

The Bustle

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President's Message

Greetings SWHCC Sisters!

I wanted to start off by thanking the Sweetheart Ball committee for such a fun-filled night! Our attendance may have been a little lower than the past but that certainly didn't stop the BSP Sisters from letting their hair down and having some fun. For those who didn't make it, you definitely missed a good time. Thank you, Joan Batts and Barbara Hupe for co-chairing this event.

Spring is in the air, I think. This is my favorite time of the year. I can't wait to take a drive through the Texas hill country to see the bluebonnets in full bloom. I hear that they are already blooming. Speaking of blooming, we have our Founder's Day Luncheon quickly approaching so I hope everyone is making plans to attend our "Watch Beta Sigma Phi Grow and Bloom" Founder's Day luncheon on April 27th at the Pecan Grove Country Club. Invitations will be given out shortly.

Happy Easter to All!

Beta Hugs,
Sharon



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COUNCIL REMINDERS

Council meeting coming up on Thursday, March 14th. Please look for your evite and respond with your RSVP.

ADT Chapter will be the hostess. The program will be based upon Website Recruitment with the method of delivery of a "Sportscaster".

Arrive early and enjoy dinner with your SWHCC Sisters.



Editor Notes:

Included in this edition of *The Bustle* are pictures of the SWHCC Sweethearts and from the Red, White and Beautiful Sweetheart Ball. Check them out starting on page 5.

PN Reporter, Shawn Dorn, has included some pictures from the Houston Livestock Show and Rodeo in the PN Report. The Rodeo is going strong and I'm sure a lot of us are attending it so let's have some pictures included with Chapter Reports next month.

With Spring just around the corner, our BSP Theme seems really appropriate. Watch BSP Grow and Bloom....we will soon be planting flowers and then we can watch them grow and bloom. And that makes me think, SWHCC Officer's, how are your plants doing that you planted when you were installed. Share a picture with me and we will include in next month's edition of *The Bustle*.

Until next month.....

Gill



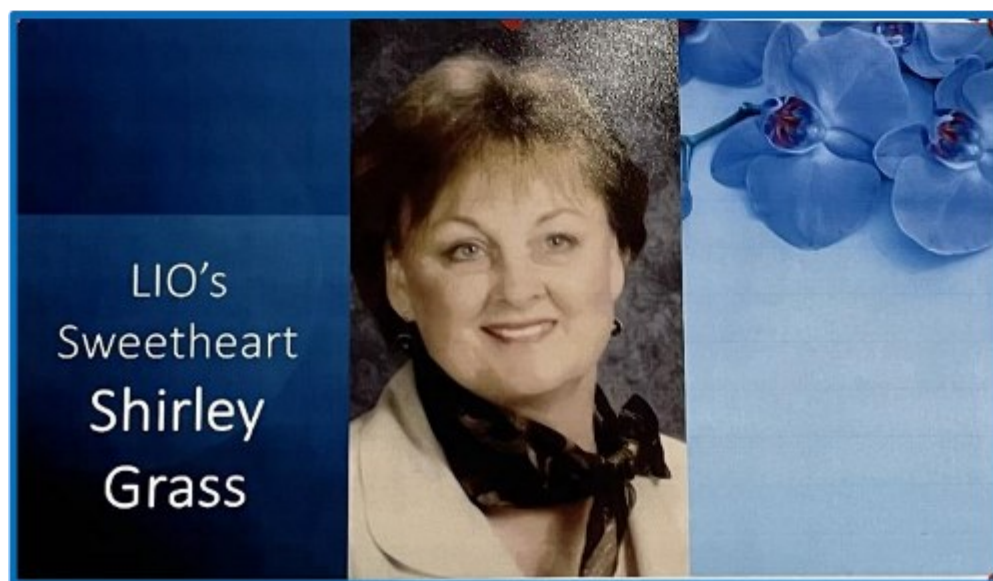
SWHCC February 2024 Meeting

A red valentine's theme with cupcakes and candy filled the room while we listened to a radio talk show led by DJs Joan and Rita. Radio listeners from XAZ located around the city called in their questions and ideas about BSP.





2024 Chapter Sweetheart Presentation



Congratulations to Cynde and Linda!



And congratulations to Shirley!
We missed you!

2024 Sweetheart Ball Memories



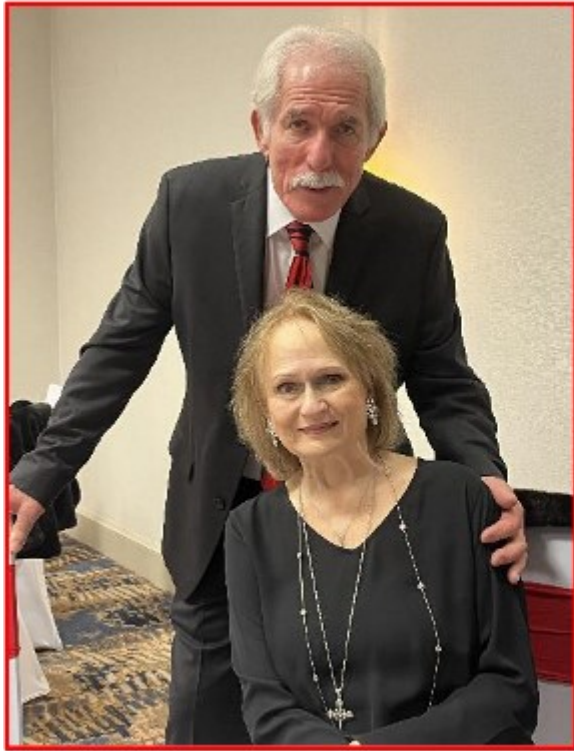
"Thank you to Co-Chairs Joan and Barbara and the rest of your committee."




Music, Fun and Games!



And the Smiling Faces!








Watch $\beta\Sigma\Phi$ Grow and Bloom!

Founder's Day

Save the Date!

April 27, 2024

11 am to 2 pm



**Pecan Grove Plantation Country Club
3000 Plantation Drive
Richmond, TX 77406**

FEBRUARY SOCIAL

"La vie est une fleur dont l'amour est le miel." -Victor Hugo
Life is a flower of which love is the honey.

Paris, the City of Love, is one of the most popular tourist destinations in the world. From the Eiffel Tower to the Louvre Museum and Notre-Dame, the city is home to some of the most iconic and beautiful landmarks in the world. What if you could visit without ever leaving your hometown. February found our ADT sister getting a glimpse of the City of Love by visiting La Maison McDuffie.



Ooh la la in Paris was the theme for the ADT February Social. Hostess Pam outdid herself in making us believe that we were transported half way across the world. The decorations were amazing as was the delicious refreshments she offered.



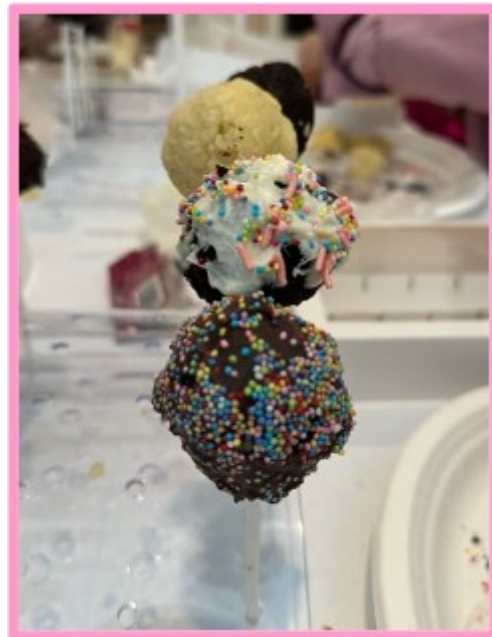
Included in the repast: yummy ham and cheese croissants, delectable individual quiches, a tasty garbanzo bean salad and a charcuterie board with brie and fruit. The dessert tray offered luscious cupcakes, cookies and pain au chocolat. What an amazing feast. It was like being in Paris and tasting the best they had to offer.

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Pam also entertained us with some challenges, like guessing how many kisses were in a glass and a word search puzzle consisting of words about Paris/France. Sylvia won the kisses challenge while Melinda was a victor with the word search.



The pièce de resistance of the day was the cake pop making session. Everyone dug in and got their hands dirty making cake pops and then decorating them with various sprinkles. What a yummy experience it was for everyone and there were take home treats.



What an amazing day we had, visiting Paris without ever leaving our neighborhood. Pam and the rest of the social committee made it come alive for everyone. As an end to the day, each sister was presented with a beautiful mug and a selection of flowers.

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FEBRUARY MEETING

The February ADT monthly meeting was hosted by Sylvia Chin at Carrabas in Katy, Texas. The preset menu included choices of steak, chicken, and spaghetti and meatballs with sides of penne pasta, broccoli and mashed potatoes. Dessert was a delicious carrot cake



A full house was in attendance and a general meeting was conducted including nominations for Sister with Something Extra. The Tennessee convention was mentioned, covering dates August 16-18, 2024 and the Idaho Convention in June. Something to consider.

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Sylvia presented a program including significant dates/happenings in February. This year is the year of the Dragon for Chinese New Year. It is tradition to hand out money and Sylvia gave each sister a \$2 bill. While traditionally red is the lucky color, this year we look at green and say "Happy Asian New Year, bring me luck and fortune."

Sylvia also included some interesting President facts that we had to guess. Peanut farmer- Jimmy Carter; previous park ranger-Gerald Ford; most national parks named after him (35)- Teddy Roosevelt; newest national park- Bill Clinton; birth place of Abraham Lincoln—Kentucky.

The flower for this month was the magnolia, blooming in late spring/early summer. It originated from China and means Cleanliness and Serenity. It is also the Louisiana state flower. As a game, Sylvia included quotes from the movie Steel Magnolias. Raffle prizes were handed out that included wine, bath bombs, candles, and lamps.



WHO SAID WHAT

"I find it amusing. Men are supposed to be made out of steel or something."

"I haven't left the house without lycra on these thighs since I was 14."

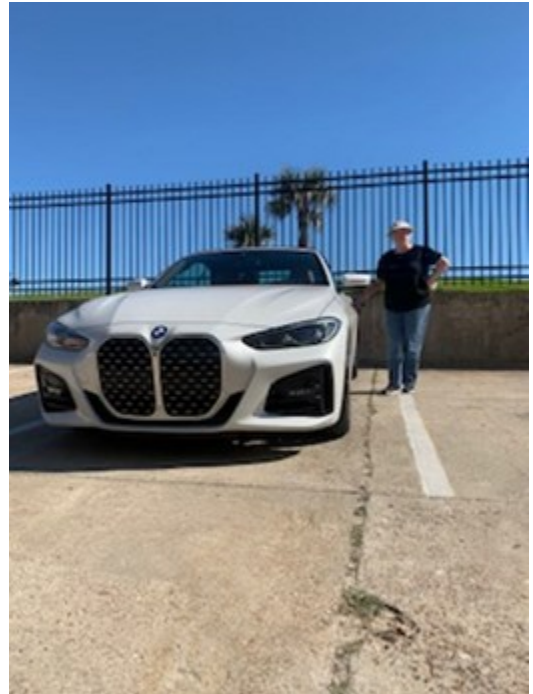
"We can't screw up her hair. You just tease it and make it look like a brown football helmet."



LAUREATE IOTA OMEGA

REPORTER: SHIRLEY GRASS

Hi Ladies, this is Shirley checking in from LIO again. Are you all enjoying this beautiful weather we are having? My grandson Brandon just got a new convertible and took me on a road trip down to Galveston. What a gorgeous day for a drive with the top down.



Joan and her daughter took a quick trip to Michigan to take in the world class snow sculpting competition with a side trip to Winterland. For us Texans, we don't usually get to do these special winter things.



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Joan and her daughter doing a little shopping at Bonner's Christmas Wonderland in Frankenmuth, Mich. After all, Christmas is just around the corner...only approximately 300 days away!!



Now for some Magic/Bobbie news. As you know Bobbie broke her ankle last year. It has healed nicely and Bobbie is was getting around nicely. So nice she has been taking Magic walking. Well you all know how frisky Magic is, he took off leaving Bobbie on the ground! Bobbie has a broken shoulder. You can't do much for that except rest, rest and a sling. She is trying to work from home but moving slowly. Prayers for a speedy recovery are appreciated.



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What a grand Sweetheart Ball we had. Many many thanks to Joan and her committee for a great time. As it turned out Bobbie couldn't go and our sweetheart, me, couldn't make it either. While in Fort Worth I caught the flu and spent 4 days in bed. I'm thinking I will wear my red and white and beautiful outfit to our next meeting with my dazzling crown. We were so excited to see June at Sweetheart Ball. We have missed her so much and glad to see she is up and getting around more now.



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Congratulations to Gail on her retirement. And I must tell you our president, Mary, the cruising queen, is off on another cruise. Seems like I'm forgetting something and if I am, remind me and I'll catch up next month.

Stay safe. Shirley Grass



LAUREATE IOTA TAU

REPORTER: LINDA DASPIT

LIT members had a lovely meeting at Gaye Lyne's house with lunch, a beautiful table, and an interesting program. We were all very pleased that GL was willing to host as we had not seen her in quite a while, and we had a lot of catching up to do!



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To go along with our program voyage of self-discovery, Gaye Lynn gave a very interesting program on labyrinths, their meaning, and uses. She demonstrated how to use one to calm the soul and think through life's challenges. Members then received their own labyrinth to experience the process.

From <https://labyrinthociety.org/about-labyrinths>: A labyrinth is a meandering path with a singular path leading to a center. They are an ancient archetype dating back 4,000 years or more, used symbolically, as a walking meditation, or site of rituals and ceremony, among other things. Labyrinths are tools for personal, psychological, and spiritual transformation. Labyrinths evoke metaphor, sacred geometry, spiritual pilgrimage, religious practice, mindfulness, environmental art, and community building.



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LIT also celebrated Johnette's January birthday and Linda & Mary's February birthday at Patty's Diner in Pattison, which is just down the road from where Frances & Johnette live. It's one of those quaint small-town restaurants that serves good home cooking. The food was excellent and the service wonderful. The five of us spent hours enjoying each other's company and after lunch we were offered free dessert. Apologies to Sandy & Debbie who were there also, but I forgot to take their picture!



PRECEPTOR NU

REPORTERS: SHAWN DORN AND CAROLYN MEEKS

CHINA TOWN SOCIAL



Never accuse PN of being "boring!!" With our "adventuresome" sister Alice Chen, we visited Chinatown on Friday, February 9th and left with FOREVER MEMORIES! They say "PICTURES ARE WORTH A THOUSAND WORDS"; all those folks should have gone with us on this remarkable venture because pictures don't even come close to explaining this amazing experience!

Our first stop was at SEAFOOD CITY, a Giant Meat Market, sitting behind CHILI's in Sugar Land, TX off Hwy 59 at Williams Trace Blvd. Here you see touches of China in every nook and cranny!!! Visiting here could actually fill-up an entire day.

Throughout our social's journey, Alice brought to our attention important sights we may have missed along the way; and, excited us with historical and current, but not well known info tidbits of this region and that of the Asian Community.

For our afternoon lunch Alice had reserved a table for us and had selected several fine dishes which we dined upon family-style at The Spicy Hunan Chinese Restaurant in the Bellaire Chinatown District. The service was exceptional; and the food, lovingly shared with each other, was remarkably delicious. Our hostess, Alice, kept us quite engaged by sharing tales of Asian traditions and daily living. We tried new things, laughed, and we all filled our tummies to the brim and then, rolled out the door



We took some time to "window" shop in this vast conglomeration of stores before heading to our next stop. Along the way, our attention was naturally drawn to all the magnificent decorations that had been put up everywhere as the Chinese New Year was to begin tomorrow, the 10th. Alice shared that celebrations for the new "Year of the Dragon" traditionally last 16 days starting from Chinese

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New Year's Eve to the Lantern Festival. So, acting like "impressed school kids" we took it all in; as well as, of course, posing for several pictures with each other and all the New Year's festive décor



We knew it was coming, but had no idea that our much "anticipated" massages were next on this Asian Magical Tour agenda. Climbing up to the third floor Alice opened the door to Seven-Day Spa. The décor was minimalistic and spic and span clean. We were greeted by a lovely Asian woman who gladly showed us all around, answered questions and got us all settled in two rooms, explaining where we should place our clothes and belongings. She then pointed out the baskets that contained the shorts and blanket we were to don ourselves in.

WHAT A PLACE! Friendly workers, nice facilities, not "too fancy shorts", reasonably priced, and loads of wonder and laughter!

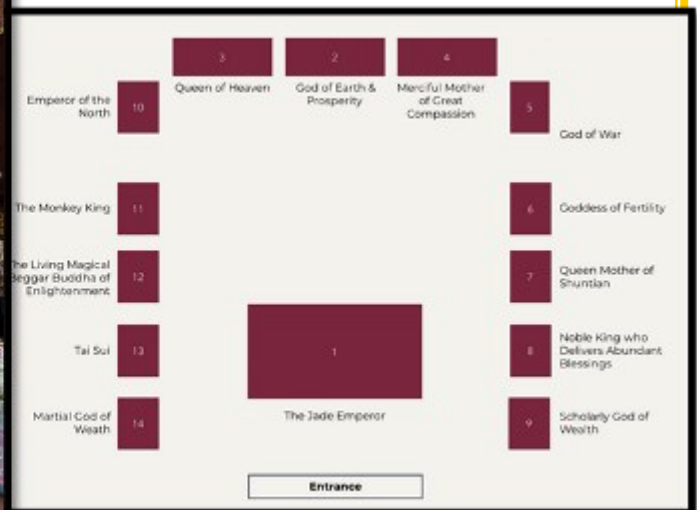


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Just down the street a bit and around the corner, Alice introduced us all to the final highlight, the Tao Chew Houston Buddhist Temple. Upon arrival as we walked toward the Temple, we had to walk around this huge Wishing Well that house the 12 Chinese Zodiac signs and was over looked by the Goddess of Mercy. We each found our zodiac creature and posed for photos then made a wish and tossed in coins in hopes that wish would come true.



Inside the temple were statues representing 14 Gods/Goddesses that visitors would light incense to and pray for whichever needs they felt the deity might grant. Each deity held special powers for different aspects of one's life.



The world "turns on a dime..." as CHINA became REAL in our eyes! Pictures galore of both us and the sights....a monumental "Time To Remember" for the sisters of PN. As the saying goes..."LOVE MAKES THE WORLD GO ROUND", we all lovingly will remember another side of the world.

THANKS, ALICE!

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"BOOTS & BADGES" AUCTION & DINNER

In support of our Ft. Bend Law Enforcement Departments, several of PN's membership (Linda Nolty, Michelle Lovelace and Beta Bud, Jeff, Carolyn Meeks and Shawn Dorn) attended the Boots & Badges Auction and Dinner. There were many well-known Politicians and Candidates running for office, Judges (Chad Bridges along with his fabulous family), Officers of the Law, and local personalities in attendance.



Along with extremely nice selections for the Silent Auction, as a fund raiser for this event, Kendra Scott offered a "surprise" jewelry piece in her signature box for the price of \$50. Of course we all had to get ourselves one! We each were quite pleased with the jewelry surprise found in our boxes. Each box contained an entirely different piece of jewelry that was easily valued at beyond the \$50 we each paid.



BEHIND the BADGE

Shawn was the only one at our table whose bid for a Silent Auction item actually won her the black felt Cowboy hat with leopard hat band, long black felt fringe earrings, a silver feather necklace

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and the black fringe Hobo purse she bid on. Congrats, Shawn! Great way to "Get Behind The Badge!"



The Buffet Dinner consisted of choices of chicken, beef and fish, a variety of salad selections and vegetables, rolls and a dessert. It was all very tasty.

LADY IN RED

Looking at "Beautiful and Exciting People & Places" is a wonderful thing! So, it was with "Great Enthusiasm" that the sisters of PN/BSP all joined together for "THE RED WHITE AND BEAUTIFUL SWEETHEART BALL"!

From the entrance at the Hilton-Garden Inn, BSP Attendees and their guests could be seen hurrying to The Ballroom all dressed up in their finery!! It was so very obvious how much work our

Committee Sisters put into invitations, grand table settings, beautiful wall décor, bright flowers, music genre selection, a great photographer and picturesque designs. BRAVO, LADIES!!



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PN had rallied to the Ball Committee's plea for gift baskets and created quite a number of beautifully designed themed baskets with a fabulous array of candies, wine, etc..., including small mixtures of design elements. Of course, not just PN, but with the other Chapter's sisters donations, it took two full tables to hold the "loot".



One of the many highlights of the evening...and yes, probably "the loveliest" was the presentation of PN's "beautiful sweetheart, current president and "bestie", Linda Nolty. She represents us so very well! She and her husband, Randall, were the "pretties of the evening"!!! Congratulations "pretty lady/friend"!



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The Music covered songs most knew. There was much singing along and dancing all around the dance floor. The DJ came with a grand repertoire of songs for all memories and ages appealing to both the younger set as well as the more mature. With our own, Michelle Lovelace and Linda Noltz emerging to the musical tones in rhythmic fluid dance movements onto the ample dance floor, thus enticing all in attendance to join them, the dance floor was never empty

Moving on further into the room, we find the "rest of the evening"!! The giant gambling tables beguiled several PN Beta Buds, including Jeff Lovelace, Randall Noltz and PJ Pietruniak. Guys and gals "lollled" the rest of the evening away with cards, dice, "loud squeals and excited voices"!!



So, between the big time gambling tables, the great selection of music tunes spilling from the speakers, general, exotic and custom dancing, along with the specially, selected dinner menu, "A Good Time Was Had By All"!! Thank you, Joan Batts and Sweetheart Committee for all your creativity, diligent efforts and hard work to create such a lovely and memorable Sweetheart Ball for us all to enjoy!!!

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RODEO DAYS

Shawn Dorn is once again contributing her time, money, feet and lower back in service to the World Famous Houston Livestock Show and Rodeo (HLS&R). For those of you who may not know, Shawn has been a member of the CXC Committee for the last five years. This committee greets and works with commercial exhibitors at all inside and outside venues where exhibitors are located. They monitor all contractual requirements, audit exhibitors working on a percentage basis, and assist vendors and Show management with a variety of exhibitor-related matters. She says, "We work hard at what we do; and we meet so many wonderful people from all over. The best part of it all is we know that what our Committee does contributes tremendously to the overall success of the Rodeo as a whole."



Preceptor Nu wishes to thank you all for the sisterly affection you offer each of us; along with the privilege to get to know you. Not many let others "in". We extend our united prayers to those who are not well, those giving care to loved ones, those who have lost loved ones and those of you who have had, or soon will be having, any type of medical procedure performed. This time that we live in is most certainly not an easy time to live. But, it is so much better because of our Sisters! So, we wish you God's blessings and grace; and, we look forward 'til next we meet up again!

With love from Preceptor Nu's entire membership

XI ALPHA ZETA

REPORTER: JEANNE MELTON

XAZ's 1st January meeting was held at the home of Diana Rayle. We were treated to a meal of delicious baked potatoes and fruit covered tart.



Gigi Kennell announced our sweetheart is Jeanne Murray.



Cultural Program: Diana Rayle shared her memory of how special receiving an orchid at Prom was and the memories of her parents when she sees Easter lilies. She also has a fondness for sunflowers that remind her of her home in Kansas City.



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XAZ's 2nd January meeting was a social/meeting held at Messina Hoff Winery in Harvest Glenn. Diana Rayle arranged a private room where sisters and guests could share a tasty meal and discuss business.



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XAZ's 1st February meeting was held at the home of Rita Mayo with Jeanne Murray as co-hostess. We enjoyed a wonderful meal of spaghetti and king cake for dessert. Sisters were surprised with Valentine candy in heart boxes at our place settings.



Members brought various items which Jeanne Murray arranged in our tea basket donation for the Sweetheart Ball.

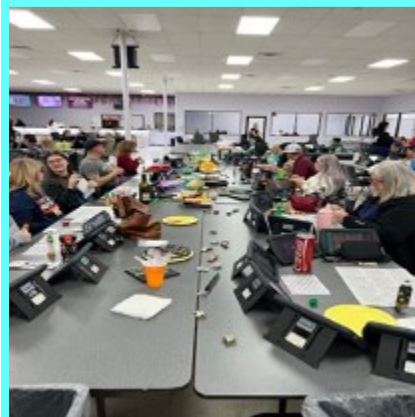


Cultural Program: Rita Mayo shared her favorite flours and how they are used - Almond, Arrowroot/ Starch and Coconut flour.

MEMBERS AT LARGE

REPORTER: JOYCE FRANK

What a wonderful family and friends Joyce F. has. Her daughter, Deanna Miller Bradley and friend, Laura Gibson Davenport planned a fun Birthday party at one of her favorite spots, Katy Bingo. Joining in playing Bingo with her were Deanna Miller Bradley, Jeffery Bradley Christopher Redding, Katlyn, Anna Miller, cousins, Tracy Heallen Brown and Mackenzie, (came from Hutto) Kim Schultz Warwick, Anna Peterson, Laura Gibson Davenport, Joanie Diamond, Dolores Brashear, Rhonda Anderson Demel and other bingo friends. The food was good, no wins, but a lot of friendship and love were enjoyed.



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