The Bustle

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Beta Sigma Phi—Southwest Houston City Council

President's Message

Hello Angels! A Warm August Update from Your President!

As the summer days slowly begin to wane, I hope each of you is enjoying these precious moments of sunshine, relaxation, and perhaps some "Fun in the Sun" before our new council year officially kicks into high gear!

A Huge Thank You for an Amazing Open Meeting!

First, I want to extend my deepest gratitude to the incredible sisters who made our recent **Open Meeting** such a phenomenal success! A massive **THANK YOU** to **Joan Batts, Mary Crochet, and the other wonderful members of LIO, along with Melinda Montgomery of ADT**, for stepping up to plan and organize an truly amazing and fun event. The animal and pink theme was absolutely delightful, and the games, prizes, and little-known facts about our sisters made for such a memorable and joyful gathering. You truly showcased the fun and friendship that Beta Sigma Phi is all about, and I know our guests felt so welcomed!

Important Dates & Reminders for Our Leaders

For our incoming Presidents, Vice Presidents, and Council Committee Chairs, please remember to **RSVP for our annual Leadership Luncheon**! This is a wonderful opportunity to connect and prepare for the exciting year ahead. The luncheon is scheduled for **August 16th at Local Table in Katy**. Please look for your invitation, RSVP, and **mail your check (made out to SWHCC) to me by August 6th**. Your prompt response is greatly appreciated!

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Mark Your Calendars, Sisters!

While chapters are busy preparing their new yearbooks and setting up their calendars, please don't forget to **save these important council event dates**:

- Our delightful **"Pumpkins and Petals" Fall Event** is scheduled for **October 25th**.
- Get ready to sparkle at our **Sweetheart Ball on February 21st!**
- Remember, our **council meetings will resume in September at the Hilton Garden Inn in Sugar Land**, and all members are warmly welcome to join us on the **2nd Thursday of each month**.
- And, of course, mark **December 11th** for our festive **Council Christmas Party!**

New Sorority Year Celebrations & Sharing Our Joy!

As you enjoy your **Beginning Day celebrations** with your chapters, please don't forget to capture those special moments! We'd love to see them – send your fantastic photos to **Jill for the council website** and to **Karen for the bustle**. Let's share the joy and camaraderie across our entire council!

I truly can't wait to see you all at our first council meeting in September! Until then, enjoy the rest of 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:

Be sure to read the special message on page 4.

Check out the pictures from the Open Meeting starting on page 5. It was an amazing event thanks to the Open meeting committee with the leadership of Joan Batts.

Looking forward to seeing pictures and reading write-ups of everyone's Beginning Days for the next issue of the Bustle.

"Angels exist...but sometimes they don't have wings and are called sisters."

Beta hugs.

Karen & Sherry

Council Meeting

The first meeting of the 2025-2026 year will be Thursday September 11.Save the date on your calendar. Remember, Beta Buzz starts around 5:00pm and the Council meeting starts at 6:30pm.

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**

A Special Message

Dear BSP Sisters,

Thanks for the unwavering support you have given me during my journey with breast cancer. I've been so blessed to get cards, text messages, phone calls, and emails as I have navigated the rocky treatment road. Each card and greeting always seemed to come at just the right time, when I needed it the most. I have a huge basket of greeting cards that I've received over these last months, and each one means so much to me. The cards came from BSP chapters and individual sisters. Most everyday there is a special greeting from my BSP sisters in my mailbox. These cards and notes have brightened the darkest days and lifted my spirits in ways I find impossible to describe. Your kindness and love has given me amazing encouragement and love. I have been truly blessed by my sisters. I am happy to report, I have completed chemotherapy, and radiation is next. From the bottom of my heart, thank you for everything you have all done for me.

I am thy sister in gratitude,
Sandra

SWHCC Open Meeting July 2025

SWHCC sister gathered like "Party Animals" to welcome and encourage new membership at our Open Meeting held at Texas Borders. It was an amazing event, with everyone dressed in pink, and included fun games, much camaraderie and great food, including a cake done by our own Mary Crochet. We had three guests invited by three different chapters.

LIO guest Gloria Medina invited by Joan Batts

XAEO guest Kim Horvitz invited by Jeana Dorow.

PN guest Stacy Elias invited by Linda Nolty.

Games were played like SWHCC bingo and "Who Am I"

"Who AM I" facts you might not have known.

"I used to be a Tom boy"

"I competed all over the US in Drum and Bugle Competitions

"I modeled a Japanese wedding gown and it took 3 people over an hour to dress me."

"I rode ATVs in the Rain Forests of Costa Rica."

" I've ridden elephants and camels."

"I was born in Worchester, MA"

There were also many prize winners through winning games and drawing names.

Our Emcee's for the day, Joan Batts and Melinda Montgomery

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The Open Meeting Committee

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SWHCC Sweetheart Ball Committee 2025

The Sweetheart Ball Committee had a planning meeting and is making plans for the Sweetheart Ball themed "An Evening at Tiffany's" on February 21, 2026. Check out the save the date in this Bustle issue.

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

Southwest Houston City Council Sweetheart Ball

An Evening at Tiffany's

February 21, 2026

DoubleTree by Hilton

6E Greenway Plaza

Houston, TX

More details coming soon!!

ALPHA DELTA THETA

REPORTER: KAREN SWEET-ANGEL

JULY SOCIAL

"Cheers to cocktails and good company,"
"Savoring the moment, one sip at a time."

Our ADT July social took us to the home of sister Cathy Wilson where we enjoyed a night of Wine taste testing, Mixology and poolside relaxation. We started the night with some bits and bites that included and charcuterie board and some fresh veggies and dip. Next we were introduced to four different wines that included Ruinart Champagne, Ruinart Blanc de Blanc, Terra Nova, and Terra Nera Assyrtiko. These included wines brought back from her Cruise in Greece.

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Next we moved to the Mixology part of the night where Cathy's husband Tim helped with the mixin's and the stirrin's. We sampled an Amarettro Slush , a Boozy Bailey's Oreo Milkshake and a Raspberry Vodka Lemonade. They are all simply delicious but the amaretto Slush seemed to be the favorite of the night.

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After the tasting was done, we decorated cups with fun stickers and spent the remainder of the evening relaxing by the pool. Such an enjoyable evening thanks to Cathy and Tim and their hospitality.

And here is one of the recipes for you.

ADT Social – Mixology Recipes

Amaretto Slush

Prep Time: 10 mins

Additional Time: 1 day

Total Time: 1 day 10 mins

Servings: 20

Ingredients

- 7 cups water
- 2 cups strong brewed black tea
- 2 cups amaretto
- 1 (12 fluid ounce) can frozen lemonade concentrate
- 1 cup white sugar
- 1 (6 ounce) can frozen orange juice concentrate
- 1 liter ginger ale soda
- 2 lemons, cut into wedges, for garnish

Directions

Combine water, tea, amaretto, lemonade concentrate, sugar, and orange juice concentrate in a large plastic container; stir well. Freeze for 24 hours.

Scoop slush into a tall glass, filling 3/4 full. Add ginger ale to fill glass; stir. Garnish with lemon wedges.

JULY MEETING

Our July meeting was held in the home of Diane Leive, our host for the evening. We had a busy evening as we had installation of our new officers as well as our secret sister reveal. Karen conducted the installation of officers.

2025-2026 ADT Officers

President: Barbara Meurer

V. President: Sherry Sweet

Recording Sec: Sylvia Chin

Corr. Sec: Sonia Afshar
(Cathy Wilson standing in)

Treasurer: Cynthia Rogan

Karen was presented a gift of delicate yellow roses made from wood as out-going president.

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Diane gave her program on what home means to her. Diane shared that for her Home equals Family. Diane was adopted when she was 2 ½years old and learned this later in life. When her mother found out they were adopting her, she cooked for two days she was so excited. Diane's Dad was in the Navy for 23 years. Her Mom didn't care that she didn't see Diane before adopting her, she was just so happy to have her as her daughter. Both of her parents spoiled, dressing her in frills and giving her everything. Her Mom was always there for her. Her Dad taught her everything. Her parents' family founded Whitesville, GA. Diane's Dad was one of 8 children. All of the boys joined the military and the girls worked at the cotton mill. Later in life Diane was able to locate her biological brother and met him. For Diane home is Mom and Dad.

Diane served a variety of cakes as dessert. Sisters exchanged their secret sister reveal gifts, with some guessing correctly who their secret sister was. Raffle prizes were won by Barbara (a pumpkin soap dispenser) and Sylvia (a crystal night carafe.)

ON A PERSONAL NOTE

ADT sister Diane Leive took the challenge to walk 62 miles in July to raise money for the American Cancer Society. She honored the walks for those fighting cancer including Beta Sigma Phi sister Sandra Simpson who was diagnosed with Brest

Melinda's July 4th weekend festivities were filled with music of all kinds. Kicked it off with the Houston Symphony "Star Spangled Salute" at the Cynthia Woods Mitchell Pavillion. In addition to the patriotic music, it included a salute to each military branch and special appearance by Christina Wells who belted out several Aretha Franklin classics. She was an "America's Got Talent" Semifinalist in 2018.

The weekend rounded out with the much anticipated "Outlaw Music Festival" also held at the CWM Pavilion. Melinda and her sister danced to hours worth of various artists including the The Mavericks, The Avett Brothers, Bob Dylan and the highlight and her favorite was the closing set with Willie Nelson. Even at age 92, Willie could still play his signature guitar and sing all of his best songs. He did not disappoint!

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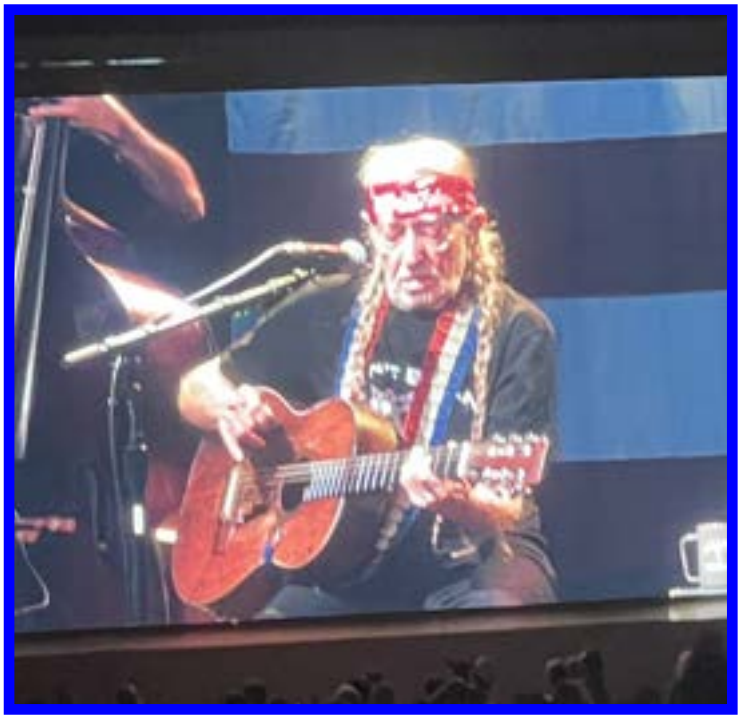

LAUREATE IOTA OMEGA

REPORTER: BARBARA HUPE

LIO August Bustle Report

As a chapter, we decided that this month's Bustle should be dedicated to our beloved sister June Ryan. Thank you to all our BSP sisters who attended her service. Her daughters expressed great gratitude and were very touched. Here is what was said and it was followed by each sister placing a yellow rose.

Our beautiful sister June has been a member of BSP for over 50 years. During that time she held many offices and chairmanships. She was chosen our Chapter Sweetheart many, many times because when you think of June the words sweet, kind, and loving immediately come to mind. She brought a sense of calm and reason to every situation.

As important as sorority was to June, her family was definitely her first priority. She sometimes missed meetings and events so she could attend games, parties, and anything else her grandchildren were involved in.

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REPORTER: BARBARA HUPE

I think this quote is appropriate since June loved collecting angels.

"Heaven has gained another amazing angel and the Earth has lost a beautiful soul."

Our entire chapter went out afterwards and had margaritas in her honor. We know she was smiling down at us.

PRECEPTOR NU

REPORTER: SHAWN DORN

JULY

PRECEPTOR NU

REPORTER:

SHAWN DORN

July came and went in the blink of an eye—a warm, golden blur that swept us along with it. In the midst of summer's bustle, with days racing by and new memories unfolding, it's almost dizzying to pause and recall all that has passed. With Preceptor Nu on summer hiatus, our cherished gatherings were silent, leaving an unmistakable hush in my heart. I noticed the ache of absence—the gentle tug of longing for the laughter, warmth, and connection I share with my sisters. Each week, it became clearer: I sincerely missed my beloved BSP PN family. Have you felt this gentle emptiness too, a quiet reminder of how meaningful our moments together have been?

"BACK TO ME, 53" was the unforgettable theme for Natasha Williams's stunning birthday celebration on July 12, 2025. Guests received invitations encouraging them to dress in "shades of green"—a fitting tribute, given that green is not only the color of prosperity but also Natasha's favorite hue.

The atmosphere radiated festivity and elegance. A sumptuous buffet awaited attendees, featuring a tempting array of hot appetizers and savory entrée selections. For those with a sweet tooth, gourmet cookies and a lavishly decorated birthday cake—frosted in green, of course—graced the dessert table.

The open bar kept spirits high, while a top-tier DJ kept the energy lively, expertly curating a playlist that got everyone on their feet. Two creative photo stages added a touch of glamour to the evening: one rotated in a full circle, capturing 360-degree videos of guests as they enjoyed the party.

The highlight of the night, however, was a side-splitting performance from **"Blame It On The Comic."** This exceptionally personable comedian delivered a standup routine tailored to the crowd. ensuring laughter echoed throughout the venue.

In every detail, "BACK TO ME, 53" reflected Natasha's vibrant personality and her flair for celebration—a night to remember for all who

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MICKIE beamed with joy as she spent precious days with her beloved **grandson, Titus**. Together, they shared laughter and made memories, including a special trip to the Railroad Museum, where they stood proudly in front of a bright red caboose. The sparkle in Mickie's eyes said it all—every moment with Titus was a treasure. Though her heart felt heavy as he prepared to return home on July 14th, these cherished days will forever roll on in her memory, just like the trains they admired together.

July Joy for the LOVELACES!
July has been nothing short of a celebration-filled month for the fabulous Lovelace family! Let's start with a patriotic toast to **Jeff, our very own "Independent Man,"** who was born on none other than the **4th of July!** Fireworks and freedom — what better way to make an entrance into the world? Belated *birthday wishes to you, Jeff!*

Speaking of sparks flying, **Jeff and Michelle** marked **22 wonderful years of marriage on July 15th.** Hard to believe, considering they both seem to have paused the aging process at 35! Congratulations to this beautiful couple — your love continues to inspire us all.

But wait, there's **MORE**! The festivities did not stop there. Just a few days later, **on July 19th**, our radiant**Michelle** celebrated her (ahem) 35th birthday yet again, and looked as stunning as ever. We hope your special day was filled with love, laughter, and maybe a little cake too!

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ROSINA'S Birthday Celebration – July 20th

Rosina's special day was a full celebration from dawn till night! Starting bright & early at 8:30 a.m. and ending after 9:30 p.m., she was surrounded by joy and love.

The first photo captures her radiant smile holding a beautiful bouquet of spring flowers — a symbol of new beginnings and warmth.

In the second, Rosina shares a heartfelt moment with her sister (on the left), who never fails to make her feel cherished on her birthday.

The third photo shows Rosina surrounded by four dear friends, sharing laughs and sweet treats, including what looks like some tasty cookies adding a little extra delight to the day.

Currently enjoying her birthday in Mexico, Rosina feels truly blessed by her wonderful family, friends, and all the lovely birthday wishes that made her day even more special. Here's to many more unforgettable celebrations!

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YOU ARE INVITED THIS SUNDAY (*and every Sunday*) AT 1:00 PM

Do Join Us in Worship and in Sisterhood This Sunday!

We have a beautiful opportunity to come together in faith and support this Sunday, and we would love for you to be a part of it.

Did you know?

Our beloved PN Chapter President, Lizette Polk, and her husband, Bishop Blaise Polk, Sr., have launched a new and spirit-filled ministry right here in our community. In just a few short months, their ministry is already blossoming, thanks to the love and energy of everyone involved.

Our very own Carolyn Meeks is a radiant member of the choir, and her son, Judge Chad Bridges, joins in worship each week. This mother-son duo finds both nourishment and joy in supporting Lizette and this divine calling.

Each Sunday, you will see Lizette reading scripture, making heartfelt announcements (like their Drive-Through School Supplies Donation Drop-Off), and blessing all with her gift at the piano. The live band brings the service to life—always uplifting and never too loud!

This ministry is a true celebration of faith, music, and community—and an incredible chance for us, as sisters, to support what matters most to Lizette and her family.

JWorship Service Details:

Segunda Iglesia Bautista

1215 Mahlmann Street

Rosenberg, Texas 77471

Every Sunday at 1:00 PM

This Sunday features a special a-cappella solo by Carolyn Meeks

Let us all gather in love, encouragement, and faith as we honor and support our eloquent, devoted, and cherished PN President. Show up as only our sisterhood can: with open hearts and radiant smiles.

We look forward to seeing you there!

With sisterly love and gratitude

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PRAYERS **are requested** for the following Preceptor Nu Members:

NANCE BURRIS who is still undergoing Chemotherapy treatments.

SANDRA SIMPSON who is recovering from her (hopefully) last Chemotherapy treatment

MICKIE WRIGHT who is back in the Liver Ward at Methodist Hospital for her rare liver disorder.

LINDA RATHER who is still experiencing those excruciating backaches, brain fog and confusion.

CAROLYN MEEKS for continued progress of the use of her arm following the Rotor Cuff Shoulder surgery she underwent a few weeks ago.

SUZY PENNY who will be having another procedure on her ankle at MH Katy hospital Wednesday, July 30 at 7:30am. We all are hoping that this will be the last one. The surgeon is removing her "halo" for a time and putting her in a cast for a month.

Suzy said, "The last 2 months have been so painful and unbearable. I'm glad it's over. Hopefully by September, I can start rehab to walk again."

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REPORTER: JEANA DOROW

Renita Hudson

Renita and her daughter, Taylor, hit the Vegas Strip to celebrate both of their birthdays! The main event was seeing Kelly Clarkson during her Residency at Caesars Palace. It was an amazing show! They had a wonderful time trying out the hot spot restaurants and spent a few dollars testing their luck on the slots. No, they didn't win….the one-armed bandit got the best of them!

They even managed to squeeze in a birthday Fish Spa Pedicure to soothe their tired feet from all the walking!!!

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Jill Cobble

During the month of July, Jill spent 12 days in Colorado with friend Beth Clark. While in Colorado, they visited Avon, Breckenridge, Vail, Aspen, Edwards, Eagle, Glenwood Springs, Central City, Black-hawk, and around the Rye, Colorado area. Cooler temperatures and less humidity made for a great vacation.

Jeana Dorow

Jeana's daughter Katherine "Grace" was accepted into Texas A&M University and will be attending in the fall as a transfer student. She will be starting her Junior year and majoring in Ag Business. We are very proud of her tenacity and determination. She set a goal for herself and worked very hard to become part of the Aggie family! "Gig em," Katherine

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Open Meeting

XAEO sisters met with the SWHCC for the Open Meeting on Saturday, July 26th at Texas Borders for a luncheon. Jeana Dorow invited Kim Horvitz to attend, where participants had lunch and played games such as BINGO and Who Am I. Jill Coble received recognition for her knowledge of interesting facts about most of our sisters. Several attendees won door prizes during the event. Mary Crochet made a delicious cake that we all enjoyed.

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End of the Year Party

On Saturday evening, July 26th, XAEO hosted its Final Fiesta at the residence of Jeana and Chris Dorow. Attendees were served beef and chicken fajitas, cilantro lime rice, queso, black beans, and Jeana's homemade salsa. The event also featured a surprise celebration recognizing the 52nd wedding anniversary of Danny and Cynde Renteria. The gathering provided an excellent opportunity for all to reconnect, especially our Beta Buddie

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XAEO July Chapter Meeting

We gathered at President Jill Cobble's home for the final chapter meeting of the year, celebrating our first anniversary of the XAEO Chapter, revealing secret sisters, and enjoying an informative program on Greece and Turkey. Jill shared highlights from her cruise with other BSP sisters earlier this summer, and members enjoyed a salad supper followed by cake and a champagne toast. New officers were installed, and the group reflected with gratitude on their newly formed bonds as XAEO sisters. It was a very special night filled with lots of love and laughter.

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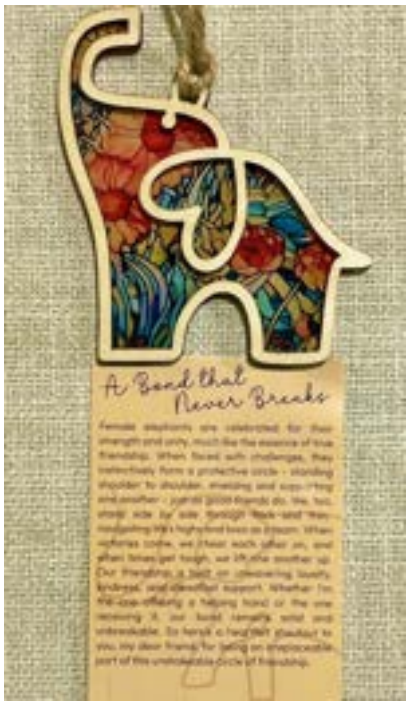

Our 2025-2026 Chapter officers

XI ALPHA ZETA

REPORTER: DIANA RAYLE

Five members of XAZ attended the SWHCC Open Meeting and enjoyed a luncheon full of fun….food….and friendship. Kudos to the Committee as the event was well done and hope our guests felt we are an organization they wish to join.

Rita and Tom Mayo did some cruising this month to celebrate their 52nd Wedding Anniversary and were rewarded with smooth seas. Our Chapter, as well as others in Council, sure has the cruising bug. Ann Jones' husband, Ed, had open heart surgery 7/28 and is doing "very well" as reported by as the doctor. During the luncheon Jeanne Peltier was notified that her Father, Ed, had fallen and broken his hip. Surgery on 7/28 was successful and she headed to Louisiana. We have been blessed with the positive outcomes for our sisters

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Life, Learning,
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