



Zeta Day at City Hall

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Zeta Phi Beta Sorority, Inc.
Beta Delta Zeta Chapter (Philadelphia Graduate Chapter)
Valerie G. C. Villines, President

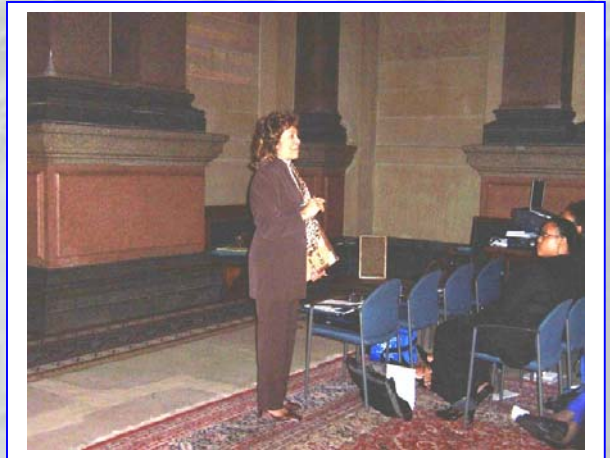
Zeta Phi Beta Sorority, Inc., Philadelphia Graduate Chapter **did it AGAIN!** For the second time consecutively, the chapter took community leaders and members to the halls of city government during **Zeta Day at City Hall: Our Communities, our Lives** during a symposium that discusses the social and economic concerns and issues affecting minority communities in Philadelphia. With the assistance of the city's premier experts on public safety, health and education issues, the organization was able to communicate to the crowd of more than 75 people, how those concerns affect our communities and what we could do about them. Beginning the day with a continental breakfast, the group was welcomed by the chapter's president **Valerie G. C. Villines**. Following the president, the following individuals gave greetings: **Hon. LeAnna Washington, State Representative; Hon. John F. Street, Esq., Mayor, City of Philadelphia; Hon. Marian B. Tasco, Councilwoman, 9th District, Chair, Public Health and Human Services; Hon. Blondell Reynolds Brown, Member-at-Large, Chair, Parks, Recreation and Cultural Affairs; Soror Janet Y. Bivins, Esq., Director, Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, Zeta Phi Beta Sorority, Inc., Zeta Phi Beta Sorority, Inc.**

Serving as facilitator was our very own **Soror Audrey Johnson-Thornton**. Soror Thornton, who is a life member of Zeta Phi Beta Sorority, Inc. and serves as a trustee in Beta Delta Zeta (Philadelphia Graduate) Chapter, is also president of the American Women's Heritage Society, Inc. and a long-time community activist.



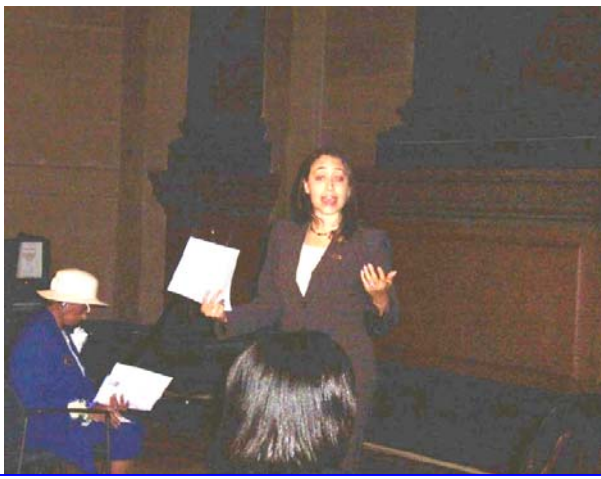
Zeta Day at City Hall Facilitator, **Soror Audrey Johnson-Thornton**, introduces the first speaker at Zeta Day at City Hall .

Beta Delta Zeta Chapter is the only Greek Letter Organization in the city of Philadelphia that has hosted a "Day" at City Hall.



Gwen Foster, the city of Philadelphia's Health and Fitness Czar, gives shocking details about the city's numbers on obesity and diabetes.

**Background Photograph (outside the City Hall Building)



Keisha L. Hegamin, Esq., (Left) President and CEO of the Philadelphia Chapter of the Black Alliance for Educational Options explains School Choice.

The Audience listens intently. (right)



Philadelphia Mayor John F. Street, Esq., (bottom right) presents Basileus Villines with the proclamation declaring October 13, 2004 "Zeta Day".

Soror Stephanie L. Arnold, Zeta Day at City Hall Chairperson pictured with **Ms. Linda Watson**, immediate past deputy Commissioner of Elections



Zeta Day at City Hall was a Social Action community service effort to call attention to issues affecting minorities living in Philadelphia. We located some of the city's brightest minds in health, Education, Public Safety and Voter Empowerment to address these issues and show us how we can support the critical needs of the communities we serve. Visit us on the web at www.phillyzetas.org.



Stephanie L. Arnold pictured with symposium speaker **Chief Inspector Keith Sadler**, head of the Philadelphia Police Department's Narcotics Bureau.

Symposium speakers included **Gwendolyn Foster**, Philadelphia Health and Fitness Czar, who spoke on health disparities; **Keisha L. Hegamin, Esq.**, CEO and President of the Philadelphia Chapter of the Black Alliance for Educational options, who spoke about the state of Education in Philadelphia and of school choice; **Chief Inspector Keith Sadler**, head of the city's Narcotics Bureau, who spoke about crime and drugs in the city's neighborhoods.

The Voter Empowerment Working Lunch was headed by **Ms. Linda Watson**. **Ms. Watson** is the immediate past deputy commissioner of the city's Elections Commission. As the attendees enjoyed lunch, Ms. Watson spoke to the group about the importance of this year's election and what we could do to insure that voters were able to get to the polls.

President Villines presented gifts of appreciation to each of the speakers for volunteering their time to participate in the event.



President Villines (middle) stands proudly as Soror Thornton (l) and Stephanie L. Arnold (rt.) show off the Mayor's and City Council's proclamations.