



The Bustle

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Beta Sigma Phi—Southwest Houston City Council

President's Message

Happy Thanksgiving! Yes, it's November, can you believe it? We are now marching through the holiday season. A good time to share special moments with family and friends, especially your BSP sisters.

"Fall in Love with BSP" was truly a wonderful event. Congratulations to Mary Crochet and the talented committee members who pulled it all together. The Junior League is a beautiful setting for any event. The "Fall in Love with BSP" theme was reflected in the beautiful table decorations and name tags. We had excellent attendance, and our sisters were all decked out in their "Fall" colors. The program was very informative and timely. Additionally, BSP SWHCC will be making a healthy donation to Reining Strength Therapeutic Horsemanship in Richmond. Thanks for your generosity. Well done all!

Looking ahead our next event is the Sweetheart Ball on February 22 at the Hilton Garden Inn in Sugar Land. Linda Nolty and Michelle Lovelace are leading the charge for this event. Be on the lookout for more details and a few more promotional skits at the council meetings.

Thanksgiving is a time to be grateful and appreciative. Take a moment to count your blessings and acknowledge them. I feel blessed for my many wonderful BSP sisters, they have helped me navigate a very challenging and exciting year.

Happy Thanksgiving to you and yours!

I am thy sister,

Sandra



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This and That.....News from Council

Hostess Schedule 2024 -2025

November 14, 2024—Xi Alpha Zeta
December 12, 2024—Executive Board
January 9, 2025—Alpha Delta Theta
February 13, 2025—Laureate Iota Omega
March 13, 2025—Laureate Iota Tau
April 10, 2025—Xi Alpha Epsilon Omega
May 9, 2025—2025-2026 Executive Board

Council Meeting



The next council meeting will be Thursday, November 14th. Mark that date on your calendar and make plans to attend. Beta Buzz starts around 5:00 pm with the Council Meeting starting at 6:30 pm.

Editor Notes:

You won't want to miss checking out Page 3—6 to see "who was in the crowd" at the October SWHCC meeting.

Then starting on Page 7, "Fall in Love with BSP" as members and guests attended the Fall Event Luncheon.

So I'm curious how many really read the Bustle. Send me a email at jcoble3930@gmail.com and tell me which chapter made a tube of lipstick. Who knows, there just might be a prize.

Have a Safe and Happy Thanksgiving!

Until next month.....

Jill

So how aware are you of SWHCC Standing Rules? During the next few months, let's learn a little about them. It will be sort of like pledge training when we have a new member!

Standing Rule #1—The Sorority year is May to April.

Standing Rule #7—As ex-officio, the President of Council shall receive notice of all committee meetings.

Standing Rule #10—The Executive Board shall appoint special committees as needed to fulfill a duty.

Standing Rule #13—A Nominating Committee shall be elected at the regular Council meeting in February under New Business.

More to come next month.



October SWHCC Beta Buzz

Fall was in the air as well as some ghosts and goblins buzzing around the group!





October SWHCC Meeting

October's program was presented by XAEO. The location they pinned was their chapter's site for Beginning Day which was Annabelle's Brasserie, a French restaurant located in Houston.



Ooh ♡
la la

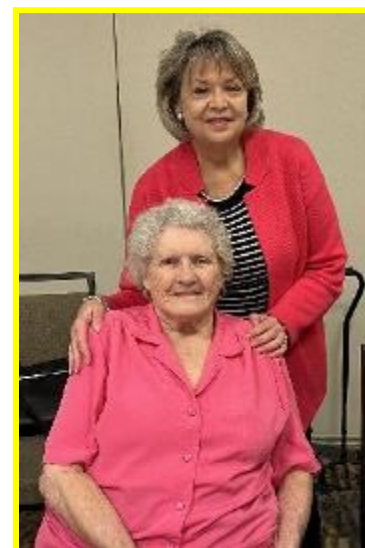
The meeting also included a skit presented by the Sweetheart Ball committee highlighting the "Romancing the Stone: Jewel of the Nile" Ball which takes place in February. Jewels were drawn from Cleopatra's treasure chest.



Miriam and her guest



*Raffle winner,
Chris Jones*



*Pretty in pink honoring
"Breast Cancer Awareness" month*



Fall in Love with BSP Luncheon

SWHCC Sisters gathered at the Junior League of Houston on Saturday, October 26, for the "Fall in Love with BSP" Luncheon. Members and guests enjoyed a delicious lunch followed by a program on how to design a Fall Mesh Wreath presented by Holly Kingsbury with Alexander & Co, a locally owned small business in historic downtown Rosenberg. The lucky winner who went home with the wreath was Cynthia Rogan. Thanks to Mary Crochet, Fall Event Chair, and her committee for a fantastic event.



Fall in Love with BSP Committee

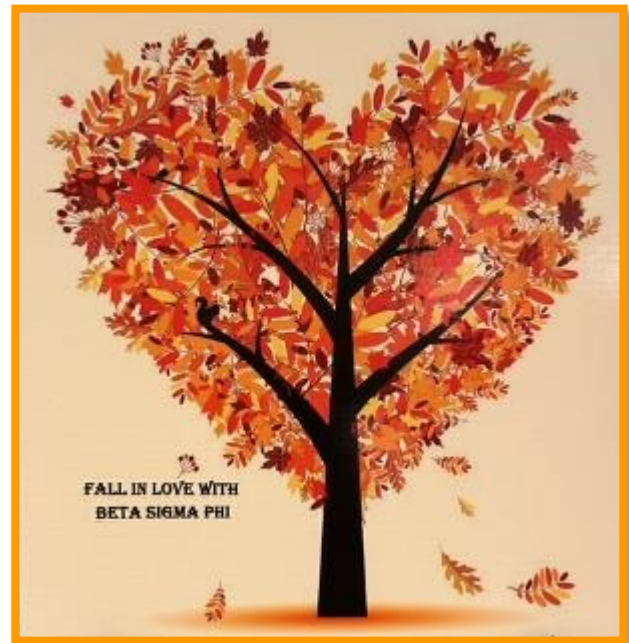
Pam McDuffie, Becky Fuller, Mary Crochet, Carina Hadnot, Joan Batts, Renita Hudson, Cynde Renteria, Barbara Hupe, Jill Coble and Vicky Ryan













Details on the 2025 BSP Friendship Cruise. I know there are at least four SWHCC Sisters who have already signed up to go on the cruise so why not join in the fun!



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Virginia (Ginger) Lee



Second time around and by popular demand, let's do it again. And I can offer you payment plans.

VOYAGER OF THE SEAS

Athens, Greece

Mykonos, Greece

Istanbul, Turkey

Ephesus (Kusadasi) Turkey

Santorini, Greece

Athens, Greece

June 2—9, 2025

\$726.50* Inside pp*

\$936.50 Oceanview pp*

\$1196.50 Balcony pp*

Taxes & fees \$170.18 pp



SWHCC with Preceptor Nu Presents:



Save the Date



Romancing the Stone:

Jewel of the Nile

Sweetheart Ball 2025

Saturday, February 22, 2025



THE RIGHT PLACE TO BE
BETA SIGMA PHI
94TH ANNUAL FOUNDER'S DAY



THE CLUB AT FALCON POINT
24503 FALCON POINT DRIVE
KATY, TEXAS 77494
SATURDAY, APRIL 26, 2025 11:00AM-2:00PM

OCTOBER SOCIAL

"Oktoberfest, it's about enjoying life: the food, the music, the laughter, and making memories with friends." -unknown



October found The ADT sisters enjoying Oktoberfest at Rudy Lechner's, a Houston landmark since 1976. On Gessner, near Westheimer, they offer traditional and a mix of German Texas cuisine. They are also famous for their Wiener Schnitzel.

We enjoyed various delicious dishes and imbibed in a variety of interesting libations, including some specifically crafted for Oktoberfest. As they say in Germany, we enjoyed a "Stammtisch", a casual gathering for a bite and a beer.



It was a night for great food, great drinks and great camaraderie. Some of us even had a "date" night. We also enjoyed live music of well known favorites and German classics.



OCTOBER MEETING

Melinda Montgomery was the host of our October chapter meeting which took place at Beck's Prime in Katy. Everyone enjoyed dinner and drinks, courtesy of Melinda where she had decorated the table with beautiful fall designs. September minutes were approved. October Council Meeting was reviewed by Diane, including upcoming events. An official invitation was extended to Sonia Afshar to join Alpha Delta Theta after meeting the prerequisite requirements and she accepted. The pledge ritual will be held at the November meeting. Upcoming socials were reviewed including the zoo in November and Girls' Weekend in May. Discussion was held about our presentation for the Council meeting in January where ideas were formulated.

November was also our first Secret Sister exchange where the theme was anything Fall, Halloween or Thanksgiving. Everyone was very happy with their gifts.



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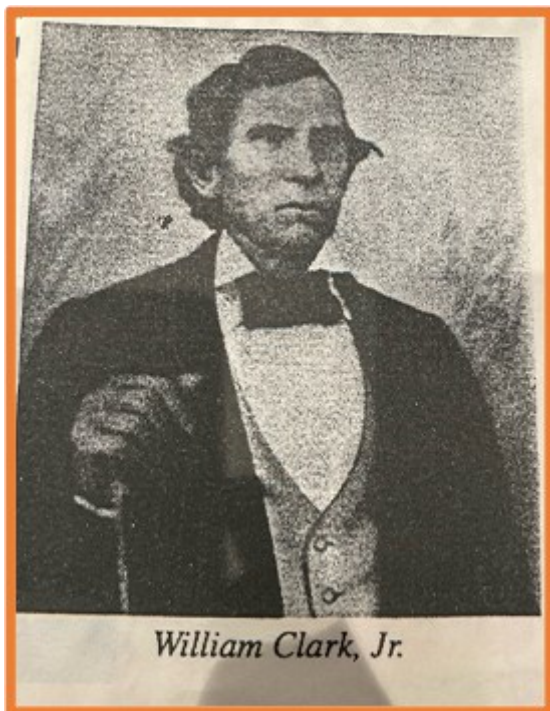
Sherry won the Raffle, a jar of salsa, a beautiful glass with a Texas flag and a can of Texas beer. Karen had an early (Nov 2) Happy Birthday sang to her with a cupcake.

In keeping with our Chapter theme "The Right Place to Be... Home" , Melinda, a native Texan, has a long history of making Texas home.

Melinda said she grew up in a southern home. One of the traditions was always making cream pies for dessert at family gatherings, a tradition that Melinda has kept up. Another tradition was taking a trip to Washington on the Brazos State Park during blue bonnet season for family picnics. Later they would go to Must Be Heaven in Brenham for ice cream.

Of course there was also the 7th grade field trip to the park as well, following with 7th grade Texas history. These were things she grew up with, never really giving it much thought until she did some research about her family and found some interesting facts.

Through research Melinda found that her fifth great grandfather was William Clark Jr. (1798-1871), a signer on the Texas Declaration of Independence March 2 1836. Although not born here, he moved to Sabine County in 1835. He also briefly served as a representative of Sabine County in the House of the Second Congress in 1837, leaving in 1838 due to illness. He later purchased the Planter Hotel in Nacogdoches in 1859 and managed it until he died in January 1871. He had a son, also names William Clark Junior, who followed in his father's political footsteps and was elected to the state legislature in 1859 and helped Texas in the Secession Convention of 1861, leading Texas into the American Civil War. Melinda comes from Texas Royalty.



William Clark, Jr.



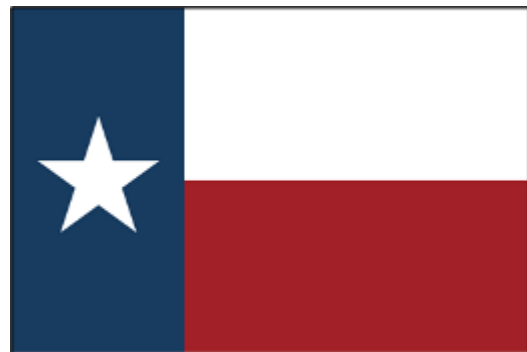
***"RING-TAILED PANTHERS
and
CORNSTALK LAWYERS"***

The Men Who Signed the Declaration of Independence



*'The Reading of the Texas Declaration of Independence,' by Charles and Fanny Normann, 1936
From the collection of Artie Fultz Davis, Navasota, Texas*

Melinda's 5th great grandfather is on the left ringed in blue.



SERVICE

Our first service project for the 2024-2025 calendar year was with the Happy Face Pet Ranch in Richmond, Texas. They exist to help, save, care for and place abandoned or potentially homeless animals, giving them safe refuge and a greatly improved quality of life.

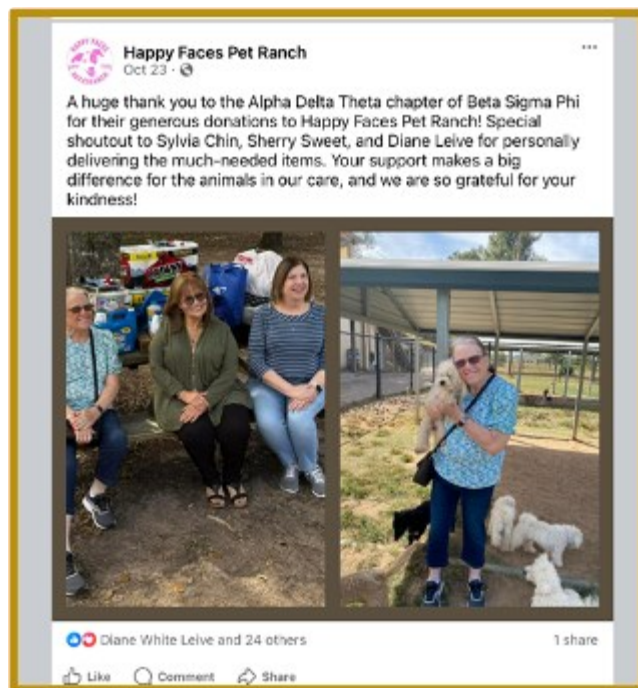
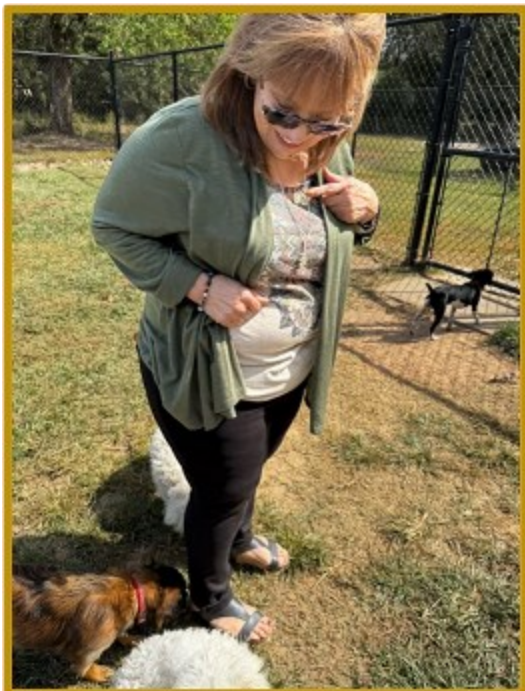
Their goal is to help turn around the companion animal crisis by increasing spay/neuter, humane legislation, and education about the proper care and treatment of both owned animals and strays, lost or abandoned animals in need of help.



Items collected at our October meeting included: leashes, collars/harnesses, beds, laundry detergent, bleach, paper towel, waste collection bags, feeding bowls, etc... all items requested by Happy Faces. Once collected, ADT sisters Diane Leive, Sherry Sweet and Sylvia Chin volunteered to deliver the goodies to the ranch.



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While at the ranch, they were able to interact with some of the dogs, a few of which had already been selected. We even made it onto the Happy Faces Facebook page.



ON A PERSONAL NOTE

Barbara Meurer had an early fall trip to Marietta, Georgia where she spent time with her son, daughter-in-law and two adorable granddaughters. They had fun as they enjoyed the fall weather at the local Pumpkin Patch.



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Sylvia and her granddaughter Aurora

LAUREATE IOTA OMEGA

REPORTER: BOBBIE VILES

No report this month.

LAUREATE IOTA TAU

REPORTER: LINDA DASPIT

No report this month.

PRECEPTOR NU

REPORTER: SHAWN DORN AND CAROLYN MEEKS



ESCAPE to OAHU:

Shawn Dorn & Carolyn Meek's Late September Week of Fun in Paradise



Aloha, beaches! Palm trees, ocean breeze, salty air, sun-kissed hair. That endless summer, take me there. Lost in paradise, or as they call it here, Oahu



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I'm not Oahu'n you anything, but in Hawaii, we didn't Lanai around all day, we 'oahu' over the sights! I'm shore you'd love it here in Hawaii.

We didn't manage to get lei'd at anytime during our stay there! Aren't they s'posed to present you with a complimentary lei upon arrival? (Note: In Hawaii, they wear leis; so, get your minds out of the gutter.)

Ocean air, salty hair, not a care. Hawaii, where every trail leads to a paradise and every hour is happy. Life's a beach. The forecast is always partly cloudy with a chance of paradise. Rain or shine, the Hawaiian vibe is always fine.



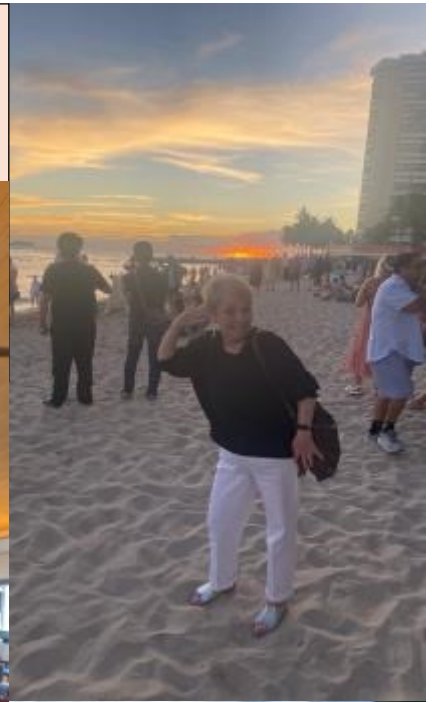
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Resting beach face.



Taking life one wave at a time.
What happens in Hawaii stays in our hearts.



Why did the beach blush? Because the sea-weed!

How do you make a pineapple turn over? Try a little hula!

Why did the sand get a promotion? Because it's so fine!

What do Hawaiians use to keep their hair in place? A rainbow!

**My heart says Mahalo,
but my soul says Aloha.**

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From Council Meeting to Chapter Meeting, Halloween brings out the creativity in Preceptor Nu. Mickie emerged at the Council Meeting as the Pumpkin. Linda Rather as a snake. Linda Noltz as the Golden Jewel. Nance came as an Avatar. Lizette arrived directly from her safari hunt. For PN's Chapter Meeting, Carolyn showed off her cute Pumpkin sweater and Shawn bedazzled us all with her black cat top and witches' hat.



Our October Chapter Meeting was held on the 15th at the Hilton Garden Inn. It was hostessed by the ever-so-talented and creative Michelle Lovelace who chose Sunflowers for her theme for our meeting. I hope you notice the décor she utilized in decorating for our meeting. Not only did she offer the items up as door prizes, but she let it be known she created them! For her program, Michelle presented a most illuminating topic on becoming better and closer sisters.

More interesting and fun-filled events occurred this month, like: campaigning for Judge Chad Bridges, attending the Re-election rally for Sen. Ted Cruz and Congressman Troy Nehls, attending Carmen's epic birthday - annual Halloween party, and attending the Fall Luncheon held at the Jr. League. All these and more will be covered in our next issue. You won't want to miss any of it.

God bless!

XI ALPHA EPSILON OMEGA

REPORTER: JILL COBLE

Our "BSP is the Right Place to Be" journey continued during the month of October as XAEO traveled to Haywire Restaurant in the Memorial City area for our Chapter meeting. Haywire brings a taste of Texas, offering a unique blend of rustic charm and urban sophistication. The restaurant partners with local farmers, ranchers, and growers to deliver a truly farm-to-fork experience. And it definitely didn't disappoint, delicious food!!



After lunch, it was on to the Business portion of our meeting and time to update our passports with more stamps that we had collected since our last meeting. Of course they sat us in the wine room so we just had to have a little more vino!



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This was the first month for gift giving to our Secret Sisters. With the theme of "Fall Décor and More", it soon became clear why we are all "Sisters" as we had the same thought in mind when it came to Fall Décor.....pumpkins!!



As our journey came to a close, we said goodbye to the time we spent at the Texas Haywire restaurant, and all got on our horses (cars) and headed home.

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Our October social was a fun afternoon at The Heights MKT.

We started by going to the MYX Blend Bar to design our own custom lipstick. With the help of MYXologists, XAEO Sisters begin by personalizing our MYXperience with style and creativity to create our perfect lipstick blend. We chose the style of lipstick, created a palette of custom shades that complimented our skin tones, and could further customize our creation by adding shimmers, glitters, custom fragrances, SPF, vitamins, anti-aging treatments, moisture, shine and even plumper!! And just like that, our lipstick was made and then we came up with a name specific for our creation.



Lipstick is more than rouge, it's a fashion statement, an expression, and an invaluable asset that can transform your look.

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After all the work to create our tube of lipstick, it was time for lunch. We ate at the cutest restaurant, Buttermilk Baby, also located in The Heights MKT.



Jill's new wheels!!!!
Just joking....she
wanted to take it
home with her but it
wasn't for sale!!!

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A word from our Members:

Chris and Jeana went to Pine Mountain, GA to celebrate her niece, Kalli's wedding Oct. 12. They enjoyed a lovely weekend among the beautiful Georgia Pines.



Chris, Grace and Jeana went to Lubbock Texas Tech to visit Benelen for Homecoming. They had a wonderful time eating around Lubbock and attending the football game. Although the game didn't turn out well, we still enjoyed all the festivities. We went to the concert on Friday night, the bonfire and tailgate on Saturday. We even stopped by the Alumni Center to see if we could find a special bench!



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Renita and her daughter, Taylor enjoyed an evening of 1970s classic rock at the Toyota Center. Electric Light Orchestra put on an amazing show!! Renita likes to share her era of music with her daughter, and vice versa, especially when it's a live performance.



Cynde's granddaughter Addison Sims, a senior at Johnson High School was recently honored to receive the Presidential National Merit award. Cynde and Danny are so proud of her and all her hard work .



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Pam and Mark recently hosted a Birthday Celebration for Betty, Mark's Mom/Grandmommy to their children & grandchildren as she celebrated her 90th Birthday. Family came in from Louisiana and Georgia to help Betty celebrate her big day.



Ella and Hains were happy they got to visit with Aunt Jill during their visit to Katy.

That's a wrap from Xi Alpha Epsilon Omega! Will see you next month.

Happy Thanksgiving to all our SWHCC Sisters.



XI ALPHA ZETA

REPORTER: GIGI KENNEL

XAZ meeting in October was held at Joan's home with GiGi as Co-hostess. - We enjoyed hearty stew and corn bread.



Joan shared her "Right Place to Be" Memory - the trip taken to Ocean City NJ



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XAZ social meeting was spent lunching and shopping - two very enjoyable pastimes



MEMBER AT LARGE

REPORTER: JOYCE FRANK

Joyce C, Judy S, and Joyce F met at the Outback Steak House in Katy in October for the monthly lunch together. Lots of catching up and enjoying good food. They missed Winona and Carole.



Joyce F. is one proud Grandmother as both of her grandchildren are setting great goals. Christopher as a Firefighter and Anna as a Nurse. Joyce F's has a great Grandson, Christopher Redding who had a dream and a goal and this is where he is today, He is not only a firefighter with The Woodlands Fire Department, but also a paramedic.



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