



The Bustle

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Beta Sigma Phi—Southwest Houston City Council

President's Message

Happy Summer Sisters!

I hope everyone had a wonderful Independence Day on July 4th. Now we face the next challenge as we await the arrival of Beryl somewhere along the Texas coast. As I contemplate the next few days, I think about all the hurricanes and tropical storms I've weathered. I admit to being a bit surly about having yet another challenge ahead. That said, I can face this challenge securely knowing I won't be facing it alone. I have the comfort and support of my BSP sisters, we will get through this together.

Last month at the graveside service for my mother, I looked across the cemetery to see my sisters Jill Coble and Linda Noltz making their way to the canopy and I was so touched. They had just driven for more than three hours to reach this tiny country cemetery. It meant more to me than I can express in words. I gave way to tears of joy for their support of me and my family. I have seen this same support for many BSP sisters who faced challenges and crises in their lives. Our sisters lift us with their kind words, expressive actions, and unwavering support.

Our sisters help us weather the storms of our lives. Now we must support each other through Beryl and its aftermath. I've already seen text messages from my BSP sisters checking on each other in advance of the storm. That's the BSP spirit of sisterhood.

As we are making our way through the summer, please plan to attend the Opening Meeting on July 20. The invitations are out and the committee has been hard at work planning the event. Open meeting will be a good time to exchange our Beryl stories. One more challenge, invite a friend to join us for Open Meeting. It would be fabulous to see some new faces.

Sisters, my thanks and gratitude for your support over these last weeks. The reception at the Hilton was beautiful and touching. I felt so loved. I've received so many wonderful notes and cards, each one has been so special to me. All of these gestures are helping me cope and heal.

We will weather storms together, but more importantly, we will celebrate the power of our sisterhood.

I am thy sister, Sandra

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This and That.....News from Council

Hostess Schedule 2024 -2025

September 12, 2024—Laureate Iota Tau
October 10, 2024—Preceptor Nu
November 14, 2024—Xi Alpha Zeta
December 12, 2024—Executive Board
January 9, 2025—Alpha Delta Theta
February 13, 2025—Laureate Iota Omega
March 13, 2025—Laureate Iota Tau
April 10, 2025—Preceptor Nu
May 9, 2025—2025-2026 Executive Board



Editor Notes:

Sorry for the delay on sending out this month's edition of the Bustle. I just returned last night after being gone on a 10 day vacation.

Summer time is kind of a quiet time when it comes to reporting chapter news but you will definitely want to read up on what has been going on within each chapter during the past month. Looks like lots of travel and family time.

Make sure you check out the "Save the Date's" for next upcoming council events starting on Page 8. You will want to go ahead now and put those dates on your calendar to not miss out on any of the fun.

Until next month.....

Jill

News from International

Minute submissions are now working!

During the severe storms in Kansas City we will be shutting down and unplugging our servers at the International Office to safeguard our equipment when the weather requires it.

Sorry for any inconvenience.

In order to facilitate timely payment of annual fees and address email delivery issues, we will be mailing a chapter roster twice a year with the green certification form. This form includes the Fees 'Paid To' month and year, which will serve as a reference for members to check when their fees are due. Additionally, each member receives a new membership card when they pay their annual fees indicating the month and year their fees are due.





SWHCC Sisters gathered on Tuesday, June 18th, for a Celebration of Life for Emily K. Frazier, Council President Sandra Simpson's mother. It was a remembrance of a beautiful life as sisters brought flowers in her mom's favorite color, pink. These flowers helped form a beautiful bouquet for Sandra.





Details on the 2025 BSP Friendship Cruise. I know there are at least four SWHCC Sisters who have already signed up to go on the cruise so why not join in the fun!



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Ephesus (Kusadasi) Turkey

Santorini, Greece

Athens, Greece

June 2—9, 2025

\$726.50* Inside pp*

\$936.50 Oceanview pp*

\$1196.50 Balcony pp*

Taxes & fees \$170.18 pp



Beta Sigma Phi – The Right Place to Be!

Council Program 2024-20255

Chapters: Collectively drop a pin on your favorite place to be together.

Why was this place or experience chosen by your chapter? Tell us why this is so special. Did your chapter have a special outing here? This could be geographic location, a memorable experience at the theatre, museum, etc., an unforgettable chapter meeting or an experience you are all still talking about years later.

Get creative and get your chapter involved. Use visual aids, use costumes, dress up, act, sing—have fun.





Southwest Houston City Council Open Meeting



Please join your Beta Sigma Phi Sisters for our Open Meeting. It is "The Right Place to Be". Everyone is encouraged to bring a guest. Please dress in your favorite decade. Since we don't meet during the summer, this is the perfect excuse to get together and socialize at one of Rosenberg's most cherished eateries. We will be serving Hamburgers and Fries, with Sundaes for dessert. There will be a cash bar for beer and wine.

Saturday, July 20, 2024

11:00 AM

Another Time Soda Fountain & Cafe

800 3rd Street

Rosenberg, TX 77471

Member Price—\$25; Guest Price—\$20

RSVP to Rita Mayo by July 10, 2024. Chapter checks should be mailed to SWHCC Treasurer, Sherry Sweet, P.O. Box 2241, Livingston, TX 77351.

SWHCC Fall Luncheon
Fall in Love with Beta Sigma Phi



You are invited to -
The Junior League of Houston
October 26, 2024 11:00 am

More details to come!

BSP...the right place to be

Save the Date

Founder's Day 2025

April 26, 2025



More Details to come!!

ALPHA DELTA THETA

REPORTER: KAREN SWEET-ANGEL

JUNE MEETING

Our June meeting found everyone in attendance at hostess Melinda Montgomery's home in Spring. Melinda tempted our taste buds with a smorgasbord of delectable delights. We had three types of chicken salad: Fruity Fran (apples and pineapple), Sassy scotty (bacon ranch cheese), Kelly (dried cranberry almond); pasta salad(traditional Italian and bacon ranch); deviled eggs(so yummy); assorted cheeses; crackers; garden salad; and fruit(grapes, cantalope, strawberries, watermelon). After all of that delicious food, we delighted in a wonderful strawberry custard cake.



Our first order of business was two progression ceremonies. Cathy Wilson was progressing to Ritual of Jewels, after completing her time as a pledge.. Our second ritual was for Sylvia Chin, who progressed to Exemplar degree. Congratulations ladies. We are proud to have you as part of our ADT family.



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General business was conducted that included: approval May meeting minutes, discussion of Facebook posting of chapters with 5 or fewer members joining other chapters or disbanding, Open meeting July 20th, Celebration of Life for Sandra's mother, treasurer report, end of year celebration at Pam's and secret sister reveal. Slate of Chapter Officers for 2024-2025 was presented by Sherry and Cynthia, with no nominations from

President: Karen Sweet-Angel VP: Barbara Meurer Treas.: Carol Trujillo Corr. Sec: Diane Leive
Record. Sec: Cathy Wilson.

Hostess Melinda presented a program on the Rose. There are around 150 species of roses around the world, with thousands of hybrids. The oldest living rose is 1000 years old and can be found in Germany. There are rose fossils that date back 35 million years. All varieties are edible and rose water is often to jellies, jams and sweets. Their berry shaped fruit is called a rose hip and are packed with vitamin C. Its essences is also used in perfums and fragrances.

Roses come in a variety of colors, each with its own meaning. Red- love, romance; White-innocence and spirituality; Yellow-friendship, cheer; Pink grace, elegance; Orange-enthusiasm and energy; Lavender-love at first sight, wonder, enchantment. The rose is the US national flower and the state flower of Georgia, Iowa, New York, N. Dakota, and Washington D.C. Fifty four percent of the land in Ecuador is covered in roses and the most expensive rose sold for over \$15.8 million. Many roses have been named after famous people and/or celebrities like Elizabeth Taylor, Barbara Streisand, Julia Child, Laura Bush and Elvis Presley.

As a challenge, Malinda gave us a list of Flower Anagrams. Rearrange the letters to get the names of 10 flowers. Hint: number 3 is three words, all others are one. Answers at the end, no Peeking. Karen got 9/10.

1 ITS LOVE
3 MEET FOR TONG
5 FLEURS NOW
7 NOSE AND LID
9 ANGRY HEAD

2 RAIN ON ACT
4 THE LIST
6 THY CHAINS
8 CHEEKY LO SUN
10 ROWS POND



Karen won the raffle prize, a bath set donated by hostess Melinda.

JUNE SOCIAL

"There is a certain magic to film that can transport us to different worlds and make us feel things we never knew we could." -Girls on Film

Drinks, dinner and a movie, that was our social for the ADT sisters in the month of June. We met at BAR LOUIE in Katy, where we enjoyed great drinks, chef-inspired food, and awesome service in a comfortable atmosphere where everyone is encouraged to relax and hang out. The evening started out great and we were just steps away from our next stop of the Alamo Draft House and our movie.



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At the Alamo Draft House we chose to watch *Bad Boys: Ride or Die*, the fourth installment in the *Bad Boys* franchise starring comedic actors Will Smith and Martin Lawrence.

The world's favorite *Bad Boys* are back with their iconic mix of edge-of-your seat action and outrageous comedy but this time with a twist: Miami's finest are now on the run. Detectives Mike Lowrey and Marcus Burnett must face off against a mother-and-son pair of drug lords who wreak vengeful havoc on their city.



ON A PERSONAL NOTE

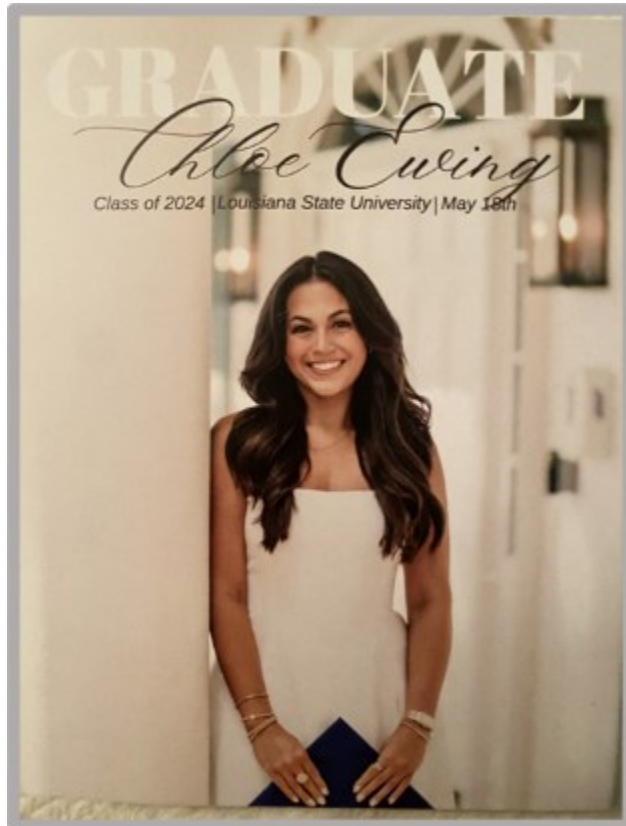
Happiest of birthdays to Cathy Wilson (16th) and Pam McDuffie (28th) our June birthday girls.



Sometimes life gets in the way of us living. Cynthia Rogan and her daughter Andrea finally got to take their 2023 vacation. They spent some time in Andrea's hometown of Manhattan Beach, California and had lots of fun exploring the area, walking the beach and soaking up the sun.

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Proud grandma Sylvia Chin, shown here with her youngest granddaughter Aurora (4m) and her oldest granddaughter Chloe (24y), a recent graduate of LSU. So beautiful. You have every reason to be proud, Grandma.



Flower Anagram Answers

- | | |
|-----------------|---------------|
| 1 Violets | 2 Carnations |
| 3 Forget Me Not | 4 Thistle |
| 5 Sunflower | 6 Hyacinth |
| 7 Dandelions | 8 Honeysuckle |
| 9 Hydrangea | 10 Snowdrop |



LAUREATE IOTA OMEGA

REPORTER: BOBBIE VILES

News from Barbara Hupe.....

Got to spend an eventful few days in PA and NJ. Started with celebrating my grandson's high school graduation in PA. I also got to meet up for dinner with an old friend from Maryland. On Saturday after spending some time with my daughters and granddaughter visiting a farmers market we headed to NJ. We surprisingly found out a friend of Stacey's had 4 box seat tickets to see Billy Joel at Madison Square Garden. We were picked up and driven right to the Garden where we enjoyed a fabulous night complete with food, drink, and friendship. Sunday after church we got to share a wonderful lunch with my cousin, my friend, and Stacey's best friend from childhood.



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FRIENDS
Make's
THE WORLD
Beautiful

**BILLY JOEL**
AT
THE GARDEN.



LAUREATE IOTA TAU

REPORTER: LINDA DASPIT

LIT's May meeting was held at Johnette's home in Brookshire, where we had lunch, our meeting, installment of officers, and then Mary's Torch Bearers ritual with Frances officiating as she is already a Torch Bearer. Congratulations to Mary! We were all very happy to see Gaye Lynn at the meeting.



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Twins!!

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Our June meeting was held at our new president, Frances', house in Brookshire. Frances made lunch for us and we spent the meeting planning for our new sorority year.



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Gaye Lynn's legacy granddaughter, Lydia, was proud to do her school presentation on the famous Californian, Lucille Ball. Gaye Lynn and hubby Ralph are making plans to go to California to see her soon.



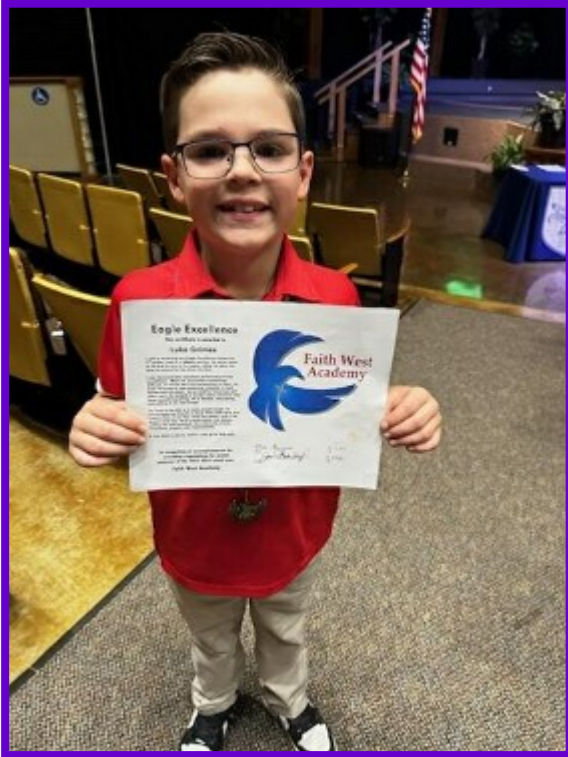
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Frances enjoyed going to her grandson, Josh, and his fiancée, Amanda's wedding shower. Left to right: Frances, the bride-to-be, and Frances' daughters Stephanie and Amanda. The shower cake was unusual as it was lit with candles that burned off the top layer of icing to reveal a message for the bride.



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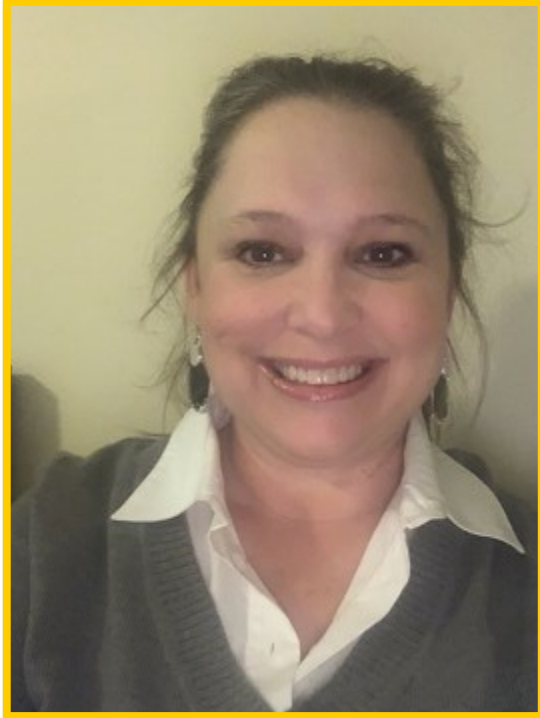
Frances' grandson, Luke, received the "Eagle Excellence" award for his class for his hard work and good character. He also received the "Gift of Thoroughness" award! Her youngest grandson graduated from kindergarten with honors. Wow, they grow up so fast!



PRECEPTOR NU

REPORTER: SHAWN DORN AND CAROLYN MEEKS

Welcome our new Sister to PN Chapter



Welcome our newest member, **Stacy Elias**, to our PN Chapter! We are all excited to have Stacy in our group. She will be joining us for July's Chapter meeting on July 16th and for the Open Meeting on July 20th.

More than ever BSP is the Right Place to Be! **Welcome, Stacy!**



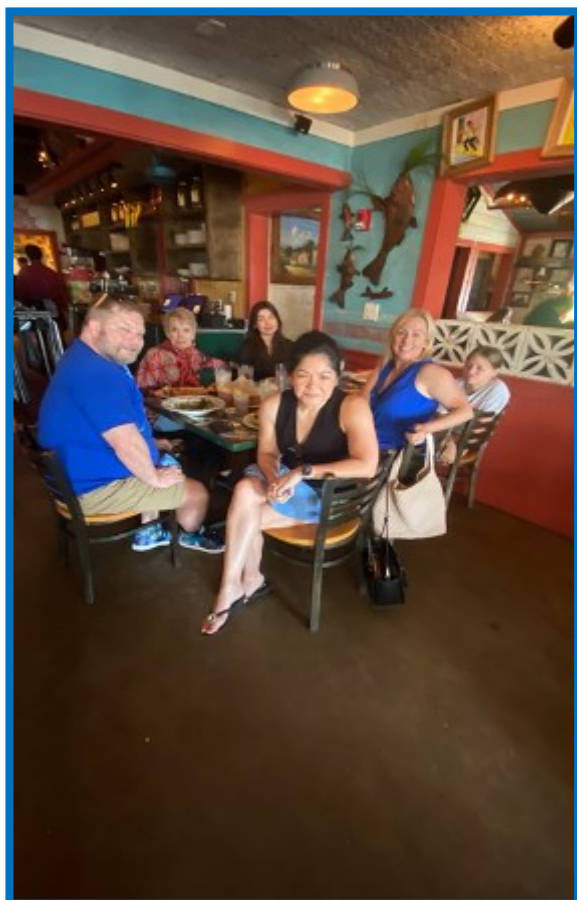
PN Hugs,
Linda

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WELCOME BACK, ALICE CHEN, from your extended month-long visit with family in Taiwan. You were missed.



Carolyn Meeks' daughter, Catherine and granddaughter, Skylar came to Houston from their Ft. Worth area residence June 8th where they were taken to Lupe Tortilla for lunch to celebrate Catherine's birthday. On hand for the celebration was her son, Chad, his wife, Claudia and his daughter, Carolyn's other granddaughter, Lauren. Also in attendance was Shawn Dorn.





A FUN PRE-FOURTH OF JULY GATHERING

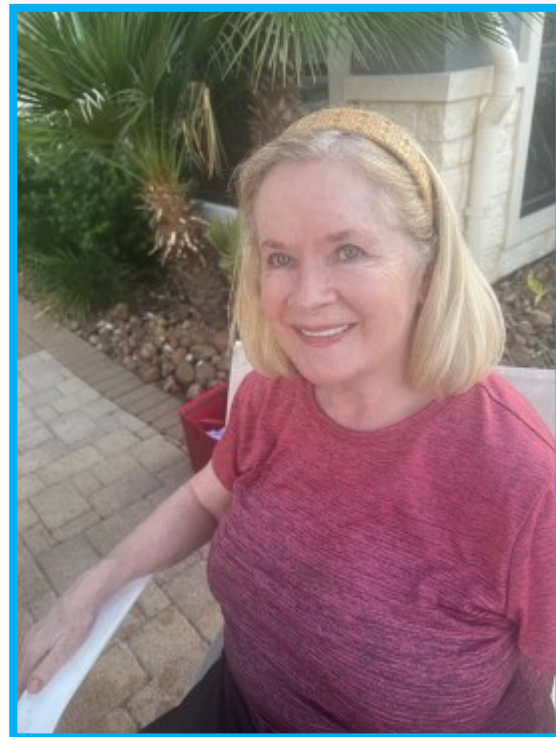
Our Nance Burris and her boyfriend, Rich Unganst extended their gracious hospitality to Mickie and Roy Wright, Linda Rather, Carolyn Meeks, Suzy Penny & Shawn Dorn to join them for a pre- 4th of July ribs and swim on Sunday, July 30, 2024. Rich grilled the ribs on the pool pit while we all visited and swam.

Mickie and Roy brought a variety of flavors for Marguerite mixings along with a huge bowl of wonderful homemade Southern Potato Salad. Linda entreated us all to some mighty tasty Andouille Sausage. Rich's ribs literally fell off the bone, they were so tender. He served them with green beans and grilled edamame. The day was scorchingly hot and when we sought coolness from the pool, we found the water tepid, like a bath's water. Although, we did discover it to be refreshing especially once we got out. The slight, infrequent breeze felt cool against our wet skin, hair and bathing suits.

Mickie, having had a hip replacement not too long ago, looked great and is getting along well. However, she professes she will likely have to have the other one replaced before too long. The verdict is still out on Roy's AFIB situation. All cautionary measures are being adhered to until more can be ascertained.

Linda recently had a pain device installed within her hip. There was some discussion that it might need to be replaced as it may be too large for her; as well as, not providing her with the relief from the pain she was led to believe it would.

Suzy seems to be getting along a lot better than she was. For awhile there, she had been hospitalized and following that found it difficult to walk. I was so pleased to see her walking around like a Champ today.



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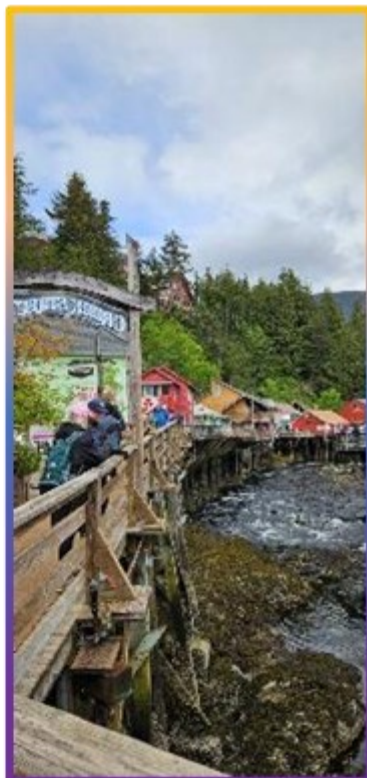
We all wish each and every one of you a most festive Independence Day filled with good food and fun,,fabulous friendships, and God's blessings, good grace and mercy upon all who call upon Him. With an abundance of heartfelt love,
Yours truly,
Preceptor Nu Chapter of Sisters

XI ALPHA ZETA

REPORTER: GIGI KENNEL

XAZ did not meet in June but two of our sisters had big adventures.

Anne Jones and her husband, Ed travelled with daughter Monique and her husband, Velton to Alaska aboard THE ROYAL CARRIBBEAN departing from Seattle they made port in Sitka, Ketchikan, Juneau, Victoria and finally back to Seattle.



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There was whale watching, glacier gazing, salmon bakes and much merriment was had by all in celebration of ED's 80th Birthday!



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XAZ Sister, Rita Mayo was excited to share that her Granddaughter, Audrey Tullos performed in the "Dance the World" parade and stage show at Disney World in Florida along with other dancers from across the country.



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Life, Learning,
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