

## The Bustle

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## Beta Sigma Phi-Southwest Houston City Council

## President's Message

Dear Sisters,

Autumn is upon us as we move into October. It's time for creative costumes, spiced pumpkin lattes, trick or treating, and our Fall Event in October. I hope you've marked your calendar for October 26 at the Junior League of Houston for our fall soiree. It's going to be a lovely event, don't miss it, bring a guest. I look forward to seeing you there.

Our next council meeting is October 10 at the Hilton Garden Inn in Sugar Land, newly formed XAEO is hosting. My thanks to XAEO members for stepping up as well as Preceptor Nu who stepped up for the September meeting. We had a good turnout last month with 35 sisters joining in the fun. PN President Linda Nolty presented the program which featured priceless works of art created by PN members during the Beginning Day outing at Pinot's Palette in Katy. PN highly recommends an outing at Pinot's Palette, it was great fun.

I always look forward to the October council meeting because of Halloween. There is usually candy and costumes involved, what's not to like? When I was growing up Halloween was a big deal for my mother, Emily, and her best friend, Ruby. They were both seamstresses and each had a boy and a girl. In early September, Emily and Ruby would ask their children what costume they wanted for Halloween. Armed with the marching orders from their children, they got to work on the costumes, which they did together. My most memorable Halloween was the one where my friend Shelley was a nun, she attended a Catholic school, and her brother David was a devil complete with a forked tail. My brother Scott decided he wanted to be skunk, which was a challenge for my mother, but she came through. I was a fairy princess, the least creative request, but I had a custom-made tiara and magic wand. We were adorable and those costumes scored us an abundance of candy as we made our Halloween rounds in Alice, TX. Such happy and special memories. Feel free to wear a costume to the council meeting. Get creative and have fun. I dare you.

On a more serious note, we've had several sisters in need of prayer requests in the last few weeks. Please keep these sisters in your thoughts and prayers. As always, prayer requests are a priority for me when I get them.

I am thy sister,

Sandra

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

#### Hostess Schedule 2024 -2025

October 10, 2024—Xi Alpha Epsilon Omega

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—Xi Alpha Epsilon Omega

May 9, 2025—2025-2026 Executive Board

#### Council Meeting



The next council meeting will be Thursday, October 10th. Mark that date on your calendar and make plans to attend. Beta Buzz starts around 5:00 pm with the Council Meeting starting at 6:30 pm.

#### Editor Notes:

You will want to check out pictures of the September Council meeting starting on page 3.

Our next Council Event will be the "Let's Fall in Love with BSP Fall Event". Make sure you check out the invitation on page 7.

Make sure you read about the Council Service Project that we will be having at the Fall Event starting on page 8.

Catch up with Chapter news starting on page 11.

Until next month....

Gill

## BIO PLAGE TOGEL

#### News from International

Current Theme and Charm



If you would like to order a charm, please contact Gift Department at the BSP International office at Toll-Free 1-800-821-3989

## September SWHCC Meeting

September found SWHCC Sisters getting back together after our Summer Break for our monthly Council Meetings. Sisters enjoyed Beta Buzz, followed by the business meeting. PN Chapter was hostess for the meeting and presented a program on "The Right Place to Be for PN Chapter" which was Pinot's Palette for Beginning Day where each PN Member created a "work of art".



















Fall Event committee sharing details about the upcoming "Fall in Love with BSP"







## PN Program.....Pinot's Palette















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!



## 7 Night Greek Isles & Turkey Cruise



Second time around and by popular demand, let's do it again. And I can offer you payment plans.

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# SWHCC Service Project Falling in Love with BSP Fall Event



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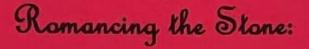
Reining Strength is located at 7126 FM 359 Road, Richmond, Texas 77406. Visit the website at https://www.reiningstrength.org/

Donations will be accepted at the Fall Event Luncheon on Saturday, October 26 OR can be given to Mary Crochet, Fall Event Chair.

SWHCC with Preceptor Nu Presents:



Save the Date



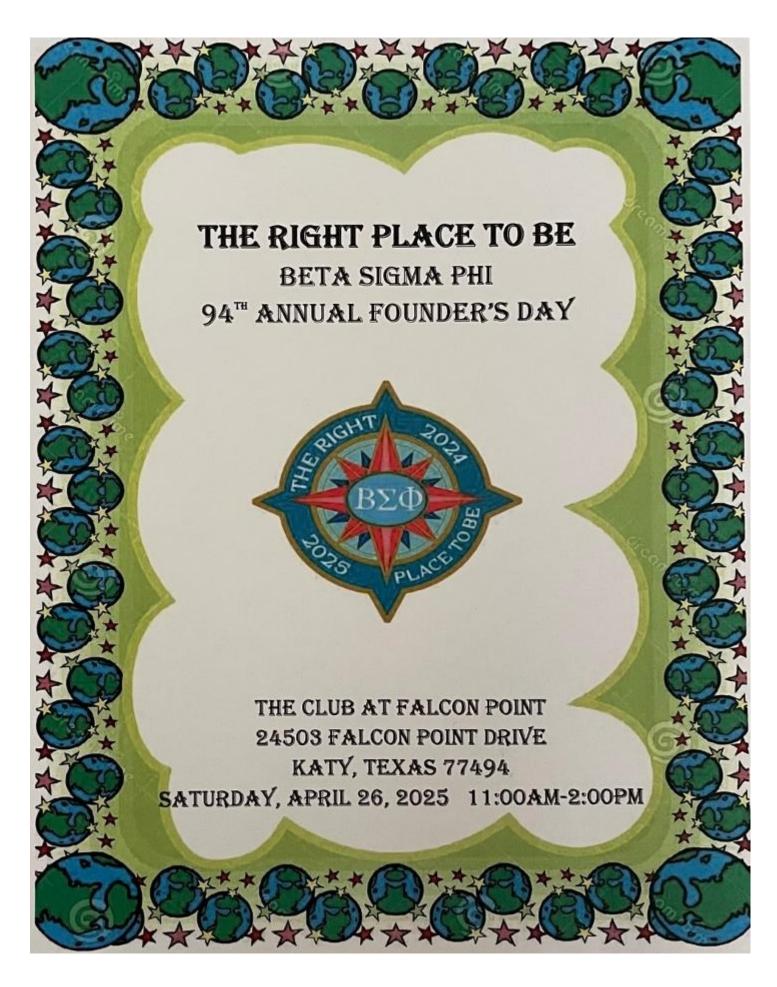


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Sweetheart Ball 2025

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## ALPHA DELTA THETA

## REPORTER: KAREN SWEET-ANGEL

## SEPTEMBER SOCIAL

"Fall has always been my favorite season. The time when everything bursts with its last beauty, as if nature had been saving up all year for the grand finale." — Lauren DeStefano, "Wither"



Our September Social found us stepping back in time. A time when we were just beginning to learn and understand the current music trends that have stayed with us the past 50+ years. Some of those included; The Mamas and the Papas, Nina Simone The Beatles and Carly Simon.





We started the night at Brio Italian Grill at City Centre, a restaurant that brings the best of Italy to your table with authentic and made from scratch family recipes. After everyone had indulged their taste palates, we ventured across the street to the Queensbury Theatre' to see the Feeling Groovy Musical







It was a Baby Boomers'/Early Gen X'ers' delight, as Tim Wilson escorted the ADT ladies to the small and intimate Music Box Theater. The band was phenomenal and the performers amazing as they brought the music of such artists as David Bowie, Blood, Sweat and Tears, The Hollies and Steam to life.











Sherry was in the groove and after hearing Barry Manilow, one of her childhood favorites, she announced she could leave happy. Good thing she didn't as there was so much more music to be had. Everyone enjoyed the music and the performances. What a night we had!

## SEPTEMBER MEETING

Cathy Wilson hosted the September ADT chapter meeting. We started the evening with a repast provided by Cathy consisting of brisket and roasted turkey, baked potatoes with all the fixin's, spinach salad, broccoli salad, and bread. For dessert, she offered red velvet cake with cream cheese frosting. Everythng was delectable and delicious.







Everyone was in attendance and we also entertained two guests: Brenda Kleidon (making her 1st visit) and Sonia Afshar (making her 2nd visit.)

City Council September meeting items were reviewed including: upcoming SWHCC events, state conventions and BSP Friednship Cruise 2025. All officers gave updates in their respective areas. Committee Chair gave updates of upcoming activities. We are definitely looking forward to our socials At Rudy Lechtner's in October for Octoberfest, the Zoo n November and The Alley Theater in December. What a busy and exciting fall/winter for our ADT sisters! We sang Happy Birthday to our birthday girl Sylvia Chin.





In keeping with our chapter theme of "The best Palce to be is...Home", Cathy presented her program and invited us on a "field trip" as we moved into a special room in her home. Cathy shared with us that she has moved a lot. For her, home has not been where she is, but who she is with that makes it home. Paired with that are two special items in her home that have followed her as well. One is the origin of her quilting hobby which started with her paternal grandmother who used quilting as a source of income. Cathy shared with us 3 quilts her grandmother made for her. First was when she was 10. The next was for her collegev dorm room and the last was when she go married. These have followed Cathy through all ofher travels as an adult.





The second item that Cathy shared was a player piano that her mother's great grandparents brought over from Ireland. Originally operated by foot pumps, Cathy's father modernized it and now it plays with electricity. Cathy gave us a demonstration and we had fun singing Sweet Caroline and Rudolph the Rednosed Reindeer.







Sherry won the raffle prize which was music themed and included an insulated wine/coffee cup, a small notepad and a tiny music box that played "You are my Sunshine."



## ON A PERSONAL NOTE

Happiest of birthdays to Sylvia Chin, our September birthday girl.









Melinda and her sister had a Dad & Daughter Day at Minute Park for an Astros vs. Diamondbacks game. It was a fun time for the family but, unfortunately, the Astros lost that game despite an exciting rally. Astros fans forever. Go 'Stros!!







September 14th found Diane and Dan in New Orleans at their grandson Christian Lill and Bailey Campo's beautiful wedding. The middle photo is the groom and their son Brian (father of the groom). They all danced the night away! Last photo is the groom dancing with his cousin Lilla





Diane's cousin's daughter, McKinley Morris, married Harris Jeffords in Mobile, Al. The second picture of McKinley is with her mother Kim Morris. McKinley is wearing her mother's wedding dress from 30 years ago to the wedding rehearsal.

## LAUREATE IOTA OMEGA

REPORTER: BOBBIE VILES

Shirley Grass spent several days in Colorado Springs visiting her granddaughter Jessika. Lots of fun eating shopping and walking.











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Shirley's grandson proposed to his sweetheart Brylnn. She said yes. Wedding plans will be made soon!



## LAUREATE IOTA OMEGA....PAGE 3





Barbara Hupe's daughter Stacey was surprised with a beautiful email she received from a student she taught in 1st grade. The girl is now a sophomore in Ohio. Her volleyball coach does a game night where each team member brings her favorite teacher. The email went on to explain why she was her favorite teacher and was emotional to read. Stacey managed to go up for the game, and spent a few days with the family. Things like this help make a difficult job worth it,





## LAUREATE IOTA TAU

## REPORTER: LINDA DASPIT

No report this month.

## PRECEPTOR NU

#### REPORTER: SHAWN DORN AND CAROLYN MEEKS

Our September Chapter meeting was held at the Hilton Garden Inn on Tuesday, the  $17^{th}$ . Carina Hadnot did a wonderful job as hostess decorating the table in festive fall foliage. For desert she treated us each to Nothing But Bundt individual cakes. They were incredibly delicious



Shawn Dorn and Carolyn Meeks invited a guest, Natasha Williams to the meeting. She indicated that she found the group engaging and planned to return to our next meeting. Everyone seemed to really like Natasha. We hope she does return.

PN held their "Van Gogh & Vino" Social on August 25th at Pinot's Pallet in Katy, TX on Sunday, August 25th. It was filled with personal inspiration and creativity. The instructor exhibited initially how to. Then, the participants were left on their own to create on canvas their personal take on the object being painted. In this case, a vase filled with white flowers. The results were surprisingly very different from each participant; each with their own perspective of the subject, color palate of choices to coordinate with specific ideas in mind, and varied degrees of painting expertise in the development of their creations.







Several attended the the Van Goah and Vino Social and brought sweet treats and beverages as contributions to one of our "fav'ed" Service Projects; which is to show appreciation to the teachers and staff at Jane Long Elementary School by providing them with individual snack items and beverages. You might recall that Shirley Hyatt's niece, Katelyn Spano, is the Assistant Principal there. These donations are exactly what they would like to receive. These will help brighten their days and show our support for their hard work and dedication to the students.





Shawn Dorn was invited to join her big sister, Shela Murphy who resides in the Dallas/Ft. Worth area, on an Alaskan Cruise chartered by Effy Jewerly from August 18th through August 25th. The Holland America Cruise Ship was filled with a plethora of exquisite, fine Effy jewerly all awaiting to be purchased by those invited on the cruise with pricing for each piece being the incentive.





Our cruise was filled with fun and interesting people from all walks of life. Each day we all had a new dress theme to attempt to comply with. Day one aboard the ship was the Roaring 20s in white. Each stateroom was given one white feathered Boa to adorn their attire.

Our first new friends, Fabian & Diego:



We met another lovely couple from Kentucky, Chris and Claudia that soon a friendship developed.



We later became acquainted with more friends of theirs - Alexi, Greta & Scarlett.



First stop on the Cruise, Juneau, Alaska where we boarded a helicopter to take us to the dog



Sledding was ever so much fun. They even let us each "mush" the dogs for awhile.



Mendenhall Towers are more beautiful seen personally .



We spent nearly an entire day on our ship floating by beautiful sea glaciers



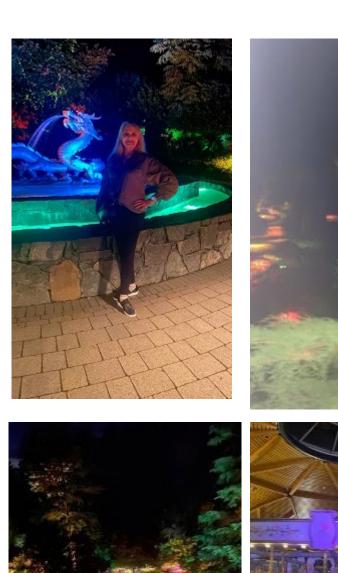
August 23<sup>rd</sup> the Ship docked in **Ketchikan**, **Alaska**. Shela and Shawn took the opportunity to go **Zip-lining**. It wasn't their first time to Zip-line. While high up in the trees they spied **two black bear**. One was feeding in the spring on fish and the other was walking in the pasture.







August  $24^{th}$  we docked in Victoria British Columbia after sunset. Shela had booked us a tour of the Buchart Gardens as she had been previously and had been impressed and thought I would be too. And, indeed I was. Even at night time they have the gardens all lit up. It is lovely. But I plan to go back and see the gardens in the daylight hours soon.





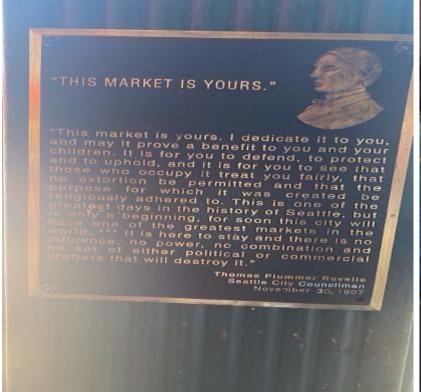








Our cruise ended in Portland on Sunday, August 25<sup>th</sup>. So since we had a bit of time before needing to get to the airport we decided to explore the bustling Portland Marketplace a bit.









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## XI ALPHA EPSILON OMEGA

REPORTER: JILL COBLE

Our XAEO "The Right Place to Be" journey continued during the month of September as the train left the station and we headed to Jill's house for our September Chapter meeting. As we pulled into the station, we were greeted with Kansas City BBQ on the menu for dinner which included all the fixin's of pulled pork, baked beans, coleslaw, potato salad and peach cobbler.







It was a lively meeting as we learned about upcoming socials and what adventures await us in the next few months.







We soon learned why we had Kansas City BBQ for dinner when Jill presented her program and "Dropped a Pin" on the place where she had been this year which she felt like was "the right place to be". It was "A Trip to Kansas" to visit Aunts, Uncle and Cousins which she hadn't seen for several years. Her Uncle is the last living brother on her Dad's side of the family. Jill shared a power point presentation with photos of her visits with family members. She also shared a visit to the Arabia Steamboat Museum which her Aunt Barbara took her to it. Jill was joined by LIO member, Joan Batts, on her trip.





At the close of her program, Jill gave each XAEO member initial luggage tags since our journeys will be taking us various locations during the year and always a good idea to have your your luggage identified.





OMEGA



Our meeting ended with each receiving a stamp in their passport.

XAEO Sisters enjoyed a night out with their Beta Buddies at Toddy Oaks for our September Social Event. The Texas Eagles - Eagles Tribute Band was in full swing. Great music and great friends.













During September, XAEO hosted a "Celebration of Life" at the home of Mark and Pam McDuffie in honor of Bobby Renteria, Danny Renteria's brother. A fall floral arrangement was created by the XAEO members for Cynde and Danny as a remembrance of Bobby. It was a beautiful experience when we released balloons sending messages to Bobby in heaven.























RIP Bobby

#### A word from our Members:

Renita and her daughter, Taylor enjoyed a summer Mediterranean Cruise taking in all the sights.



Inside the Colosseum in Rome



Trevi Fountain, Rome



The famous blue domes in Oia, Santorini Greece

Jeana had the opportunity to visit Colorado Springs with some of her best friends from Baton Rouge . They toured The Broadmoor Hotel and surrounding area on a Segway tour. Then a visit to the Garden of the Gods and Manitou Springs on a jeep tour - even a little off roading!!! Saw a magic show and enjoyed a Food Tour. She had a fabulous trip celebrating her friend Donna 60th birthday.













Jeana and Chris celebrated his 60th birthday on Sept 14 at Morton's in Conroe with Abigail and Grace.



Jill spent a week in September with friends in Mazatlán. While they were delayed a day in getting there by American Airlines, they still had a good time when they finally arrived. The week was spent relaxing, hanging out by the pool, shopping, taking a city tour and visiting some of the local establishments.





Pulmonia Taxis are unique to Mazatlán!









That's a wrap from Xi Alpha Epsilon Omega! Will see you next month.



## XI ALPHA ZETA

#### REPORTER: GIGI KENNELL

XAZ celebrated Beginning Day in Royal Style at McHugh Tea Room in Bellaire, Texas. We enjoyed several tasty treats and lip-smacking specialty teas. We received our beautiful new yearbooks, and we caught each other up on our summer escapades.



















A celebration of the decades – with the 3 F's Food – Fun – Fellowship. Kudos to our sweet sisters who threw a rocking and frolicking good time!

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XAZ ushered in Fall and welcomed September with our Chapter Birthday celebration at Lopez Mexican Restaurant.



Our Social in September found us playing "Ladies who Brunch" at Ole Railroad Café then off to wander through Historic Downtown Rosenberg.







## **MEMBER AT LARGE**

## REPORTER: JOYCE FRANK

It was "Take Me Out to the Ballgame" for Winona and XAEO Chapter member, Jill when they attended a recent Astros game with Second Baptist Church. While the Astros lost, we were still excited as the evening before they had clinched the American League West Title. Go 'Stros!!!





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