

# The Bustle

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## Beta Sigma Phi—Southwest Houston City Council

### President's Message

#### Hello Angels!

Can you believe it's already November? I hope this letter finds you well and filled with gratitude as we quickly approach the heart of the holiday season!

#### Celebrating the Success of "Pumpkins and Petals"

What a truly amazing "Fall Event," "Pumpkins and Petals," we had at the Pecan Grove Country Club! Thank you, thank you, thank you to **Diane Leive and her entire committee** for an outstanding job. Everyone, including our wonderful guests, had a memorable time, and the committee's hard work resulted in a flawless afternoon.

The room and decorations were absolutely lovely. And how perfectly creative were those **pumpkin and petals centerpieces**? I was so impressed to learn that they were handmade by **ADT** at their last social! The food and cupcakes were delicious, but the program was truly inspirational. We loved hearing from **Zach Lambert** about his worthwhile charity, **Mercy Goods**, and their mission to help at-risk youth become productive citizens—the charity for which we proudly raised funds.

We were also delighted and surprised by the special honor bestowed upon our organization by our distinguished guest, **Sugar Land Mayor Carol K. McCutcheon**. And who can forget the charming fall tablescapes demonstration by **Lin Wooten from Cornelis Nursery**, complete with a generous discount coupon! A big shout-out also goes to the **prize patrol** and the fun guessing game! Thank you to everyone who worked so hard to make that Fall Saturday such a success.

#### Next Council Meeting Details

Our October Council Meeting was fantastic! Thank you to all who attended, and a special appreciation goes to the **XAZ sisters for hosting and presenting such a creative program** that truly captured our "Angels of Friendship" theme.

Now, let's mark our calendars for November! Our next **SWHCC Council Meeting** will be hosted by the wonderful sisters of **ADT**.

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# President's Message (continued)

- **What:** SWHCC November Meeting hosted by ADT members
- **When:** Thursday, November 13, 2025  
**Beta Buzz (Social Time):** Begins at 5:30 PM

○ **Meeting Starts:** 6:30 PM

**Where:** Hilton Garden Inn Houston/Sugar Land, 722 Bonaventure Way, Sugar Land, TX, 77479

**Please RSVP by the afternoon of Monday, November 10th.** Your RSVP is crucial for room setup, so thank you in advance for your prompt response! *Also, if anyone in your chapter is not receiving communication, please let me know.*

## Upcoming Holiday Celebrations

### Council Christmas Party

Watch for more information to come soon on our festive **Council Christmas Meeting/Party on December 11th!** Start thinking about how you'll dress for the holiday **"Tops to Toes"** theme and remember to bring a small **gift (\$10-\$15 value) to share.**

### Sweetheart Ball: "An Evening at Tiffany's"

Don't wait! Please begin making your hotel reservations at the **Double Tree Hotel in Greenway Plaza** for the **"Sweetheart Ball" on February 21, 2026.** Jill Coble and Pam McDuffie, along with their team, are planning a special event with the theme, **"An Evening at Tiffany's."** Remember to RSVP by the deadline, and the chapter should send **one check** with a list of names for all members and guests attending. See the flyer for more information.

*Remember: both the Christmas Party and the Sweetheart Ball are wonderful opportunities to introduce someone new to Beta Sigma Phi and let them experience our sisterhood*

### Spread the Warmth

In the spirit of our **"Angels of Friendship"** theme, I encourage you to spread the warmth of caring and sisterhood to our sisters on the prayer requests list. A simple note or call can be an angel's touch.

I hope to see you all for our council meeting on **November 13th**, hosted by ADT. Don't forget to RSVP and join us for the Beta Buzz before the meeting starts. Until then, stay safe and, "May the Lord watch between me and thee."

I am thy sister,

Jeanne Melton, SWHCC President

# This and That.....News from Council

## Editor Notes:

Happy Fall to all

We hope everyone is enjoying the cooler weather. It's nice to pull out a light sweater or two.

October was a busy month, Be sure to check out the October Council meeting pictures on page 5 and the pictures from the Fall Event on page 10.

The next Council event will be the Sweet-heart ball in February. Check out pages 16 & 17 or more information on the event, including booking a room.

This month brings Thanksgiving and we wish everyone a joyful time with friends and family as we give thanks for the blessings in our lives.

*"If instead of a gem, or even a flower, we should cast the gift of a loving thought into the heart of a friend, that would be giving as the angels give,"*

Beta hugs.  
Karen & Sherry



## Council Meeting



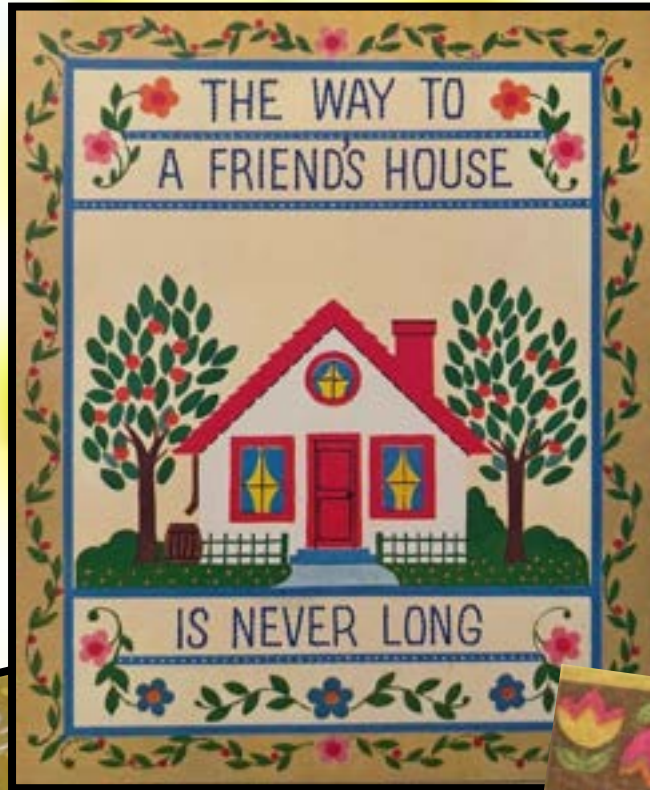
Mark your calendars for the next City Council meeting November 13, 2025. Remember, Beta Buzz starts around 5:00pm and the Council meeting starts at 6:30pm, hosted this month by ADT.

## Hostess Schedule 2025-2026

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



**“Everything OLD is NEW Again”**



## October City Council Meeting

Southwest Houston City Council met on October 9 for the monthly meeting, hosted by Chapter XAZ.



Joan Ferguson and Miriam Langford played Angel and Devil for XAZ's "Angels of Friendship" program, with the song "Devil or Angel" playing in the background.





Devil or Angel, to whom do we listen when transversing our every day lives? As part of Beta Sigma Phi, we listen to the angel, our "Angel of Friendship."

Several XAZ sisters shared their personal stories of how Friendship Angels touched their lives, including Rita Mayo, Jeanne Murray and Jeanne Melton.





Miriam Langford handed out treats to everyone.



Melinda won the 50/50 and there were numerous other "treat" winners, and we didn't even have to dress up.







## Fall Event 2025 "Pumpkins & Petals"

The Fall Event 2025, "Pumpkins & Petals" took place at Pecan Grove Country Club in Richmond on October 25. It was a successful event, with each Chapter well represented. Chairperson, Diane Leive presented an excellent program, with support from her Fall event committee.

To start Sonia Afshar said grace and everyone enjoyed a meal consisting Tuscan chicken, Beef tips, potatoes, rolls and salad. Dessert was fall decorated vanilla and chocolate cupcakes.



Tables were adorned with of pumpkins decorated by Alpha Delta Theta members and looked lovely on the tables accompanied by leaves and votive candles,





The Fall Service Project was Mercy Goods, a non-profit social enterprise based in Richmond, Texas, dedicated to creating jobs, teaching trades and equipping individuals with the skills they need to build a sustainable future,

Representative Zach Lambert elaborated on some of their ongoing projects, including, their workshop and the Teen Mom Program,

SWHCC raised \$1400 from the event and the Council will match up to \$500 for a total donation of \$1900.





Guest Carol McCutcheon, the mayor of Sugar Land Texas honored Southwest Houston City Council for our outstanding dedication to service and cultural enrichment within the community.



As entertainment Lin Wooten, from Cornelius Nursery, demonstrated various ways to decorate for the fall using leaves, pumpkins, flowers, candles, etc. Everyone agreed the displays were beautiful and inspired us to try our hands and decorating..



There were also many prize winners, including Linda Noltz, who won the "How many candies in a jar" challenge.





*Darlings!*

*You are cordially invited to*

*"An Evening at Tiffany's"*




Beta Sigma Phi  
Southwest Houston City Council  
Sweetheart Ball

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 21, 2026  
6 pm in the Evening

Double Tree by Hilton

6 E Greenway Plaza  
Plaza Ballroom- 20<sup>th</sup> floor  
Houston, TX



Tickets - \$65 per person  
RSVP no later than February 2nd

No refunds after February 2nd

Hotel Group Rate \$ 139++ available Feb. 21- 22, 2026

Booking Link: <https://www.hilton.com/en/attend-my-event/hougwdt-bsp-6dOcdfdf-8IQ3-4e7I-8b82-5f75c7997e5O/>

Group code: BSP

Reservations must be made by January 31, 2026

\*Reservations can also be made by phone 800-222-TREE (222-8733), providing group dates and group code for Beta Sigma Phi Sweetheart Ball

Darlings, in the true spirit of "Breakfast at Tiffany's", would you please wear your little black dress or something black? Don't forget your utterly fabulous Pearls, Sparkles, and divine costume jewelry!

***FOUNDER'S DAY***  
***SATURDAY, APRIL 25, 2026***  
***THE CAFE AT BROOKWOOD***  
***More information to follow***



### OCTOBER SOCIAL

*When life gives you pumpkins, make pie, or decorate them for the holiday.*

The October monthly social took place at Diane Leive home. We started the day with a quick bite to eat and then settled in for some serious decorating. There were glue guns, petals, vines, fairy lights and berries flying everywhere as well as Halloween music in the background as we got down to the business at hand, making decorations for the Fall Event.

Each sister was given a medium size white pumpkin to decorate and there was no shortage of creative juices flowing.



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The fruit of our labors.



## OCTOBER MEETING

Alpha Delta Theta gathered at the home of Sonia Afshar for our monthly meeting. . Sonia served a delicious Frittata made from Italian sausage, kale, tomatoes, zucchini, onions and Parmesan cheese. There was also some lovely Bruschetta. Dessert included aa Chocolate toffee crunch made by Sonia's friend. Everyone agreed it was delectable.



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Sonia shared information on the Angels of October.

The angel for the month of October is often cited as Archangel Raguel, who is associated with justice, harmony, and balanced relationships. The month is also widely considered a general month to honor all Guardian Angels with a specific feast day on October 2nd dedicated to them .

**Archangel Raguel:** Associated with divine justice and harmony, bringing balanced relationships and healing connections, as described in [parade.com](http://parade.com).

**Guardian Angels:** October is broadly dedicated to honoring all Guardian Angels, who are believed to protect and guide every person .The Church teaches that every person is entrusted with a guardian angel from conception — a faithful friend who protects, guides, and leads us closer to God. The Catholic Church celebrates the Feast of the Guardian Angels on October 2nd, honoring the angels that God assigns to protect and guide every person.

### Angel Barbiel

This angel is associated with the month of October and the zodiac sign Scorpio. Barbiel is linked to truth, justice, and pushing forward, especially during the more introspective time of year when daylight decreases. The association with Scorpio is sometimes linked to the "genitals of the human body" in some theological lists of angels



Archange Barbiel



Arch Angel Raguel

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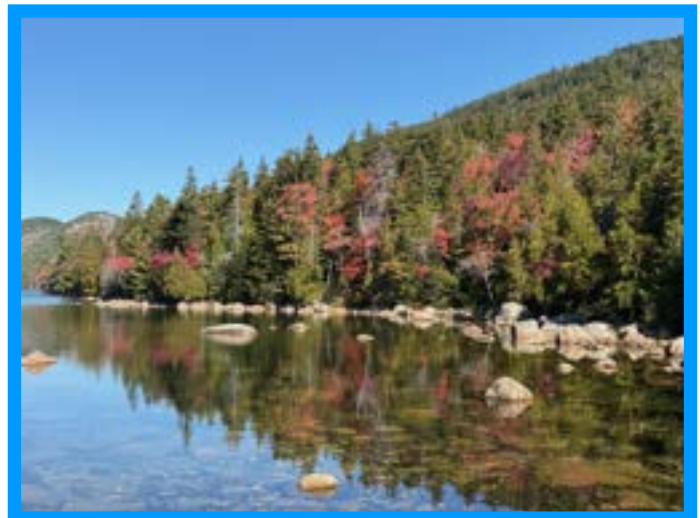
October was also Secret Sister month.



Diane and Barbara were prize winners of flowers and candles.

## ON A PERSONAL NOTE

Cynthia Rogan recently enjoyed a weekend in Maine-hiked in Acadia National Park. Saw lots of Fall colors and enjoyed some great seafood.



# LAUREATE IOTA OMEGA

REPORTER: BARBARA HUPE

LIO's September meeting was hosted by Mary Crochet. Several of our members were missing but those who attended were delighted to have a wonderful brunch. After our meeting, Mary and Joan provided us with all the necessary materials to decorate little wooden boxes. We are very fortunate to have 2 very artistic members. Some of us are more creative than others, but we all had fun!



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Barbara Hupe visited the Quilt Show and even though she doesn't know how to quilt, she really enjoyed viewing all the beautiful quilts and reading where they were made and the story behind them. Barbara is also preparing for another Hallmark Christmas Cruise. Never know who she'll meet this year!

Shirley Grass has been in DFW celebrating her 82<sup>nd</sup> birthday with family. They always have so much fun together. While there the family celebrated having Jake home from Germany. He is transferring to Dover Airforce Base in Delaware. They have been gathering furniture and apartment supplies for his new two bedroom apartment. He and his mom will leave in a U-Haul for Delaware and his new adventure. Sounds like another place to visit.



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Her granddaughter Amanda's boxers will have babies in time for Halloween. The vet says there are at least 7. This is mom and dad.



Joan Batts has been on several trips and of course Mary Crochet is cruising!



We really enjoyed the Fall Event and are now looking forward to some nice Fall weather.

## Embraced in Faith and All of Heaven Rejoices: Welcoming Carolyn Meeks Into the Body of Christ



On Sunday October 12, 2025, Rev. Blaze D. Polk baptized our sister, Carolyn. The whole event was such a beautiful and heartfelt moment. As Carolyn stood before everyone, ready to take this step of faith, it was clear that the love of God and the love of her friends and family (both spiritual and biological) surrounded her. The water before her symbolized a new beginning - a fresh start filled with hope, grace, and purpose. Seeing the joy on Carolyn's face as she came up from the water was unforgettable. It was an honor to be there, to share in a moment so personal and sacred, and to celebrate the start of a new chapter in Carolyn's journey with God. *Submitted and composed by Suzy Penny.*

# PRECEPTOR NU...PAGE 2

## PRECEPTOR NU's SPECIAL and MEANINGFUL, LEGACY SERVICE PROJECT



Teachers pour their hearts into shaping young minds, often giving far more than the world sees. Their days are filled with lessons, encouragement, and patience, yet behind every smile is tireless dedication and a deep passion for helping students grow. That is why simple acts of kindness—like creating a small space where they can grab a snack, sip some coffee, and take a few quiet minutes to recharge—mean so much. Those small gestures remind teachers that their hard work is noticed and appreciated, giving them the strength to return to the classroom and continue changing the world, one student at a time.

This mission project was lovingly started by PN's very own sister **Shirley Hyatt**, who left a beautiful legacy of caring for the teachers of Jane Long Elementary School. Her compassion and dedication to supporting educators continue to make an impact today. The vice principal, Ms. Katelyn Spano who happens to be Shirley's niece, has expressed deep gratitude that her aunt's PN group continues this heartfelt tradition. By providing thoughtful goodies and snacks, the group not only honors Shirley's memory but also reminds the teachers that their hard work and devotion are recognized, valued, and appreciated. Both the Principal, Ashley Thompson, and Katelyn Spano were eager to accept our invitation to attend our next Chapter or Council meeting. Submitted and composed by **Suzy Penny**



Mickie Wright's "Big Day" October 5th



For my 77th birthday, I was simply **proud** I had the energy to blow out my candles on a yummy Crème Brûlée at Perry's in Sugar Land's Town Center. I was gifted lovely gifts from friends who know I LOVE bling. Sorority sisters & friends - Linda Rather with husband, Jim; Shawn Dorn; & our realtor from when we moved to Sugar Land (the best I have **EVER** had) Randy & Sharon Doelling ..... all shared their Sunday evening to celebrate this special day with Roy & me.

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## PN's October 21st Meeting held at The Hilton Garden Inn, Sugar Land, TX

On Tuesday, October 21st, our Chapter gathered at The Hilton Garden Inn for a memorable and engaging event. The hostesses, Natasha Williams and Yvonne Vazquez, greeted everyone warmly, setting a festive tone for the evening.

### Program Highlights

The program entitled "The Colors of Fall," spotlighted Colorado, inspiring us all to wear red as a symbolic tribute to the vibrant red leaves of the Colorado autumn landscape. The room transformed into a sea of red, beautifully decorated with complementary decor and attire, perfectly capturing the theme.



Following the presentation, attendees enjoyed a lively game of "Four Corners" Bingo, which celebrates Colorado's famous Four Corners, the only place in the U.S. where four states meet. The game added an extra layer of fun and local pride, with Rosina Foster winning the game.



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### Officer Installation Ceremony

We officially installed our officers for this sorority year:

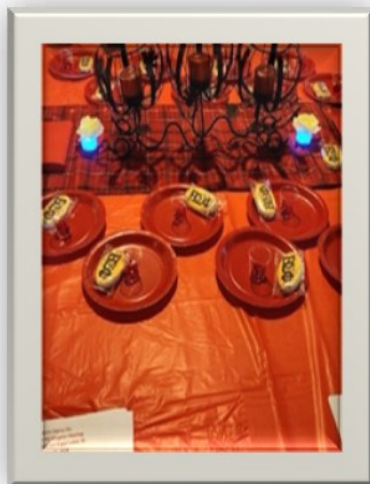
- President: Lizette Polk
- Vice President: Shawn Dorn
- Treasurer: Linda Nolty
- Recording Secretary: Suzy Penny
- Corresponding Secretary: Toni Laas

Their leadership promises an exciting year ahead, and we are grateful for their dedication.



### Sweet Treats & Contact Info

Natasha delighted us all with custom-decorated cookies featuring the BSP logo, which were not only delicious but also beautifully crafted. She generously shared the contact details for anyone interested in ordering similar treats.



**The Brown Box Cookie Shop,  
LLC**

**Owner:** Wendy Mills

**Address:** 3510 Garden Enclave  
Trail, Richmond, TX 77406

**Text/Call:** 918-766-4773

**Email:** wendy@thebrownboxcoo  
kie.shop

**Website & social:**

<http://www.thebrownbox->

## Pumpkins & Petals Fall Luncheon

It was a lovely and inspiring luncheon at Pecan Grove Country Club. Mickie's guest, Carol McCutcheon, the newly elected Mayor of Sugar Land, Texas, joined us and graciously shared thoughtful remarks. Mayor McCutcheon recognized BSP Houston SW City Council as the largest sorority in Sugar Land and applauded our ongoing contributions to the community. She also presented our Council with a signed certificate in appreciation and recognition of our service. Pictured below, dressed in green at the center, is Mayor McCutcheon, whose presence made the occasion truly special.



Linda Rather took a tumble & fell on her hand, fracturing it in 3 places coming home from our Fall Luncheon. **Mayor Carol McCutcheon** became jMedic Carol as she helped Linda's husband Jim get her inside & her hand iced down. The jury is still out on whether she will need surgery!

PARADISE BOUND



Rosina did not mention where she was for these photos, but we all agree that she goes to some really nice places

CUTENESS



Mickie's great grandson, Titus, the tall, skinny skeleton with his stepbrother & sister had a great time filling their buckets with candy!



Ellie, our "future world renown Artist", with Mickie, Ellie's self-proclaimed "Grand Mother."

## October Chapter Meeting-

The XAEO October Chapter meeting was held at Jill Coble's residence, which was thoughtfully decorated with autumn-themed décor to create a warm, inviting atmosphere. XAEO welcomed prospective member Kim Horvitz to our October gathering. We all enjoyed a meal featuring delicious chicken casserole, a green tossed salad, rolls, and the most addictive CRACK cake. Renita led the business portion of the meeting and introduced a monthly quotation about women's resilience by Eleanor Roosevelt: "A woman is like a tea bag - you can't tell how strong she is until you put her in hot water." Jill presented a program on Angels of Friendship, reflecting on how her life has been profoundly impacted by her friendship with one of our very own BSP sisters, Winona LaBrant. Over the years, Winona has become more than a very dear friend, but a true sister in every sense of the word.



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We each shared a special moment of sunshine or a shower this month. It's a lovely and thoughtful way to share our lives.

Beverly Crawford was the lucky door prize winner — she received an adorable fall-themed notepad and pen, along with a lighted ceramic pumpkin to add to her fall decor... The evening concluded with lots of laughter.



Renita brought PINK pens for each of us for Breast Cancer Awareness, as a couple of our sisters have battled and survived this horrible cancer.

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Jill prepared a lovely meal for us to enjoy! If you know Jill, cooking is a true sign of friendship, since she doesn't typically cook.



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Renita was thrilled to share during our Sunshine and Showers portion of the meeting that Season 4 of Bridgerton (one of her favs) was coming out soon! She loves her Bridgerton Hosting and Cookbook, and she watches the series



Pam McDuffie with our guest, Kim Horvitz .



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## XAEO October Social- Earrings and Eggrolls

Our October social was themed "Earrings and Eggrolls." We started with Houston's Best Kept Secret, Harwin Shopping!! Following our shopping, we continued our Asian experience with Asian food. We planned to go to a restaurant but decided to visit Cynde following her unexpected surgery and continued our social at her home for lunch. Pam prepared an Asian meal consisting of mandarin orange chicken, chicken/vegetable fried rice, egg rolls, and vegetable chow mein. The table centerpiece consisted of two dolls (from her doll collection), which she received in the 1970s from her great-grandmother's travels to Japan and China. Also, a variety of fans were displayed, and Pam gave a program on the history and meaning of the Chinese fan. She brought two Japanese kimonos and matching fans, modeled by Jill and Cynde. They looked beautiful!! We enjoyed our Asian experience and time visiting with Cynde.



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Renita and her daughter, Taylor, enjoyed a sold-out show for Sir Paul McCartney - The Got Back Tour. He's 83 years old and can STILL ROCK!



# XI ALPHA ZETA

REPORTER: JEANNE MELTON

XAZ's October 2025 meeting was at the home of Miriam Langford with Jeanne Melton as Hostess and Miriam as Co-Hostess. We enjoyed a wonderful meal of appetizers, salad and pasta from Carrabba's. Followed by Ann Jones' delicious pumpkin cheesecake for dessert



For our program at the first **October meeting**, **Miriam Langford** shared her quilts and her dream of entering a quilt show to sell her own quilts one day.



XAZ's 2<sup>nd</sup> October 2025 social/meeting was held at Portilla Home and Garden in Rosenberg,



Joan Ferguson and her creation

Sisters made decorative pump-kin centerpieces with succulents, dried oranges, cinnamon sticks, and other fall items.



Jeanne Murray and her marvel



Ann Jones and her innovation.

Jeanne Melton with her pumpkin.



Guest Nancy Dunlevy shows off her handiwork.



Rita Mayo and her creative wonder.



A special thank you to Chelsea Carpentier, owner of Portilla's Home and Garden, who so graciously and patiently guided us in our creations.



XAZ's attends the Fall Event, "Pumpkins and Petals" October 2025 held at Pecan Grove Country Club in Richmond.



Sisters had a great time. Enjoyed the delicious treats, fall decorations, and won some door prizes.

Jeanne Murray was a prize winner.

Joan Ferguson was a prize winner.



Ann Jones and Rita Mayo enjoying a glass of wine



Joan Ferguson and Jeanne Murray admired the beautiful cupcake display at the Fall Event.



Joan Ferguson and Miriam Langford play Angel and Devil for the XAZ "Angels of Friendship" program at the October Council Meeting.

Diana Rayle and a friend take in a Chiefs game while home on a visit to Kansas City and get caught on the fan cam..



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Life, Learning,  
Friendship**

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