb. 12th. If you know someone who would like to buy an ad, contact Ellen Kus (see contact info below) to request an ad form.

Chapter Dues

Our alumnae chapter continues to grow each year! If you did not pay your annual chapter dues in the fall, there is still time. We need your support to reach our membership goal of a 10% increase. Just fill out the enclosed membership information form and send it along with your check to the address at the bottom of the form.



Zeta Day Donations

Did you know that in 2007, Illinois finished second in the nation for Zeta Day proceeds sent to the ZTA Foundation? We donated \$11,000 (the most ever!). Join us at Zeta Day on March 1st and help make Zeta Day 2008 the most successful year ever.

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Join our **Email List** to receive meeting reminders and other info during the year by contacting Ellen Kus.

West Suburban ZTA Alumnae Calendar - Spring, 2008

<u>Date and Time</u>	<u>Event</u>	<u>Location</u>
Thursday, February 7, 2008 7:00 p.m. - 9:00 p.m.	Anti-Aging Nutrition Learn about women's health issues, anti-aging secrets, and the role of diet in disease prevention.	Home of Eaddy Sams 1267 Cromwell Ln., Naperville (630) 637-6449
Saturday, March 1, 2008 9:30 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.	Zeta Day 2008 Reconnect with your Zeta sisters and join us for "Beach Party ZTA".	Esplanade Lakes by Doubletree 3500 Lacey Rd., Downers Grove (630) 971-2000
Tuesday, March 18, 2008 7:00 p.m. - 9:00 p.m.	Dinner Out Join us for dinner at a restaurant. Call Ellen at (630) 876-9638 by March 16th to RSVP.	Max & Erma's 28254 Diehl Rd., Warrenville (630) 836-1500
Saturday, April 12, 2008 2:00 p.m. - 4:00 p.m.	Afternoon Tea and Shopping Join us for tea and treats and perhaps some shopping afterward.	Little Traveler 404 South Third St., Geneva (630) 232-4200
Sunday, May 4, 2008 1:30 p.m. - 4:00 p.m.	Spring Service Project Help us plant flowers and spruce up the gardens at a senior home.	Senior Home by McCollum Park 6821 S. Main St., Downers Grove (68th & Main St.)
Tuesday, June 3, 2008 7:00 p.m. - 9:00 p.m.	Pot Luck Dinner Enjoy dinner and work on plans for next year. Bring a dish to pass.	Location will be announced via email and via the website. (Send us your email address.)

Improved Service Program

Last year we improved our service program by volunteering rather than just making donations. This year we have stepped it up even more. During the holiday season we visited a small senior home and decorated cookies with the residents. They really seemed to enjoy the evening. In the spring we will be going back to the same senior home to help spruce up their gardens. Thanks to Cynthia Petro for helping us get these service projects off the ground!

The Lid Lowdown

Thank you to those who collected specially marked Yoplait yogurt lids this past fall. Our chapter collected 779 lids, which was a 54% increase from last year! ZTA collegiate and alumnae chapters collected a total of 212,522 lids, which was more than double last year's collection of 96,099 lids. 122 (48%) of ZTA's alumnae chapters participated in the collection event, collecting 67,770 lids. The alumnae chapter that collected the most lids was Evansville, IN, turning in 6482 lids. Wow! The Yoplait donation for the ZTA lid collection totaled \$10,626.10 (5 cents per lid) to the ZTA Foundation and \$21,252.20 (10 cents per lid) to the Susan G. Komen Foundation.

Holiday Shopping Fundraiser

Thank you to all those who helped with and supported our Fall Fundraiser, our fourth annual Holiday Shopping Extravaganza. We had representatives present from eleven different home party businesses. We invited all Zetas and the local community to come shop with us. Proceeds from the event netted over \$800 (after expenses). What a great day! Way to go Zetas! Proceeds will benefit breast cancer education and awareness through the Zeta Tau Alpha Foundation.

Northwestern University Recruitment

The new Northwestern University ZTA Chapter participated in their first formal recruitment in early January. They now have an amazing new member class of 37 women (quota + 1).

Zeta Day Raffle Basket

Our chapter has chosen a Spring Break Basket for the theme of our Zeta Day raffle basket this year. We have a three-piece turquoise blue luggage set, and we will be filling it with travel-related and beach-themed items. If you have a donation for the basket, please contact Ellen Kus or bring the item to our February meeting.

2007 / 2008 West Suburban Alumnae Chapter of Zeta Tau Alpha

Member Information Sheet

Name _____ Maiden Name _____

Address _____

Home Phone _____ Work Phone _____

Email _____ Best contact way / time _____

Would you prefer to receive correspondence via email? Yes ___ No ___

Spouse _____ Children's names / ages _____

Occupation / Employer _____

College _____ ZTA Chapter _____

Graduation year (optional) _____ Birthday (day and month) _____

When would be the best day and time for meetings? _____

Hobbies / interests / special talents _____

Comments _____

Membership Status: Membership in the Chicago West Suburban Alumnae Chapter is open to any alumnae member in good standing with the National Fraternity.

___ \$30 Full Membership -- As a full member, you will receive the chapter's member directory, announcements to all meetings and functions, and the chapter's newsletter. You will also maintain full voting privileges.

___ \$15 New Grad Membership -- As a new grad member, you will receive the chapter's member directory, announcements to all meetings and functions, and the chapter's newsletter. You will also maintain full voting privileges.

___ \$15 Returning Membership -- As a returning member, you will receive the chapter's member directory, announcements to all meetings and functions, and the chapter's newsletter. You will also maintain full voting privileges. Returning membership is limited to those members who did not pay dues the previous year.

___ \$5 Member-at-Large -- As a member-at-large, you will receive the chapter's member directory and the chapter's newsletter. You can convert your member-at-large status to a full membership at any time and your \$5 will be applied to the \$30 full membership fee.

Please indicate your desired membership status. Make checks payable to **West Suburban Alumnae Chapter of ZTA**. Mail your Membership Information Sheet and your Membership Status Selection along with your check to:

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