

The Bustle

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Beta Sigma Phi-Southwest Houston City Council

President's Message

Hello Angels! A warm July Welcome from Your President!

What a joy it is to connect with you all as we head into a new sorority year! As Beta Sigma Phi sisters, we know the incredible gift of being surrounded by positive, loving women who laugh easily, share freely, and aren't afraid to indulge in a little dessert. We embrace learning, support each other's chances, love to help others, and cherish our shared adventures, big or small. Most of all, we rely on those big shoulders, soft hands, gentle truths, and endless love that only sisters can provide, You truly are the "Angels of Friendship," making us more than we could ever be alone.

HUGH THANKS TO OUR INCREDIBLE SISTERS

I want to kick off this moth with some well-deserved shoutouts to sisters who are truly going above and beyond.

A massive THANK YOU once again to Linda Daspit of LIT, whose firm, Daspit Law Firm, PLLC, has graciously agreed to cover the costs of printing our council directories this year. Their generosity is a huge help.

Please join me in extending a warm welcome and thank you to Joan Batts of LIO, who will be stepping into the vital role of President Elect. We're so grateful for her leadership.

And a heartfelt appreciation to Joan Batts and Mary Crochet of Lio, along with Melinda Montgomery of ADT, who stepped up brilliantly to plan and organize our upcoming Open Meeting Event. Their dedication ensures a wonderful experience for all!

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A FEW IMPORTANT REMINDERS

Just a quick nudge on some essential items to ensure a smooth start to our year.

I'm still waiting to hear back from a few chapters regarding their committee volunteer lists and votes on the 2025-2026 Council budget. Please send these in as soon as possible!

Please ensure you're getting your updated chapter photos and information to Jill Coble for the council website. Let's keep our online presence sparkling!

I'm working to update our **distribution list**. If someone in your chapter is or isn't receiving communications and needs a change, please let me know.

GET YOUR PINK ON, PARTY ANIMALS- IT'S OPEN MEETING TIME

Okay "Party Animals," it's time to channel that amazing Beta Sigma Phi spirit and help us recruit some new friends!! Our Open Meeting is set for Saturday July 26th and I'm challenging each of you to bring someone new to SWHCC. We have a special incentive for first-time visitors, so now is the perfect time to share the joy of our sisterhood.

How do you find prospective members? Easy! Talk to neighbors, co-workers and church fiends. Post a message in your neighborhood Facebook pages or Nextdoor apps. Strike up a conversation with people in the check-out line or at the hair salon. We've all experienced the "angels of friendship" and the specialness that Beta Sigma Phi offers- why not share that with others?

The invitation with all the details for this exciting event is included in the month's Bustle. Start reaching out to potential new members now because the deadline to sign up is looming!

UPCOMING LEADERSHIP LUNCHEON

Mark your calendars! Our annual President, Vice President, and Committee Chair Luncheon is scheduled for August 16th at Local Table in Katy. All incoming officers and SWHCC committee chairs, please look for your invitation, RSVP, and send your check to me by August 6th. The invitation with all the details is also included in this month's bustle.

I absolutely can't wait to see you all at the Open Meeting! Until then, enjoy your summer and stay safe.

"May the Lord watch between me and thee."

I am thy sister,

Jeanne Melton

SWHCC President

This and That....News from Council

Editor Notes:

The Meaning of Sisters
Sisters are a gift from God.
Sisters are your friends.
Sisters stay right by your side
When the road twists and bends.

Sisters never let you down.
They always lend a hand.
Sisters are the best example
Of leaving footprints in the sand.

Sisters love girls' nights out And painting each other's nails. They love giving you advice When everything you've tried fails.

Sisters always love each other. Their love never goes away. Instead God makes it grow Stronger every day.

Sisters may drift sometimes, But they always stay together. No matter where your sister goes, She'll be in your heart forever

Beta Hugs and Sisters forever, Karen & Sherry



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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



Southwest Houston City Council Members attend BSP Friendship Cruise

XAEO Member, Jill Coble, LIO Member, Joan Batts, and ADT Members, Barbara Meurer and Cathy Wilson went on the BSP Friendship Cruise in June. The group started out with a few days in Athens before getting on the cruise ship to head to Mykonos, Istanbul, Ephesus, and Santorini. They met BSP members from Utah, Colorado, Oklahoma, California, Kansas, Virginia, Wyoming, and of course, Texas! It was lots of walking and temperatures were a little HOT but overall, a fun time!!

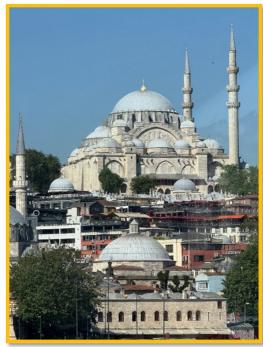










































Please join us for our annual PRESIDENT, VICE PRESIDENT AND COMMITTEE CHAIRS OF SOUTH WEST HOUSTON CITY COUNCIL

LUNCHEON

SATURDAY, AUGUST 16TH, 11-2 LOCAL TABLE

> 24033 CINCO RANCH BLVD. KATY, TX 77494

\$35 PER GUEST, RSVP BY AUGUST 6TH



Save the Date SWHCC Fall Event October 25, 2025

"Pumpkins and Petals"

Location:

Pecan Grove Country Club

Save the Date

SWHCC Sweetheart Ball February 21, 2026

> Place and Theme will be coming soon

ALPHA DELTA THETA

REPORTER: KAREN SWEET-ANGEL

JUNE SOCIAL

"Things turn out best for the people who make the best of the way things turn out." —John Wooden

When life gives you lemons, you make lemonade, right? Well, that's exactly what happened during this month. Our scheduled social didn't work out as planned but with a great group of sisters in ADT, everyone pivoted on the spur of the moment, and we still had a great time.

Cathy invited us back to her house for a lively round of Mexican Train dominoes. We got so addicted during our girl's weekend that we had to play it some more! Barbara showed off the scorecard with her big win and Diane proudly pulled in last place with a good laugh.

Sonia couldn't go without an afternoon treat picked up along the way. And then we finished off the evening with dinner at "On the Kirb" sports bar for some tasty drinks and food and more chatter.











JUNE MEETING

Our June meeting was hosted by Sonia Afshar in the home of Karen Sweet-Angel. Prior to the meeting, Sonia offered a delightful meal that included a true Southern/Louisiana gumbo. She prepared two versions that included a vegan choice. Both were very tasty with okra, chicken/tofu, and topped with mashed potatoes. For dessert was fresh fruit shortcake with whipped topping.



Melinda and Karen won the raffle prizes generously provided by host Sonia.



In meeting general business was discussed that included upcoming Council events. June and July socials were discussed. The nominating committee announced the slate of new officers for the 2025-2026 year that included: Pres: Barbara Meurer; VP: Sherry Sweet; Treas: Cynthia Rogan; Rec. Sec: Sylvia Chin; Corr, Sec.: Sonia Afshar. The slate of officers was approved and wil be sworn in at the next chapter meeting.

For her program, Sonia presented us with information about her family history. Her mother was born in Louisiana to a father of French ancestry and a mother of mixed French, possible Italian and German. While originally Catholic and Protestant Methodist, her family converted to Pentecostal, where her grandfather rose high in the church hierarchy along with his son. They built the Pentecostal campground on Highway 59, near Lufkin.

Here family had a colorful history. Hr mother was the oldest of 9 and her uncle was in a gang with the stab wounds to prove it. At 2 years of age her mother was hospitalized and not expected to ilive when her uncle made a promise to God, "You save her and I'm yours." He went into the ministry. He led a difficult life suffering from undiagnosed schizophrenia. The last of the 9 children, Sonia's Aunt Judy passed this June.

Sonia's mother worked for the government from the age of 18 at Lackland/NASA and her father as a jet pilot in the Iranian Air Force. They later divorced. Sonia's sister lives in California and favors their father's side of the family. She and Sonia married first cousins. Their family has always been vary close.



Barbara and Kathy brought back souvenirs for everyone from their Beta Sigma Phi Friendship Cruise

ON A PERSONAL NOTE

Happiest of birthdays to Cathy Wilson our June birthday girl.









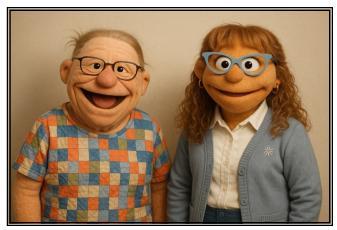
Sylvia and Diane enjoy a baseball game with the Astros.

IN THE BIG APPLE





Be careful the next time you go to New York City. You might just end up looking like a muppet.







LAUREATE IOTA OMEGA

REPORTER: BOBBIE VILES

No report.	

PRECEPTOR NU

REPORTER: SHAWN DORN

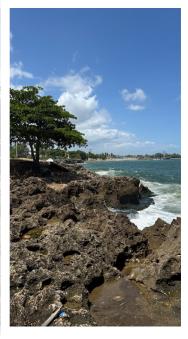
Preceptor Nu's bathing beauty, **Rosina Foster and her husband**, **David** enjoyed the fabulous white sandy beaches and many other enjoyable activities in the Dominican Republic's Caribbean Paradise this past June.







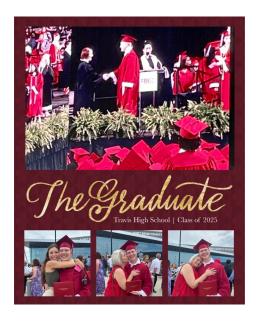






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From the Lovelace Family to the Travis High School Stage Chandler, Preceptor Nu Celebrates You!
Tassel Turned, Future Earned!
CONGRATULATIONS!

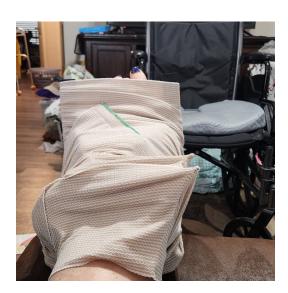




FROM SETBACK TO COMEBACK: AN INSPIRING PATH TO HEALING

Sandra Simpson continues her courageous journey, having just completed her third chemotherapy treatment. With her final round on the near horizon, she remains a beacon of bravery and hope. The entire chapter sends prayers and well wishes as Sandra faces each challenge with unwavering strength.

Meanwhile, Suzy Penny faces recovery again - Preceptor Nu rallies with love and encouragement after her second ankle surgery, just outside of this year's first quarter. (See Photo).



XI ALPHA EPSILON OMEGA

REPORTER: JILL COBLE

It was all about Alaska when XAEO members met at the home of Jeana Dorow for our June Chapter meeting. The evening started off with a delicious Alaskan meal which included cod and crab cakes. Jeana had recently been on a cruise with her daughter to Alaska and as we soon learned when Jeana presented her program, "it was the right place to be". Spending time with her youngest daughter on the cruise provided them time together and memories were made. Jeana shared pictures and told us a little information about each of the stops on their cruise. Thanks Jeana for sharing your adventure with your XAEO Sisters.





















The next XAEO adventure for the month came when the girls headed to the golf course for a round of golf. Well, it was really miniature golf at the Puttery which puts a modern spin on putting. We started off with nine holes at "The Ski Lodge" and then moved on to "The Library" for the next round. And of course, we enjoyed "bottomless" mimosas minus the orange juice while playing the course. It was off to B & B Butchers after our round of golf to enjoy lunch.























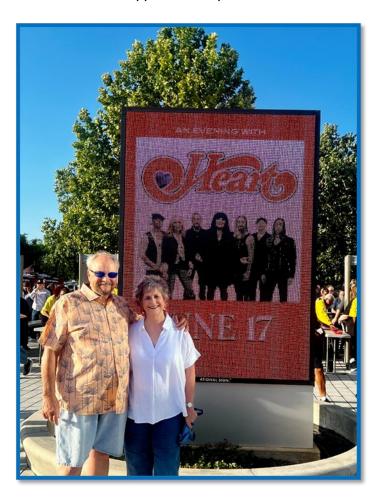
A word from our members......

Renita and Eddie enjoyed an evening with Heart at the Sugarland Smart Financial Center. They're big fans of 70s and 80s rock bands. The Wilson sisters didn't disappoint! They rocked hard and left

it all on the floor!!!







Jeana Dorow and her daughter Grace embarked on an exciting Alaskan adventure starting in Seattle. They enjoyed a few wonderful days discovering the iconic Space Needle, the captivating Chihuly Gardens, and the bustling Pike Place Market. From there, we crossed into Canada to Vancouver and then boarded the Holland America Nieuw Amsterdam for a memorable cruise tour. Their journey took them to stunning destinations like Juneau, Skagway, Glacier Bay National Park, and Denali National Park. They spent countless hours soaking in the breathtaking scenery from boats, trains, and buses. They encountered magnificent glaciers, majestic mountains, and shimmering lakes along the way. Alaska truly is a fascinating and awe-inspiring place to visit. It was such a heartfelt trip with her daughter, and without a doubt, the perfect place for me to be!

















During the month of June, Jill traveled to Athens for the BSP Friendship Cruise along with SWHCC members, Joan Batts, Cathy Wilson and Barbara Meurer. The group spent a few days in Athens before boarding the cruise ship.





Until next month!!!
XAEO Sisters

XI ALPHA ZETA

REPORTER: RITA MAYO



XAZ met at the Red River Cantina in June to wish long time member, Gigi Kennell, best wishes as she starts her new journey in Lake Charles, LA. We will miss our sister but already have plans to see her in coming the months.







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XAZ ladies Rita Mayo, Joan Ferguson, Miriam Langford and Ann Jones attended the Vince King "Vegas Review" show at the Rendezvous in Rosenberg where Vince sang Frank Sinatra, Engelbert Humperdinck, and Tom Jones songs. Fajita Dinner was provided by La Cocina Mexican Restaurant.







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