



The Bustle

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Beta Sigma Phi—Southwest Houston City Council President's Message

Dear Sisters,

Can you believe summer's already here? Our 25-26 year is officially underway, and our May council meeting was packed with vital information! Your chapter reps should have already filled you in on the new hostess and rotation schedules, exciting "save the dates," and who's leading our committees this year.

Before we fully dive into summer, there are a few important things we need to finalize. Please make sure your chapters submit their **committee volunteer lists and cast your votes on budget approval by June 15th**. Don't forget to update your chapter's details on our website and in the directory too! We'll be sending out more key information about council events as soon as it's ready. You'll also be happy to know that the financial review report has been submitted and will be presented at our September meeting.

Get ready for our next council event: **Open Meeting!** The date is still TBD, but it's coming up fast, so start thinking about your guest list now. It'll be a quick turnaround!

Mark your calendars for **Saturday, August 16th**, because we'll be hosting our annual **luncheon** for all chapter **Presidents, Vice Presidents, council committee chairs, and council board members**. More details on that will be heading your way soon!

I can't wait to see you at Open Meeting—keep an eye out for details very soon. Until then, enjoy your well-deserved break! "May the Lord watch between me and thee."

I am thy sister,

Jeanne Melton

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This and That.....News from Council

With Sympathy

Our thoughts and prayers are with the family of June Ryan during this difficult time.



Editor Notes:

While not officially, summer is definitely here. During these summer months we will continue to publish the Bustle each month. So, please share with all of us the stories and pictures of your summer adventures by submitting them to your chapter Bustle reporter. We love seeing what everyone has been up to.

Take care this summer as well as we head into hurricane season. Be prepared by checking local tv station websites for checklists. We've all been there before, but it doesn't hurt to check again.

*Until next month,
Karen & Sherry*

Council Meeting



June, July and August will be a hiatus for Council meetings. However, our council members will be busy behind the scenes getting ready for the 2025-2026 Sorority year.

Hostess Schedule 2025-2026

Sept. 11 2025	PN
October 9, 2025	XAZ
November 13, 2025	ADT
December 11, 2025	SWHCC
January 8, 2026	LIO
February 12, 2026	XAEO
March 12, 2026	PN
April 9, 2026	--
May 14, 2026	NEW BOARD



May Southwest Houston City Council Meeting

The 2025-2026 council year kicked off with a bang under new President Jeanne Melton. Sisters enjoyed visiting during the Beta Buzz hour before moving into the meeting hour. Old friends, new friends and guests were there!



*Cheers to a
new year*



"Angels of Friendship... some of our new Board Officers



XAZ hosted the meeting, providing colorful tasty treats! YUM



Renita was the big winner
of the 50/ 50 prize and
Barbara M. won the special
bottle of "cheer."



MAY SOCIAL

"A journey is best measured in friends rather than miles."—Charles M. Schulz

The Alpha Delta Theta social for May was designated as our "Girls' Weekend." This year our special weekend found us in Kemah, enjoying the cool gulf breezes and amenities of the boardwalk. But first, we stopped off and spent some time exploring outer space.

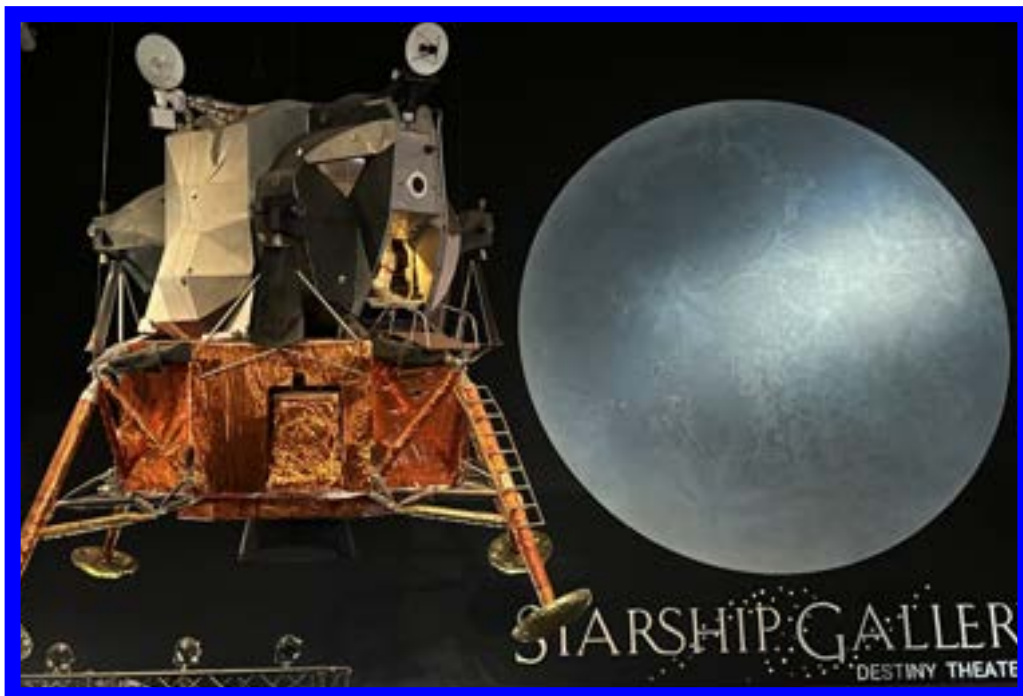
Our adventure began at Space Center Houston where we took a tram tour, visited exhibits and had a VR experience of space travel.



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We enjoyed learning about past space missions and some actual equipment used and explored many exhibits. While visiting there you can also book a VP trip or even have breakfast with an astronaut. Space Center Houston is the premier authentic learning center for science and space exploration.



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One day perhaps we'll even be able to visit the International Space Station as a guest.
Where do I sign up?!?



After our space explorations, we had built up quite an appetite. We made our way to the Main St. Bistro in League City, Texas. Located in the heart of the city, it celebrates the diversity of the community by infusing local Texas fare with Hispanic, coastal and Creole influences. Every meal is a celebration of culture, community and the timeless art of food.



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Our final destination was the Kemah Boardwalk. The weather was beautiful and we enjoyed shopping and walking along the water's edge. Our social committee did an excellent job of planning our weekend with a plethora of fun activities that included games of Mexican Train dominoes. They also provided snacks and an amazing breakfast on Saturday morning.



Mimosa mornings

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Girls
weekend!



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MAY MEETING

Our May meeting took place at Sherry Sweet's House. Sherry provided a dinner of some of her childhood favorites that included meatloaf, mashed potatoes, carrots, green beans, salad and parker house rolls, all served family style. Everyone enjoyed the comfort food.

General business was conducted that included two ceremonies. Sonia Afshar's Ritual or Jewels ceremony was performed and Cynthia Rogan's progression to Exemplar was performed as well. Congratulations to both ladies.



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Sherry presented a program based on Home... The Right Place to Be. To her, home was the house she grew up in as a child. She shared memories of her childhood in northwest Ohio that included growing up in the country, working in the garden with her grandfather, having a pony named Babe, and cooking with her grandmother. All of the dishes she served for dinner were made from recipes she remembered from her childhood, including her great-grandmother's chocolate. Melinda and Sonia won the raffle prizes which included a cake plate that belonged to Sherry's grandmother and a bread basket with the recipe for the parker house rolls made for dinner.



ON A PERSONAL NOTE

Happiest of birthdays to
Cynthia Rogan, our May
Birthday Girl



LAUREATE IOTA OMEGA

REPORTER: BARBARA HUPE

LIO Bustle Report

April and May have been busy months for the LIO sisters. Sadly, Becky Fuller has moved to New Braunfels. She will be truly missed and we wish her much happiness. Sounds like a Field Trip in our future.

Barbara Hupe turned the big "80" on Mother's Day. Celebrations started on Easter Saturday when she was totally surprised at her workout by all her children and grandchildren waiting for her outside. It was a weekend filled with fun, food, and lots of pictures. Everyone flying in from across the country made her only birthday wish come true.



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REPORTER: BARBARA HUPE



Partying didn't stop there. Several lunches and a very special party with her Jazzercise friends topped it off. In the middle of all the fun, she got to see her granddaughter graduate in Philadelphia.



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REPORTER: BARBARA HUPE



Joan Batts is retiring from teaching Art after 30 years. It will be a great loss to her school and her students. We're wishing her every joy in her retirement.



Shirley Grass keeps busy with grandkids and great grandkids. Her grandson Jake is in the service and was involved in taking care of VP Vance's plane in Europe. There was a reception but he didn't get to meet him. Maybe next time. Her grandson Spencer got married in Las Vegas. It was a beautiful wedding, filled with family and love. Shirley always makes sure to attend any events she can including her greatgrandchildren's graduations and ball games.

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On a sadder note, Gail Perley's brother passed away. She did however get to spend Mother's Day in Atlanta with her daughter and celebrated her grandson's birthday. Also our sweet June Ryan has passed on. Please keep her family in your thoughts and prayers.

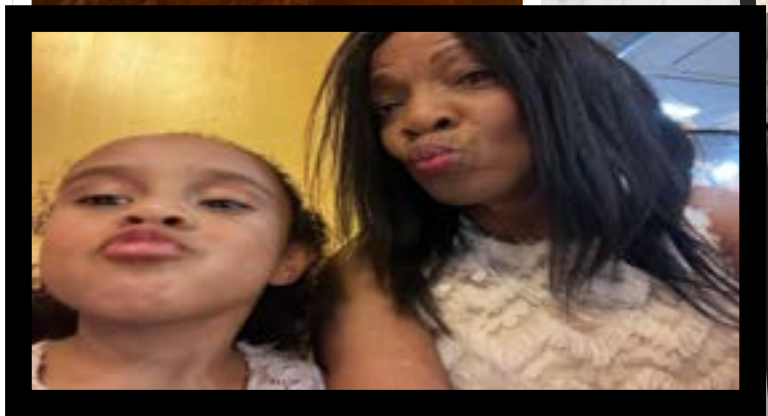
PRECEPTOR NU

REPORTER: SHAWN DORN



Preceptor Nu's Songbird extraordinaire, **Carolyn Meeks**, wow'ed and the audience was enthralld with her solo vocal performances onstage during the special, select month of May weekend portrayal of "This Is Me," a musical review held at the Cast Theatrical Company in Rosenberg, TX from May 16th - 18th.

Throughout the three performances, several Preceptor Nu's Chapter sisters, along with Carolyn's family and many friends, demonstrated their unwavering support by buying tickets for the show. Then, they attended in person to celebrate and herald her bravery and God-given talent.





Yvonne Vazquez's daughter, Angelina is home from Boise, ID, where she attends University, to celebrate Yvonne's birthday and enjoy the summer break. She finished her semester with all A's which earned her an added \$5K in scholarship

PANAMA

Panama is a country on the isthmus linking Central and South America. The Panama Canal, a famous feat of human engineering, cuts through its center, linking the Atlantic and Pacific oceans to create an essential shipping route. In the capital, Panama City, modern skyscrapers, casinos, and nightclubs contrast with colonial buildings in the Casco Viejo district and the rainforest of Natural Metropolitan Park.



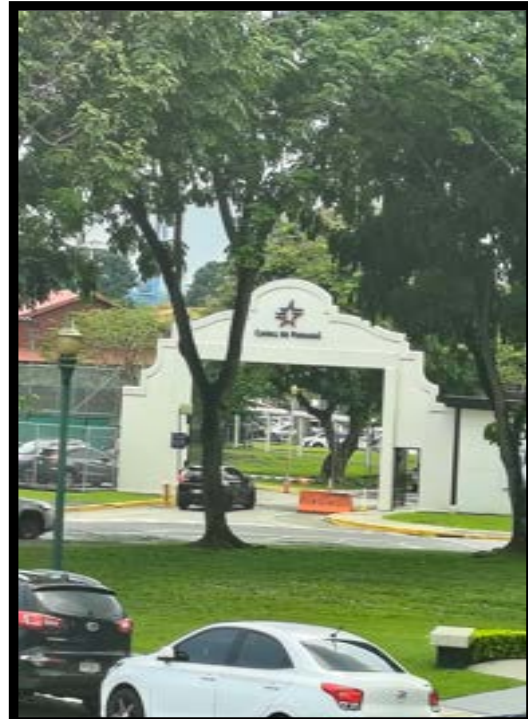
Natasha Williams reported that she was with her "Brunch Group" in Panama. "We arrived here yesterday, May 22nd and will be here until Monday, May 26th." She said, "I've really enjoyed this Panama resort."

"Our Brunch Group takes trips every three months. Our last trip was to Las Vegas in February."

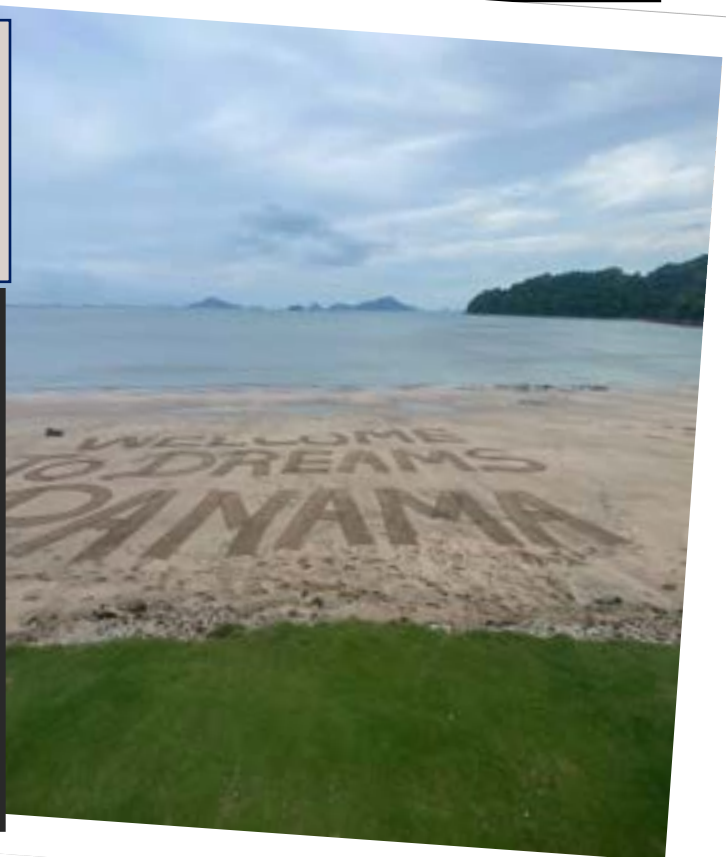


Just prior to Angelina's return home, Yvonne embarked on a religious retreat she proclaims, "was incredible!" She further commented that, "our hearts were burning as we prepared to walk with Jesus on a "West Houston Emmaus retreat." Photo taken at Mel's Country Cafe in Tomball

Of Note: The Emmaus Spirituality Center is a Roman Catholic institution whose ecumenical mission is to companion all who desire to awaken and deepen their relationship with God, self, and others and to accompany them on their journey of transformation.

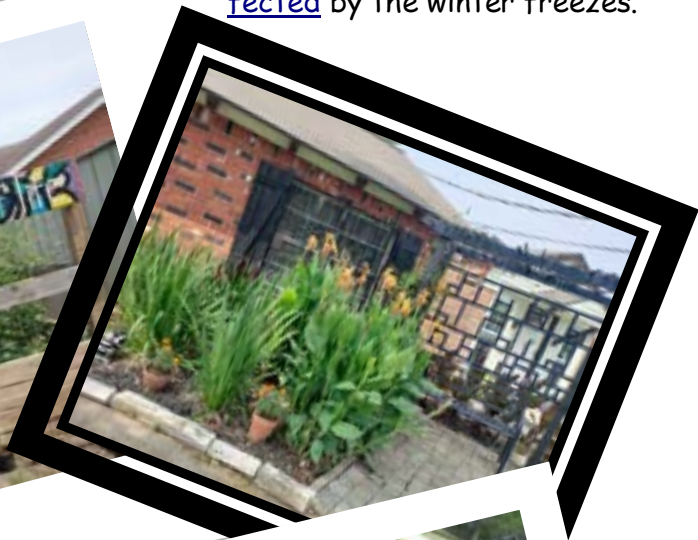


And talk about proud as a peacock, **Mickie Wright's great grandson, Titus**, received 4 Awards in 2nd grade at the End of Year Awards Ceremony. He even had his original poem published in the local paper.





With **Alice Chen** having returned from Thailand, she headed over to "The **Club-house**" where a few years ago PN dedicated a Garden to Duang Putnam's memory. She was impressed that most of the gardens she was instrumental in instructing the Clubhouse members to take care of, had kept the gardens up nicely; thos that hadn't been af- ected by the winter freezes.





PN'S illuminated "**Angels of Friendship**", **Mickie Wright and Lizette Polk**, pulled out all the stops with their lovely costumes, decor, selected program, Angel Food Cake dessert with fresh strawberries & crème, and sparkling water served in champagne glasses

The Hilton Garden on May 20th hosted our meeting.



The program debuted the extraordinary here-to-for hidden talents of **Ellie, Lizette's grand daughter**, who provided us all with a fabulous performance. She didn't miss a memorized



Make yourself familiar with the angels and behold them frequently in spirit. Without being seen they are present with you.
St. Francis de Sales



In recognition of the effort, courage and talent **Carolyn Meeks** put forth in her performance in the "This Is Me" special Music Review, Carolyn Meeks was presented with a Certificate of Appreciation at our meeting.

Also, **Shawn Dorn** was recognized with a lovely vase of flowers for her successful efforts as Chair of the Friendly Ventures Committee.

Were you aware that the entire PN Chapter are **ANGELS**? Take a look for yourself. All have wings, and halos, thanks to the thoughtful efforts of our hostesses, Mickie and Lizette!





Special Moments are so SPECIAL!

XI ALPHA EPSILON OMEGA

REPORTER: JILL COBLE

Xi Alpha Epsilon Omega Chapter Report

Our May Chapter meeting was a no-host meeting at Whiskey Cake Kitchen & Bar. After we enjoyed lunch, we got down to business with updates from Council, upcoming socials and appointing the Nominating Committee to come up with our 2025-2026 Chapter Officers. With the year winding down, we updated our passports with more passport stamps reflecting adventures that we have had along our "BSP---the right place to be" year. It seems just like the other day we were starting our Chapter year and now it is almost time to move on to another one. Time flies when you are having fun!!!



And there off!!!! Those are the words we heard when XAEO Members and Guests headed to Sam Houston Race Park for a Day of Horseracing on May 3. We enjoyed gathering in a suite on the 3rd floor with a birds eye view of each of the races and grazing all afternoon at the buffet. Of course, we decked all out with our fascinators and the guys even got into it by dressing for the day. Each of us got into the spirit by betting on the horses, some selecting by the color of the horse or the jockey's clothes color or maybe even the horses' name. No big winner but just fun to go turn in that \$4 ticket and get paid \$4.80. hahaha!!!!



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The day wouldn't be complete without a few games after the Sam Houston Races and of course, there were prizes!!

After all the Sam Houston Races, it was then time for the Kentucky Derby. Again, we placed our bets on our favorite(s) and yes, we had some winners!!! Another fun adventure to add to our "Best Place to Be...BSP Passport".



XAEO had to move up on the rotation schedule and will be chairing the 2026 Sweetheart Ball. Co-chairs from the Chapter will be Pam McDuffie and Jill Coble. Pam and Jill have been busy looking for hotel venues and hope to soon be able to share where we will be celebrating our 2026 Sweethearts.

A word from our Members -

Cynde and Danny Renteria were busy attending graduations during the month of May. Grandson Connor Sims graduated with a Criminal Justice degree from Southwest Texas University. Granddaughter Addison Sims 2025 Graduate, graduated Cum Laude of Johnson High School. They attended a party in San Antonio celebrating Addie's graduation. Very proud grandparents!!

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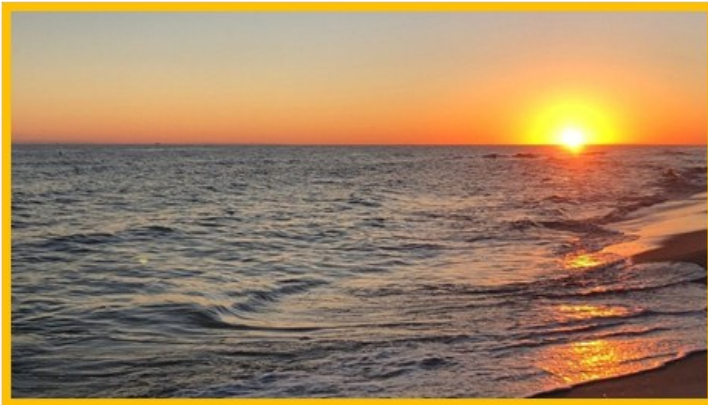


Congratulations!



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Jill spent a few days in Gulf Shores, Alabama enjoying time relaxing at the beach. While there, she also attended a Teddy Swims Concert at The Wharf. It was a fun time and definitely will be making a return trip .



Pam and Mark McDuffie are proud grandparents (Pammaw & Poppi). Grandson Hains was on the Principal's List 4.0, received the Awesome Artist Award, Top Reader Award and the first and only person in 3rd grade at VCA to be a Million Word Reader. Way to go Hains!!!



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Pam and Mark recently made a trip to Louisiana to see Granddaughter Ella perform at her first dance recital.



Until next month!!!
XAE0 Sisters

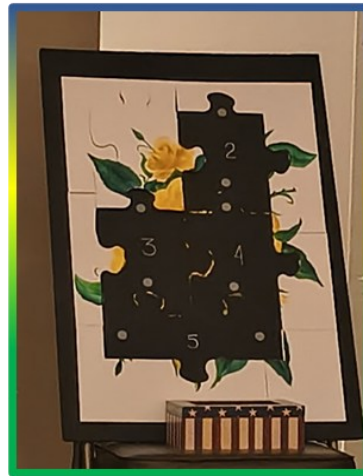
XI ALPHA ZETA

REPORTER: GIGI KENNEL

XAZ meeting in MAY was held at Sister Diana Rayle's home with Lori Bownds as hostess and Diana as Co-hostess. - The XAZ ladies enjoyed Taco Tuesday! We welcomed guest and former XAZ sister Debbie Harris! We installed our 2025-2026 Officers.



Lori and Diana - Our Hostesses



The Puzzle pieces that join to form the indestructible bond that is XAZ.

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2025-2026 XAZ Officers L to R Lori Bownds - Secretary; Joan Ferguson - Vice President; Rita Mayo - Treasurer; Diana Rayle - President; Jeanne Melton - Parliamentarian

**May Social was a Pool Party at President - Diana's Backyard Oasis - Fun in the Sun!
L to R Ann Jones, Miriam Langford, Rita Mayo, Joan Ferguson, Diana Rayle, Jeanne Murray -
Seated Lori Bownds.**



MEMBERS AT LARGE

REPORTER: JOYCE FRANK

Lunch at Oliver Garden hosted by Joyce F on May 20, 2025 was enjoyed by Joyce C, Winona L, Judy S. and Carole S.

We ladies never fail to enjoy the monthly lunches hosted each month by a different lady.



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