



The Bustle

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Beta Sigma Phi—Southwest Houston City Council

President's Message

Dear Sisters,

Happy Valentine's Day!!! Yes, it's already February. That means hearts, flowers, and candy. It also means the BSP Sweetheart Ball on February 22, 2025, at the Hilton Garden Inn in Sugar Land. Please make plans to attend as we honor our chapter sweethearts. You can also stay at the hotel at a reasonable rate and enjoy breakfast the next day, which is included in the room rate. Here's how you make your reservations:

Link:

[SWHCC Sweetheart Ball](#)

By phone:

281-491-7777 or 1-866-577-1278, use the code BSPLUV

There will be good food, music, and sisterhood. It will be a lot of fun.

We are winding down this sorority year and we will be recruiting officers. Would you like to service on the board, give it some thought. If yes, reach out to me, I'd love to hear from you.

Our next council meeting is February 13, at 6:30 p.m. at the Hilton Garden Inn. Beta Buzz starts at 5:30 p.m. in the bar.

Happy Valentine's Day.

I am thy sister,

Sandra

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Hostess Schedule 2024 -2025

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

Editor Notes:

Enjoy this month's edition of *The Bustle*. Make sure you check out pictures from the January Council Meeting and see what has been going with SWHCC Chapters during the month.

Have an idea you would like to see in The Bustle. Just let me know as I'm always looking for new things to include.

Until next month.....

Jill



Council Meeting



The next council meeting will be Thursday, February 13th. 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.

SWEETHEART BALL

We have a room block at the Hilton Garden Inn Sugar Land for Sweetheart Ball. Please make your reservations now to assure you get the best rate, the rate includes the room and breakfast on Sunday morning.

The last day to reserve your room at the Sweetheart Ball rate is February 7th, 2025

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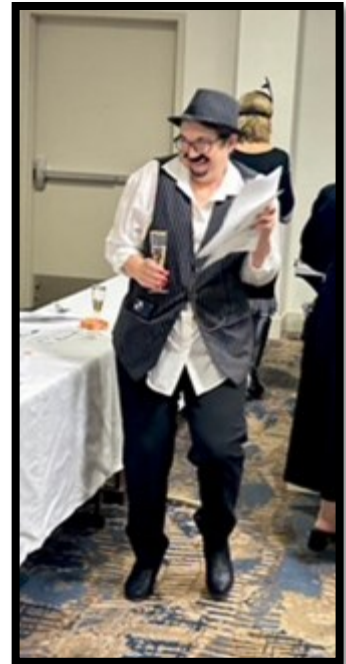


January Southwest Houston City Council Meeting

The January 9th Council Meeting was hosted by Alpha Delta Theta. We enjoyed a program presented by the ADT members on their Beginning Day adventure to Navasota.









A block of hotel rooms have been reserved at the Hilton Garden Inn. Rooms are \$107 + tax. Rate includes breakfast the morning after the ball. To make hotel reservations for the night of the Sweetheart Ball, please use the link below.

[SWHCC Sweetheart Ball](#)

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

JANUARY SOCIAL

"Yesterday is history, tomorrow is a mystery, today is a gift..."

The ADT January Social found us on a day of history and mystery. We started our day with a bit of unusual Houston history. We started our day at the Buffalo Bayou Park Cistern, located on Sabine Street, near downtown. The Cistern was one of the City of Houston's first underground drinking-water reservoirs. Built in 1926, it provided decades of service until it was decommissioned in 2007 due to an irreparable leak. The 87,500-square-foot expanse includes 25-foot tall concrete columns set row upon row, hovering over two inches of water on the reservoir's floor.



Dark and creepy, sounds seem to echo forever. We tested that theory and it was almost deafening. Recognizing the significance of the highly unusual space and with generous support from The Brown Foundation, Buffalo Bayou Partnership repurposed the Cistern into a magnificent public space. In addition to tours highlighting the history and architecture of this unique industrial site, the Cistern houses periodic art installations.



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Our next stop was lunch at Stanton's City Bites, started as a family run grocery store in 1961 that evolved into a restaurant that serves unique, made to order burgers. As you can see, we had built up quite an appetite and were ready to dig in.

Next we moved into the mystery part of day which found us at "Escape the Room Houston" near midtown, a reality entertainment gaming experience in which you solve puzzles to earn your freedom to escape the room. Our assignment was to escape "the Apartment" within 60 minutes. We had to solve a series of puzzles and riddles that led us from one key or lock to another and on to the next clue. There were locks on the refrigerator, the microwave, cupboards, game boards, and so many other places.



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It was truly a team effort, with everyone contributing to the success of our efforts. We made it out in plenty of time and only needed a couple of clues to do so. Everyone one agreed it was a fun day, especially for a rainy, gloomy Sunday. Definitely something we all would do again!

JANUARY MEETING

January found us the guests of Carol Trujillo at El Asador Mexican Restaurant in Katy for our chapter meeting. With everyone in attendance we were ready for our first meeting of the new year. City council information was reviewed and Karen thanked everyone for the great job they did at the January council meeting with the skit. Everyone looked great! Information for Sweetheart Ball and Founder's Day was reviewed. Diane advised of cards sent out and Carol handed out cards and reviewed treasurer report. Sonia and Cynthia opened their secret sister gifts they missed from December.



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The February Social/Service Project was discussed where we will be combining time with the residents at the Sunrise Senior Living Center where we will be playing Bingo and providing prizes and then having a scavenger hunt in old town Katy. This is the first time we are combining the two and we are excited about it.

Carol's program, centering around "The place to be is..Home" began when she was a child about 6-7 years old. She grew up on a farm in Alabama, just north of Birmingham. When she was in early elementary school she came across a homeless cat and decided to rescue it. She tried to take it home on the school bus, but they wouldn't let her on with it, so she got it home by other means.

She tried to get the cat to talk to her and told him she was going to bite him if he didn't. When he didn't, she, of course bit him. All she got for her efforts was a mouth full of cat hair. This was her first rescue of an animal and this has followed her throughout the rest of her life.

We celebrated two birthdays at the meeting, Melinda and Barbara and the restaurant helped us celebrate where we all sang happy birthday.



Melinda and Cathy won the raffle prizes of lovely bouquets provided by host Carol



ON A PERSONAL NOTE

Happiest of birthdays to
Barbara Meurer (26th) and
Melinda Montgomery (27th)
our January birthday girls.



Sylvia celebrating New Year's Eve and New Years Day at Disney World and Coco Beach FL.



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Snow days in Texas, including Cynthia in Dallas.



Barbara Celebrating her birthday with friends at Federal American Grill.



LAUREATE IOTA OMEGA

REPORTER: BOBBIE VILES

No report this month.

WE ARE BURSTING WITH PRIDE!

Proud Nolty Family

On Saturday, December 14th, 2024, Linda Nolty's oldest child, Sara Lynn Nolty, graduated from the University of Houston Clear Lake, School of Business Majoring in Marketing. Sara enjoyed her years on campus and is now interviewing for jobs in the Houston area. "The Nolty family are enormously proud of all her hard work the last four years. We had the chance to celebrate Sara's accomplishments and now we look forward to the next chapter."



Proud Sampley Family

Overlooking the magnificent Austin, Texas downtown skyline from the viewpoint at Ziker Clubhouse, an Eagle Scout ceremony was held. It was to honor Shawn Dorn's 14-year-old great nephew, Winfield Sampley for achieving, and being one of the youngest to successfully complete, the requirements to be awarded his Eagle Scout Badge.





Above, the Sampley family and the Murphy's.

The color guard were on hand to place the flags symbolically for the picture taking. Following the impressive and informative ceremony, all attending were invited to the reception held in the same

Proud Bridges Family



"My son CHAD BRIDGES the HOUSTON COURT ELECTION. He was sworn in with the other new judges. MOM is more than proud...many years together, I've always "believed in him..."GOD IS GOOD!"

Love,
MOM"

"Sisters, MOM's, GRANDMOTHERS... this is "MAMA MEEKS" ONLY SON. He's an AGGIE whom GOVERNOR RICHARDS and HIS MOM believed in....He won the HOUSTON POSITION AS THE FLYER IMPLIES!! Thank you "guy upstairs!" and folks, like ME WHO BELIEVED." (*heart emojis*)

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Proud Lovelace



Michelle Lovelace's oldest daughter, Taylor is a beautiful, hard-working and independent woman that lives in the Tanglewood area. However, she did stop a moment and send her mom some pictures of her capturing the opportunity to still be a kid!



Cam Lovelace & Sy Kitty Lovelace both transferred to Sam Houston State this January. Cam was accepted into the Honors College at Sam Houston and is currently a junior perusing her BA of Psychology. She plans to continue for her masters upon graduation

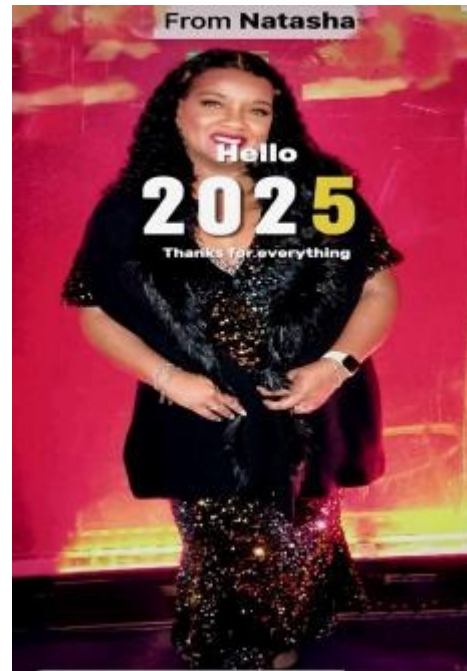


HAPPY 2025 NEW YEAR!!!



Fireworks New Year's Eve beheld at
Constellation Field, Sugar Land, TX

January 21, 2025 - SNOW!!!



So, while most of us stayed indoors as a precaution against ice injuries, traffic mishaps, etc. Others, such as Carmen Romonger, was fashionably posing for her photography portfolio. She's a beautiful, very talented photographer, who hopefully will be a PN sooner than later.



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January 13, 2025



Speaking of talent, this is Mickie Wright's latest Wreath creation and front porch décor for the month of February! Isn't it grand?

Friendly Ventures had their inaugural meeting on January 13, 2025 at the Hilton Garden Inn. We had a decent turn out considering the announcement for the meeting didn't offer much advanced notice. Those that were able to be present came with wonderful suggestions and ideas. By end of meeting we all had settled on the date for our "RUSH" event, April 5, 2025. There is much to iron out, locate, setup and to do in the meantime. We are all very excited to participate in this effort. If you feel that you would like to be on this Friendly Ventures Committee, please contact Shawn Dorn, Committee Chair. We can always use more talent in this effort.

The Committee, Friendly Ventures has been formed to organize and create ongoing events to inspire future growth in our BSP SWHCC Group of Chapters.



January 20, 2025



Donald Trump and JD (James David) Vance were sworn in as our 47th U.S. President and Vice President

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January 21, 2025 - PN's re-scheduled Chapter meeting



Many came dressed to compliment Lizette's beautifully decorated (her personal treasures from when she lived in The Fat City) Mardi Gras meeting theme. Mickie contributed by bringing fascinators in various colors to don.

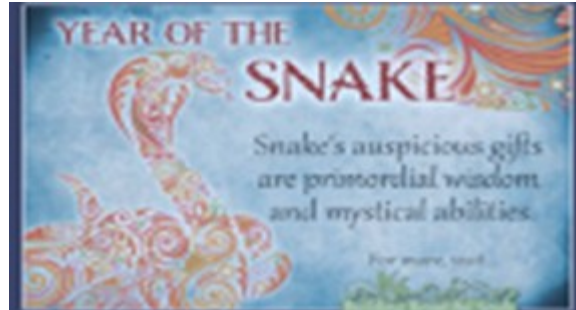


Laissez les bons temps rouler!

January 29, 2025



Chinese New Year, 2025
Year of the Snake



Unlike the bold and outgoing Dragon, the Snake stands for calmness and introspection. These traits are seen as essential for guiding one's life with wisdom and grace. Known for its stealthiness and wisdom, the Snake wants you to move with purpose and precision. Relinquish what no longer serves you so you can evolve. A Snake year rewards those who think ahead, stay calm under pressure, and strike only when the timing is perfect. Summon your inner strategist. It's time to play the long game and build something solid from the ground up. This is a year to rise strategically, rather than rushing to the top. During the last Year of the Snake (in 1965), the world saw the rise of the counterculture movement, the birth of iconic fashion trends like the miniskirt, and a greater push for civil rights and equality. Sixty years later, we might find similar themes echoing back to us with the Wood Snake year, offering opportunities for transformation and renewal on a global scale.

HAPPY NEW YEAR!

新年快樂!

[Snake](#)

Birth years: 1929, 1941, 1953, 1965, 1977, 1989, 2001, 2013, 2025

Wise, graceful, calm, mystic, shrewd. Can be a loner, bad communicator, possessive, distrustful.

A Snake Year is sometimes referred to as "a Little Dragon Year" to assuage feelings of inadequacy among people born during a Snake Year.

XI ALPHA EPSILON OMEGA

REPORTER: JILL COBLE

XAEO Sisters started their year off right with a trip down to Pigeon Forge, Tennessee to help Dolly Parton celebrate her birthday!! January 20, it was officially, unofficially Dolly Parton Day! Sisters celebrated in full force, with Dolly attire head to toe.



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We celebrated with a menu straight out of Dolly's new cookbook, including chicken and dumplings, green beans, her favorite pimento cheese spread and butterfly cupcakes to mark the occasion.



A Dolly Parton tree was decorated in butterflies and cupcakes as a nod to her favorite "animal" and sweet indulgence.



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Dolly was in attendance cheering us on, even if in spirit (or in this case, cardboard). We sang her songs and made a birthday toast, complete with our rendition of Happy Birthday. A few of us even sang a solo. We think Dolly would have been proud!



We're looking forward to our next adventure!!

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Arriving back from Pigeon Forge, the XAEO sisters hit the ground running as our January Chapter meeting was just two days later. So taking off those Dolly wigs, we looked more like ourselves as we headed to Renita's house for a delicious lunch followed by our business meeting.

Renita presented a very interesting program on her love of "embroidery". She shared how she got started embroidering at a young age, then stopped doing it and how she took it back up a little later in her life. We enjoyed seeing some of her finished products.....beautiful quilts.



Embroidery

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Then came the time for all of us to become her students and she let us make a few French Knots. Hopefully, she didn't have to rip out too many of our stitches. Hahaha!!!



Our passports continue to get filled up with stamps as President Jill added some new stamps as we continue our BSP journey.



Pam was the lucky winner of the doorprize.

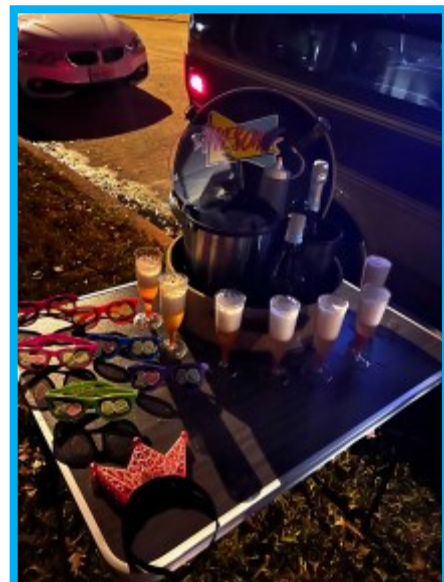
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A word from our Members:

During the month of January, Jill celebrated her birthday. First, was a wonderful night out with Pam and Mark to DaVinci's where they enjoyed delicious Italian Food. And of course, it was complete with Italian Crème Cake.



Next was a surprise evening out with friends to Mo's Irish Pub for an 80's kind of night with an evening of dancing with the Spicoli's



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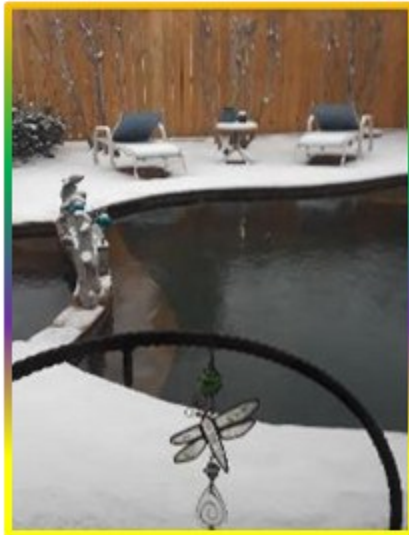
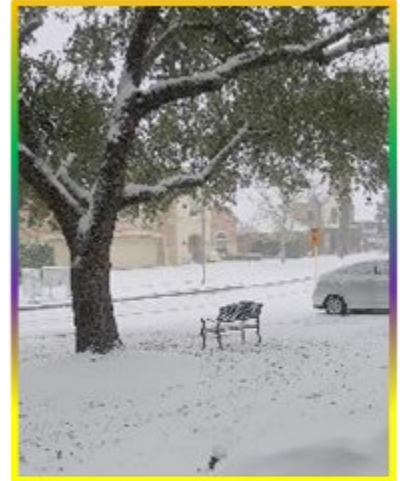
REPORTER: GIGI KENNEL

XAZ meeting in January was held at Jeanne Murray's home with Miriam as Co-hostess. - Ms. Murray and Ms. Langford pulled double duty - first as impeccable hostess and co-hostess then as presenter and awardee. We enjoyed a splendid array of salads including Miriam's famous chicken salad. In lieu of a program Ms. Murray crowned our 2025 Sweetheart - Miriam Langford!



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Our Social meeting was postponed for several reasons; not the least of which was snowfall in Southeast Texas! The pics below are Lori's backyard in Pecan Grove, Joan's street in Rosenberg, Jeanne Murray's backyard in Stafford, GiGi's car in Victoria, Ann in her yard in Sienna Plantation and Sami Yancy (GiGi's niece) with her kids in Richmond Texas.



MEMBER AT LARGE

REPORTER: JOYCE FRANK

Joyce Frank had a busy end of year and the January with Christmas, a Wedding and her birthday.

Family Christmas was late due to schedules, but the 28 found all of the family together, Joyce, Deanna her daughter, Christopher, her Grandson, Katlynn, Christopher's bride to be, Anna, her Granddaughter, and Dawson, Anna's friend. A fun evening for all. Joyce gave Christopher and Katlyn their wedding present early. She had stitched a cross stitched piece call "A Wedding is Many Things". Deanna had made a good meal for all to enjoy.



MEMBER AT LARGE

Next on January 4, 2025, Grandson, Christopher married Katlynn Machann at a venue in Planterville, TX. A beautiful wedding and Joyce was so glad she was able to enjoy the evening.



MEMBER AT LARGE

Winona and Jill enjoyed an evening out. They started off with dinner at Escalante's and then went on to attend The Music Box Theater to see "Year End Review 2024". If you haven't ever been to The Music Box Theater, you should check it out. Wonderful entertainers!!!!



Joyce's daughter, Deanna hosted Joyce January Birthday once again at Katy bingo. A fun night for all.



MEMBER AT LARGE



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