

## Calendar of Events – ZTA Olympics: Win Big With ZTA

---

Wednesday, August 13, 2008	<b>Go for the Gold (Social Gathering and Service)</b> Jannah Hobday's House in Silver Spring, MD at 7:00pm
Tuesday, September 9, 2008	<b>Dine on the Nines: International Style</b> Ziki's Japanese Steak House at 7:30pm
Monday, September 22, 2008	<b>Opening Ceremonies (Recruitment TOGA Party)</b> Becky Escario's House in Germantown, MD at 6:30pm
Saturday, October 11, 2008	<b>Open House Mixer with Iota Omega</b> Iota Omega house at University of Maryland, College Park TBA
Sunday, October 12, 2008	<b>Think Pink with the Redskins</b> FedEx Field at 1:00pm
Wednesday, October 15, 2008	<b>Founder's Day World Potluck and Game Night</b> Lesley Pascoe's House in Germantown, MD at 7:00pm
Sunday, October 19, 2008	<b>Baltimore Race for the Cure</b> Hunt Valley, MD at 6:00am set up; 8:00am start
Sunday, November 9, 2008	<b>Dine on the Nines: International Style and Service Project</b> Men's Emergency Shelter in Rockville 11:00am – 1:00pm Lunch following at Buca di Beppo's in the Kentlands
Thursday, November 20, 2008	<b>Feast and Theatre</b> California Tortilla and Movie at Rockville Regal 13 at 6:30pm
Tuesday, December 2, 2008	<b>Santa Letter and Goody Bag Assembly</b> Amy Sheu's House in Gaithersburg, MD at 7:00pm
Wed/Thurs, December 10/11, 2008	<b>Holiday Party</b> Roxanne Wood's House in Laytonsville, MD TBA
Friday, January 9, 2009	<b>Dine on the Nines: International Style</b> Mykono's Grill in Congressional Plaza at 7:30pm
Tuesday, January 20, 2009	<b>Bad Gift Exchange</b> Tina Maxwell's House in Kensington, MD at 7:00pm
Sunday, January 25, 2009	<b>Ice Skating Escapade</b> TBA

### You are Evited!

Silver Spring Alumnae chapter sends out Evites over email before an event. The Evite gives all the details of the event, allows you to RSVP and has carpooling coordination. If you are not receiving Evites, please email Tina Maxwell, [TinaMaxwell\\_450@msn.com](mailto:TinaMaxwell_450@msn.com). We encourage everyone to RSVP so that hostesses will have accurate numbers for planning purposes. If you do not use email, call the host with your RSVP.

ZETA TAU ALPHA  
ALUMNAE

### SSZTA Internet Group

Silver Spring ZTA now has a listserv on YAHOO to keep our members informed of events and important information. Please take the time to join today. Our group's name is **silverspringzta**. You can access the group by going to <http://www.silverspringzta.org> and clicking on Yahoo Groups Join Now! Any member may post a notice via the listserv. A calendar has been set up with upcoming ZTA activities, and documents can be posted onto the site as well. For the site to be most beneficial to our members, we need you to join today.



## The Symbols of ZTA



The insignia of the Fraternity are symbols of great meaning. They are a heritage from the past, significant because of what Zeta Tau Alpha's believe. Many insignia have secret meanings that are revealed during the Initiation service. In order that the insignia of the Fraternity may be protected from imitation and to insure that only those who have the right to wear it may have access to it, the Fraternity selects authorized jewelers to handle orders for all official Fraternity jewelry.

**Badge** – The badge of the Fraternity is a small, black, enameled shield super-imposed upon a gold shield, bearing a five pointed crown with the letters ZTA arranged around it, and below it the word “Themis” in Greek.

**Coat of Arms (Crest)** – Only initiated members may use this in any manner, which is dignified and in good taste. The ritualistic meaning of the Coat of Arms is secret and is revealed to each member at the time of her Initiation.

**Crown** – The five-pointed Crown is an official symbol of the Fraternity. The significance of the five points is revealed to each member upon her Initiation. Many examples of crown artwork can be found within ZTA, and all are acceptable as long as the crown contains exactly five points.

## FUNdraising

There are many ways to help the Silver Spring Alumnae:

**\$** Participate in our Volunteer Donation Program. By including a few extra dollars with your dues payment, you will be awarded with one of the following levels. Our goal is to achieve Major Donor status, which amounts to approximately \$60 per member. Special Berry Bucks will be awarded for participating and there will be an Exclusive Volunteer Item at the Berry Buck Auction this year that only participating members can bid on!

**Strawberry Club Level** - \$14 donation in addition to your dues (\$50 total).

**Crown Club Level** - \$24 donation in addition to your dues (\$60 total).

**Themis Club Level** - \$34 donation in addition to your dues (\$70 total).

**\$** Stock up for next years gift season; you will need cards and wrapping paper. Why not support our chapter with your purchase! Current Fundraising donates 50% of profits on purchases made in the name of Silver Spring ZTA to our scholarship fund. Start your shopping online at [www.currentfun.com](http://www.currentfun.com)!



**\$** Susan Kenney donates 20% of her Longaberger sales to Silver Spring Alumnae members to our Roxanne T. Wood scholarship fund. Shop online at [www.longaberger.com/susankenney](http://www.longaberger.com/susankenney)!

**\$** Santa Claus is coming to town! We will be selling letters from Santa again this year. The sister who sells the most Santa letters will get a very good prize. So, get a jumpstart on the competition and spread the news to friends and family. Be on the lookout for more information as we get closer to the holiday season!

## ZTA For Life – Convention News

This year's convention was held July 9<sup>th</sup> through 13<sup>th</sup> at the J.W. Marriott Starr Pass Resort in Tucson, Arizona. The Silver Spring alumnae chapter had another amazing year at convention. We received the runner up award for Programming for the 3<sup>rd</sup> year in a row, won crown chapter, were recognized for ZTA Day donations, and achieved major donor status again! The next convention is being held in New Orleans, LA and if you are interested in attending, please let Jannah and Becky know.

### ZTA Birthdays

Roxanne Wood	06/04
Karen Anselmo	06/17
Niki Boucher	07/30
Patti Engel-Sambrana	08/21
Courtney Busch	08/28
Clarice Ewing	09/04
Chris Martirone	09/07
Lisa Grimm	09/23
Tina Maxwell	09/25
Shaina Winternitz	10/04
Lesley Pascoe	11/04
Anne Merrell	11/28
Katie Brannan	12/11
Donna Thomas	12/25
Kathleen Veety Martin	12/26
Jannah Hobday	12/30
Sarah Musler	01/06
Amy Sheu	01/16

### The Sun is Shining on ZTAs

☀️ Congrats to Jannah Hobday on her new job! She accepted a position at Merrick-Towle Communications.

☀️ Congrats to Courtney Busch on completing her Ph.D. at the University of Maryland, College Park! She accepted a job as a postdoctoral researcher at Johns Hopkins University in Baltimore, MD.

☀️ Becky Everitt (Iota Omega) and her husband welcomed a new baby boy, Luke John Everitt, on February 7th. Mom, baby, Dad and big brother Ethan are all doing well. Congratulations!

If you have great news, please email it to Courtney Busch at [cbusch1@gmail.com](mailto:cbusch1@gmail.com), so that it can be included in the spring newsletter.

### Panhellenic Association Upcoming Events

**September 3<sup>rd</sup>**  
Panhel meeting and school supply collection for the Greentree Shelter in Bethesda. Please give donated items to Sandy.



### Breast Cancer Awareness Month

October is Breast Cancer Awareness Month and it is dedicated to increasing awareness of the importance of early breast cancer detection. We have several activities planned to help raise awareness including Think Pink with the Redskins and Race for the Cure. Please come out and join us!

## Member Information Sheet Updates from National Office

ZTA has adopted a New Structure for State Reference Committee. Instead of a State Reference Chairman (SRC) for every state, there are now four based on areas/usage throughout the Zeta world. The system for Key Women will stay the same through fall recruitment, then be revised to include Key Women only in areas where they are used/needed to clear references. A new Alumnae Crown Chapter criteria has been added to the Collegiate Support category to support this. It reads, "Promote the active submission of voluntary references and Membership Information Sheets (MIS) among local alumnae." This means actively publicizing the MIS system in your chapter newsletter, at meetings, at Zeta Day, etc, to encourage more submissions of recommendations for future Zetas.

## Silver Spring ZTA Subgroups

New for this year, the SS ZTA alumnae will be creating subgroups to encourage more sisters to become involved at an alumnae level. Periodic Evites will be sent out for each of these groups and they will be listed on our listserve. Keep your eyes open for updates!



## Iota Omega Update

Keep October 11<sup>th</sup> on your calendar for an Open House Mixer with the sisters of Iota Omega at the ZTA house on the University of Maryland's College Park campus! More details will be coming.

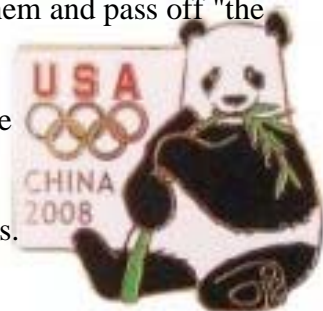
Iota Omega just won Crown Chapter for the first time at Convention last month in Arizona. They also won the Financial Excellence Award and were major donors to the ZTA Foundation.

## The Torch Relay: Eternal Flame = Sisterhood

The eternal flame of ZTA is the sisterhood that we share. Share your flame with your sisters by passing "the torch", a scrapbook to be filled with favorite ZTA memories.

When "the torch" is passed to you, create a page describing your favorite ZTA memory. The page can include pictures, a written story, clipart, etc. Once you have completed your page, plan to visit another member at their house or for coffee to share your memory with them and pass off "the torch".

"The torch" should only be in one location no longer than 2 weeks. Please let Lesley know where "the torch" is being passed to and when so that she can keep track of the relay route. "The torch" should also be brought to each ZTA event to put on display for everyone to share in the memories.



Fall 2008



# Zeta Zentinal

Silver Spring ZTA Alumnae

Volume XIV, Issue III



## ZTA Olympics: Win Big With ZTA

On your mark, get set, GO!!!! It seems that the world has Olympic fever right now – your Silver Spring EC included. We are really excited to join in the spirit of the games with our ZTA Olympics: Win Big with ZTA theme for this year. We have a lot of events planned for this fall and can't wait to re-connect with our Silver Spring members.

As everyone saw in the e-mail that I sent out a few weeks ago, we had another successful year and were recognized by National Council with awards at Convention. We are looking to continue the things that we have been doing for the past several years and start to add some additional programming to our group in the form of "Crown Connections" (aka subgroups). This is an idea that was brought back by our Convention attendees and everyone is really excited about it. While we are still working on finalizing the details of which groups we start this year (and which ideas we keep for next year), we are looking to roll out the subgroups very soon, so stay tuned for more details! For those of you who have suggestions for groups, please continue to post those to the Yahoo Listserv or e-mail those to Lesley and myself.

See you at the finish line!  
Jannah

## INSIDE THIS ISSUE

MIS Update	2
SS ZTA Subgroups	2
Iota Omega Update	2
Torch Relay	2
Convention News	3
Birthdays	3
Sunshine	3
Panhel News	3
Breast Cancer Awareness Information	3
Symbols of ZTA	4
Fundraising	4
Calendar	5
Evites	5
Internet Group	5

## Dues News

Welcome back to another exciting year for the Silver Spring Alumnae group. I was *thrilled* last year with all of our new members. We ended up having 29 paid members with 10 of those being new or returning members! That is just over a 26% increase in membership last year.

With that being said, please take a minute to fill out the enclosed membership form and pay your dues for this coming year. You can pay via paypal or mail a check to the address on the form. Dues will remain the same this year: **\$36 before October 15<sup>th</sup>**, \$41 after October 15<sup>th</sup>. AND, if you are a recent graduate, you get an even bigger reduction in dues – your dues are **only \$25** if you have graduated in the within the past 2 years.

We are always looking for ZTA alumnae to become active in the chapter, if you keep in touch with any ZTAs, *please* invite them to join us at one of our events. You will earn special Membership Bucks for helping with recruiting. The Bucks can be used at our Annual Berry Buck Auction in June.

If you pay your dues before our Kickoff party on September 22<sup>nd</sup>, you will be entered into a special raffle drawing, so don't delay. ☺ If you have any questions, please contact me at [TinaMaxwell\\_450@msn.com](mailto:TinaMaxwell_450@msn.com).

ZL, Tina

## Executive Committee

**President:** Jannah Hobday

**VP-Programs:** Lesley Pascoe

**VP-Membership:** Tina Maxwell

**Secretary:** Courtney Busch

**Treasurer:** Beth Beck

**Historian:** Amy Sheu

**Panhellenic:** Sandy Vu