



The Bustle

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Beta Sigma Phi—Southwest Houston City Council

President's Message

President-Elect Jeanne Melton filled in this month for Sandra

Dear Sisters,

SWHCC and Beta Sigma Phi was definitely "The Right Place to Be" as we started our new year at the May council meeting. Jill performed a very creative installation of officers' ritual by using beautiful tea cups to point out the qualities needed for a good leadership team and how important these traits will be to the success of our sorority year. We wrapped up the meeting with a beautiful cake custom made by Mary Crochet.

Chairmen for each of council's major events gave initial reports at the May meeting. If you missed it, please see the "Save the Date" flyers and Invitations in this Bustle edition.

I know everyone will be busy with vacations and Fun in the Sun in the three months council will not be meeting, so please, mark your calendars for Saturday, July 20th for our SWHCC Open Meeting. Plans are in the works for a fun-filled event with a "BSP is the Right Place and Time to be" theme. I hope you are making plans to attend and will reach out to any ladies that would potentially benefit from being a part of our sisterhood. There is a special discounted guest rate to entice new prospects to attend.

So how can you help others learn that "Beta Sigma Phi is the Right Place to Be"? Talk to neighbors, co-workers, and church friends. Post a message in your neighborhood Face-book pages or NextDoor apps. Or do as our beloved friend, Duang would do and chat up someone at your bank or hair salon while you have their undivided attention. Let's challenge ourselves to reach out to potential new friends. We all share a love for Beta Sigma Phi and what it offers us, so what could be better than sharing it with others. And Open Meeting is a perfect time to invite them to attend.

Please be on the lookout for all of the details in the invitation coming soon. In the meantime, start reaching out to potential new members you can I invite and begin planning an outfit from your favorite time period! I'm looking forward to seeing all of you there. Remember Beta Sigma Phi is the "Right Place to Be" and we are all responsible of helping other wonderful ladies learn that as well.

Happy Summer Sisters!
Beta Hugs,
Jeanne

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This and That.....News from Council

With Sympathy

Our thoughts and prayers are with our Council President, Sandra Simpson, during the passing of her mom.

Your SWHCC BSP Sisters



Editor Notes:

Make sure you check out pictures from the May Council meeting starting on Page 3.

Starting on Page 8, you will find details for upcoming council events for next year. More details to come.

Summer time is here but we will still be having a Bustle throughout the Summer months. So please share vacations, company who has visited you, pictures from chapter socials, chapter meeting details and other info. Be creative and make sure you get your info in to your Chapter Reporter. They rely on each of you when they are preparing Chapter Reports.

Is there something that you would like to see added to the monthly Bustle? Please let me know if you have any ideas.

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.

There were no new submissions for endowment funds this year so there will be no ballots this year. An email will be sent shortly to all chapters showing the current projects that are receiving endowment



The May Southwest Houston Council Meeting was held on Thursday, May 11 at Sugar Land Hilton Garden Inn. The SWHCC Executive Board hosted the meeting. Attendees enjoyed Beta Buzz before the Council Meeting. Highlight for the evening was the installation of our 2024-2025 officers who will be leading SWHCC for the upcoming year. All enjoyed a delicious cake made by SWHCC Vice President Mary Crochet.





Installation of SWHCC Officers was conducted by Jill Coble with a theme of Tea Cups. Each officer was presented a tea cup as they were installed which represented a BSP color.







Southwest Houston City Council

Open Meeting

The Right Place and Time to Be!

**Save the date:
July 20, 2024**

**Place: Another Time Soda Fountain,
8003rd Street**

Rosenberg, Texas

More details to come.



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.



BSP...the right place to be

Save the Date

Founder's Day 2025

April 26, 2025



More Details to come!!

MAY MEETING

"It was June, and the world smelled of roses. The sunshine was like powdered gold over the grassy hillside." - Maud Hart Lovelace

Our May Chapter meeting found us at the home of host Renita Hudson. Renita provided a lovely Italian cuisine consisting of spinach dip with garlic toast, spaghetti with sauce, bolognese sauce with meatballs, salad, and a delicious Italian cream cake for dessert.

General business was conducted. The May Council meeting was reviewed where it was noted that ADT will host the January Meeting. The SWHCC Open meeting will be July 20th. VP Karen noted that sister Cathy successfully completed her Pledge training and a Ritual of Jewels will be scheduled for her in the near future. Officers reports were given. Social committee reviewed upcoming social which included a movie night and a year end celebration with our Beta Buddies. We're all looking forward to those. Secret sister gifts were exchanged with a theme of giving your sister something that was special to you. Everyone enjoyed their gifts. Hmmmm... were there any clues to who your secret sister is? Reveal day isn't until July, so keep thinking.



In keeping with the Chapter theme of blooming flowers, Renita's program was on the Lily. Lilies are flowering plants growing from bulbs, all with large and often prominent flowers. They are a group of flowering plants which are important in culture and literature in much of the world. Most species are native to the Northern Hemisphere and can range 1-6 feet. They are active in spring in summer and dormant in winter and come in a variety of colors: white, red, yellow, orange, purple... They are used in Chinese and Japanese cuisines as well as the diets of N. American indigenous people. Medicinal uses include: skin care, reducing fever, reducing wrinkles, and in pain reduction. You can find white lily extract online at Amazon and Walmart.

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Renita then gave a demonstration on folding napkins to represent different kinds of lilies. The first type being the French Lily/Bishop's Hat or Fleur de Lis and Melinda showed off her folding skills.



The second folding that Renita taught was the Water Lily,



French Lily/ Fleur de Lis



Water Lily

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Jill, Cathy and Barbara made beautiful Water Lilies. Renita was an amazing instructor.



Renita offered a raffle prize and Sherry Sweet won a book on napkin folding.

ON A PERSONAL NOTE

Happiest of birthdays
to Cynthia Rogan our
May birthday girl.



ADT members attended the May SWHCC meeting as the new Council Executive Board was sworn in. Jill presided over the installation of new officers that included two ADT sisters, Sherry Sweet as Treasurer and Barbara Meurer as Recording Secretary. Jill's presentation focused on President Sandra's love of tea, presenting each incoming officer with a teacup and saucer, reflecting a color relating to their position. Jill will also be serving as Parliamentarian.



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Diane Leive and husband Dan had a busy May, attending several family events including ceremonies, graduations and birthday celebrations. Congratulations Diane and Dan from your ADT family.



Grandson Christian on Graduation day from the University of New Orleans and Christian's 23rd birthday celebration with fiancé Bailey Campo, Diane's son Brian Lill and Dan at Ruth Chris in New Orleans.



Diane and Dan's granddaughter, Lilla Gautreau, being inducted into the National Junior Honor society.

No report this month. We hope to hear from LIO next month. We know you ladies have some news to report.



No report this month. We hope to hear from LIT next month.



In Texas,
we have 3 seasons:

- winter
- summer
- the pollening

Pollen Season

pollen
is the snow of the
south



Rev. Dr. Russell Levenson of St. Martin's Episcopal Church officially retired on May 5, 2024. But, not before giving his parishioners one final concert in the Sanctuary with he and his wife and The Kingdom Pickers. They played many well known songs such as The Beatles, "She Loves You", "I Wanna Hold Your Hand", "Ticket To Ride", then "California Dreamin'", "I'll Fly Away", "If I Needed You", "My Immortal Home", "The Circle Be Unbroken", & more. It was superb. The Levenson family will be sorely missed.





May 10th Carolyn Meeks and Shawn Dorn were invited to attend a special preview of the **Angel Studios Movie**, based on a true story, "**Sight**". We were doubly fortunate in that the Producer, David Fisher was there and spoke about his blessings from his involvement with this movie. If you haven't seen it, you are missing out on a truly interesting and well-made movie based upon historical truth and fact. Following the movie we were both captured on film answering questions about what we thought of the movie.



A Fabulous South African Adventure



May 20th, **Rosina Foster** embarked on a three week adventure **with her sister to South Africa**. On Friday, May 24th she shared this with us, "Wanted to share some of our trip to South Africa with you. It's beginning of winter and that water was freezing. We visited the botanical gardens with many flowers close to extinction. We went diving and was protected from the sharks by being in a shark cage at The Cape of Hope. We saw penguins too, who are also in danger of extinction. We're on our way to airport to visit Durban for a river safari. Should be a lot of fun. All my love to you."

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Once again, Preceptor Nu has voted to change the day our meeting to better accommodate our Chapter Member's schedules. We are now meeting on the third Tuesday of each month at 6:30 pm. Our first meeting of this new Chapter year was held on May 21st in Carolyn Meeks lovely home. Carolyn went all out and prepared an entire meal for us all. We started the evening with chips and a home-made white cheese queso dip. The dinner that was pulled from the oven revealed a non-typical but wonderful beef stew that was enjoyed by all in attendance. Carina Hadnot brought a sensational Tres Leches and Mickie Wright brought an amazing Lemon Meringue Cheesecake for dessert. I don't believe there was one person who even considered their calorie counts that night! Of note, at the end of the evening there were barely any leftovers.



We selected this meeting to hold the celebration Rituals for **Linda Lou Nolty** and **Carina Hadnot**, who both received their **Exemplar pins**; and **Michelle Lovelace** received her **Laureate pin**. *Congratulations ladies!*



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Graduation season has now passed and we are so pleased to announce a few family members of our Sisters who have succeeded in completing their requirements for their High School Diploma.

First we have **Carolyn Meeks'** beautiful and intelligent **granddaughter, Lauren Bridges**. Her graduation was held at the Fort Bend County Fairgrounds on Saturday morning, May 18th. She was then honored with an impressive Graduation Luncheon at Lupe Tortilla where many of her loving family members awaited to congratulate her and extend their best wishes for her budding future. Lauren has decided to attend Texas Tech University and plans to study Pre-Law.



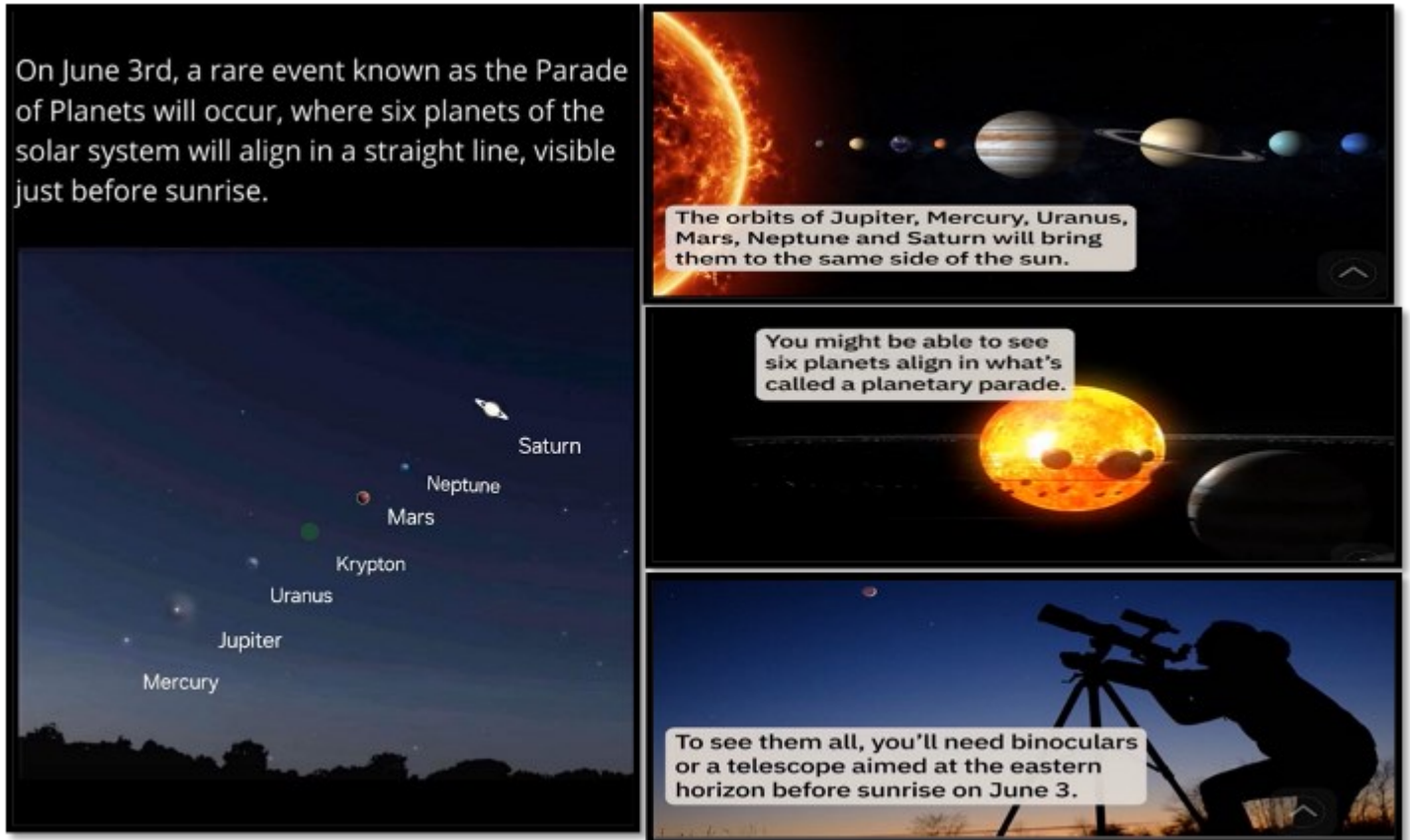
Next, is **Shawn Dorn's Great Niece**, the lovely and talented, **Murphy Sampley**. Murphy graduated from West Lake High in Austin, TX on May 23rd at the Moody Center. Her parents prepared a wonderfully tasty and creative assortment of table delights and invited Murphy's best friends over along with their close family members. Including those and immediate family attending, there were approximately 50 guests enjoying the Sampley hospitality. All had a great time. Murphy plans to attend the University of Arkansas and study Pre-Med.



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Of additional note, Murphy's younger sibling, her brother (pictured above with Murphy and their parents, Kelly & Stuart), Winfield, also celebrated his graduation from Middle High School on Friday, May, 24th. He will be attending West Lake High when school résumés in the fall and is more than excited. Shawn's sister, Shela and husband, George drove in from the Dallas/Ft. Worth area to attend their grandchildren's graduations. The entire family is pleased as punch with these two.

Another **ASTRAL EVENT** you will not want to miss will occur on **June 3rd**.



"And it shall come to pass in the last days, saith God, I will pour out of my Spirit upon all flesh: and your sons and your daughters shall prophesy, and your young men shall see visions, and your old men shall dream dreams: and on my servants and on my handmaidens I will pour out in those days of my Spirit; and they shall prophesy: **and I will show wonders in heaven above**, and signs in the earth beneath; blood, and fire, and vapor of smoke: the sun shall be turned into darkness, and the moon into blood, before that great and notable day of the Lord come: and it shall come to pass, that whosoever shall call on the name of the Lord shall be saved."

Acts 2:17-21 KJVAE

<https://bible.com/bible/547/act.2.17-21.KJVAE>

XI ALPHA ZETA

REPORTER: JEANNE MELTON

XAZ's 1st May meeting was held at the home of Miriam Langford with GiGi Kennell as co-hostess. We enjoyed a meal of delicious Cajun Pasta, and broccolini with salad. Dessert was a delicious apple cake. Miriam gifted us with solar sunflowers for our gardens.



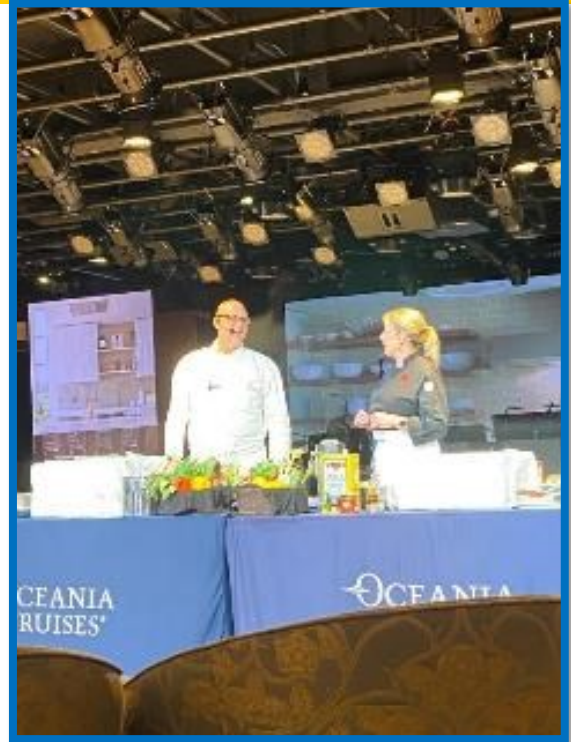
Cultural Program: Miriam Langford shared her favorite flower which is roses - specifically red roses - her father had climbing roses - so they are especially dear. She gave us several examples of the meaning of different roses - RED - deep affection and beauty; PINK - gratitude; WHITE - purity; and YELLOW - remembrance of a special person and friendship.

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XAZ Sisters Rita Mayo and Debbie Harris joined Molly Fowler, The "Dining Diva" on Oceania's Tudors to Tapas Cruise traveling from London to Barcelona aboard the MS Sirena. Sites included Buckingham Palace Changing of the Guards, Tea at the beautiful Rubens at the Palace Hotel and climbing the 365 steps to the top of Mont St. Michel in Saint-Malo, France.

Molly Fowler, "The Dining Diva" on Oceania's Tudors to Tapas Cruise!

Mont St. Michel in Saint-Malo, France



Buckingham Palace



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Tea at The Rubens at the Palace.



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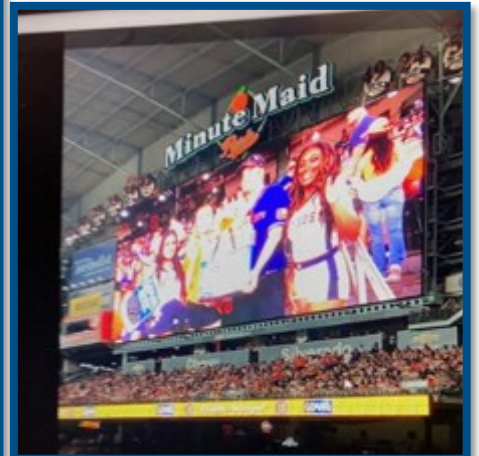
XAZ's 2nd April meeting was a social/meeting organized by Miriam Langford. We met at Red River Cantina in Richmond to share a tasty meal and discuss business.



MEMBER AT LARGE

REPORTER -JOYCE FRANK

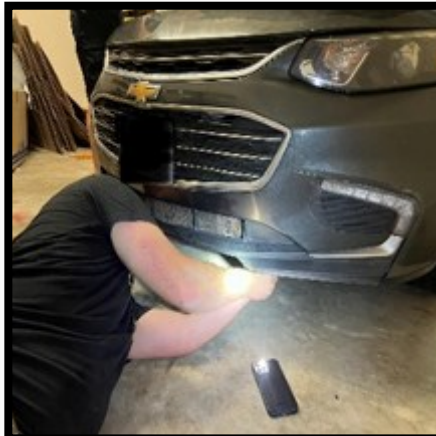
Joyce Frank spent a fun Easter afternoon at the Houston Astros ballgame with her daughter, Deanna, her grandson, Christopher, and her granddaughter, Anna. Christopher and Ann were picked from the crowd to receive the Goyo basket and then filmed to show on the big screen receiving the basket. The Astros lost, but family time was fun



Anyone of you that is a Grandmother or parent will be really proud of your firefighter or first responder. As most of you know Joyce F's Grandson is a firefighter and thought you would enjoy this story. The true first responder. TYFYS sir Christopher Redding.

The Woodlands Fire Department

This morning Truck 104 was dispatched to assist a resident whose hefty tabby chose poorly its overnight lodging. When the homeowner went to start the car they heard a noise and quickly stopped the engine and found the freaked out feline well and truly stuck inside the engine compartment. Putting their mechanical skills to work it took firefighters about 30 minutes to extricate the cat. Once free the cat appeared to be doing fine with just a little less fur than it started with. The cat was then taken by the owners to the vet for a checkup.



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Life, Learning,
Friendship**

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