

Antelope Valley Zeta Sisters and President Dr. Shamar Walker (center) receive a California Senate

Certificate of Recognition from Sen. Scott Wilk presented by District Director for Senator Wilk, and fellow

AV Zeta, Donna Hill (right)

## **About Zeta Phi Beta Sorority, Incorporated:**

The sorority was founded 104 years ago on January 16, 1920, at Howard University in Washington, D.C. by five exceptional women - Arizona Cleaver Stemons, Pearl Anna Neal, Myrtle Tyler Faithful, Viola Tyler Goings, and Fannie Pettie Watts - who saw the need for a new, a different type of Greek lettered organization.

They wanted not to just develop another sorority, but shared a belief system in providing service, embracing scholarship, establishing a standard for sisterly love, and outlining and setting the tone for displaying and defining the concept of Finer Womanhood. This belief continues to reign true. Zetas across the nation continue to hold fast to their founders' vision and traditions.

## **About AV Zetas:**

The chartering of the local chapter marked a new beginning for Zeta Phi Beta Sorority, Inc. in the Antelope Valley. Zeta Phi Beta Sorority, Incorporated-Beta Alpha Gamma Zeta Chapter was charted December 2015 by eight dynamic women: Dr. Shamar L. Walker, Iveth Giron-Huddleston, Faith Ivey, Lessie Greer-Casey, Erica Isibue, Brittney Jacobs, Domonique Beard, and Dr. Siniva Walker.

Since its inception, the chapter has grown steadily. Membership into Zeta Phi Beta Sorority, Inc. offers many benefits that help to enhance members' personal and professional development. It provides intangible benefits of support, encouragement, and friendship that last a lifetime to like-minded, college educated women.

Practical benefits include leadership training and the opportunity serve the community. AV Zeta's support a wide range of activities and organizations including:

Partnering with Grace Resources for holiday food service

- Providing toys and Halloween candy to children in the local domestic violence shelter
- Hosting baby showers for NICU parents at the AV Medical Center in conjunction with the March of Dimes
- Preparing annual Thanksgiving baskets for needy families
- Hosting GirlTREK walks
- Partnering with MomsHouse for their annual Grand Market Grandparents toy giveaway and Generations: A Multi-Generational Fashion Show
- Performing "A day of service" providing warm meals and hygiene essentials to the unhoused in partnership with E & E Love Foundation
- Hosting a first-in-the-nation community March for Babies Walk.

Zeta Phi Beta Sorority, Inc. also offers women an opportunity to become active supporters of the organization's goals, programs, and activities through several extended arms of the sorority.

Click <u>HERE</u> to learn more about Zeta Phi Beta Sorority, Inc.

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