



# The Bustle

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## Beta Sigma Phi—Southwest Houston City Council

### President's Message

Dear sisters,

It's truly an honor to represent you as your 25-26 SWHCC president. As we close the 24-25 council year and begin another, I want to take a moment to express my sincere gratitude to the incredible individuals who have led us so well this past year.

To our outgoing president, Sandra Simpson, thank you. Your guidance, inspiration and selfless efforts have positively affected this council and made SWHCC "The Right Place to Be". Thank you for your dedication and for setting such a positive example for all of us. a positive example for all of us.

To the outgoing board and committee members, your passion and hard work have not gone unnoticed. You have each played a vital role in making this past year a success, and I am so grateful for your commitment. You've set a wonderful foundation for us to build upon.

I also want to thank Sherry Sweet and her Founder's Day committee for the wonderful event they organized to celebrate our Beta Sigma Phi heritage! Melinda pulled on some heart strings when she installed the new board and reminded us of the "Angels" who have gone before and are looking over us now. I love our new year's International theme of "Angels of Friendship" because it captures so well who we are as a sisterhood. To paraphrase our founder's granddaughter, Laura Ross Wingfield, "our smiles and acts of kindness not only make the world a better place but are worth the effort for the joy and gratitude we receive in return".

I look forward to serving and collaborating with all of you in the coming year. I truly believe we can achieve anything when we come together as sisters, and I'm excited about our journey.

I hope to see you at our May Council meeting on May 8th, as we will be sharing our plans for the coming year.

I am thy sister,

Jeanne Melton

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

### Editor Notes:

*Dear Sisters,*

*This is a first of many firsts for the Sweet sisters in the upcoming months. Sherry and I have decided to try our hands at publishing the Bustle. We have big shoes to fill following previous editors like Jill Coble and Melinda Montgomery. We are blessed that both have been so willing in helping us to get our feet wet.*

*Please bear with us as we take our first foray into this important part of our sorority and sisterhood.*

*We are thy sisters,  
Karen Sweet-Angel  
Sherry Sweet*

### Council Meeting



The next council meeting will be Thursday, May 9th. 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.

### Hostess Schedule 2024 -2025

May 9, 2025—XAZ Chapter



friends:  
MAKE  
—THE—  
WORLD  
beautiful

## April Southwest Houston City Council Meeting

April once again found us enjoying Beta Buzz before proceeding to the council business meeting. XAEO hosted the meeting and did not disappoint with an entertaining presentation of one of their favorite meetings/events. They dazzled us with their own rendition of a Dolly Parton Extravaganza. And Lucky Chris Jones won the 50/50.









## FOUNDER'S DAY 2025 THE CLUB AT FALCON POINT

April 26, 2025, what a beautiful day it was to celebrate the 94th annual Founder's Day with our sisters in the Southwest Houston City Council. Everyone looked beautiful in their spring attire. With a theme of "BSP, The Place to Be Around the World," the decorations reflected active chapters in countries around the world including: Australia, Canada, Germany, Mexico, Scotland and Greece. Also included was the US with Missouri, Ala ska and Hawaii.







After lunch we had several games of BSP Bingo with numerous winners and each prize reflected one of the countries represented that day. Cathy Wilson was our host/caller.





Honoring our  
past presidents.



Installation of  
our new 2025-  
2026 SWHCC  
officers.



\*Jill Coble standing in  
for Pam McDuffie



## WOMAN OF THE YEAR 2025



ADT : Melinda Montgomery



XAZ Jeanne Murray



XAEO Renita Hudson



PN Linda Nolty



LIO Brbara Hupe

## SISTER WITH SOMETHING EXTRA 2025 SANDRA SIMPSON



## APRIL SOCIAL

"Life is more fun if you play games."

The ADT April Social found us at Play House Meurer for a day of frolicking, camaraderie and just plain fun. Everyone joined in on the Red Solo Cup Olympics. We played Musical Solo Cups, Simon Says, M&M Cup Transfer, Ballon or Bust, flip the Cup and Marshmellow Blow to name a few. Everyone had fun and there were experts in each category.





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Some of the Solo Cup Olympics' Medalists



Girls just want to have fun.



## APRIL MEETING

Our April meeting found us in the home of Barbara Meurer. Prior to the meeting, we enjoyed a dinner of a bevy of salads that included spinach with strawberries, broccoli salad, pasta salad and carrots,



April was also a Secret Sister gift exchange month. Everyone was very happy with their new treasures.





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Barbara told us about some things from her childhood and it included some of the houses she lived in. She has been in residence in her current house for 33 years. She became a mom and raised her children there, followed her kids through soccer and other events, and joined BSP and other organizations while there. She told an amusing story about her brother teasing her about getting a block of wood for Christmas from him. And he did just that. She would hold and squeeze it every day and it was always the gift she opened first. She kept receiving it until one year when she gave it away, so he made another one. Even going as far as having a block of wood wedding. These blocks of wood followed her throughout her life.



In April, ADT celebrated 5 years as a Chapter. We look forward to celebrating many more.



Diane and Sylvia won the evening's raffle prizes.

## SERVICE

Our third service project for the year took us to The Ballard House in Katy, Texas, the second time we have been there. The Ballard House provides a home away from home, offering no-cost temporary housing for individuals and caregivers undergoing treatment in the Houston area- a comforting refuge on the path to healing.

The theme was a Texan Barbeque and we provided pulled pork and chicken, baked beans, potato salad, tossed salad, macaroni and cheese, bread, drinks and dessert that included cakes and assorted cookies.





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ADT sisters at Founder's Day 2025 and recognizing our Woman of the Year, Melinda Montgomery. Definitely a well deserved honor.

### ON A PERSONAL NOTE

Happiest of birthdays to Carol Trujillo, and Sherry Sweet, our April birthday girls.





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Melinda and her family made their annual trek to Washington on the Brazos State Park for a picnic on Easter weekend. Unfortunately, they were too late for pictures with the bluebonnets. They grilled out, had great food and fun playing corn hole. Chelsea (Melinda's niece) made an Easter cookie cake with buttercream icing, which has now become her new creative outlet. It was as delicious as it was beautiful.

On Easter Sunday 2025, Sylvia



# LAUREATE IOTA OMEGA

REPORTER: BOBBIE VILES

No report.



## FRIENDLY VENTURES MEET & GREET EVENT APRIL 5<sup>th</sup>



Our Friendly Ventures Chairman, Shawn Dorn arranging the game & drawing prizes upon the reception table around the name tags for our invited guests.



Table sporting Spiral Ham slices, cherry tomatoes, sour dough bread, condiments of mayo, mustard, incldg. gourmet pickles, bowl of chips, large plate of gourmet bread shaped as hearts, gourmet cookies, gourmet jellybeans, sweet & unsweet tea, ice, cups, plates, napkins (luncheon & cocktail) and flatware.



A most deluxe charcuterie spread compliments of Linda Nolt's efforts & Mickie Wright's adds, include Dried fruits & almonds, Macaroons, Grapes, Spinach Dip and Pita Chips, a Salami & Cheese Tray, a Veggie Tray with Ranch Dip, a Fruit Tray, Guacamole & chips, Pretzels, and Black Olives.,



Each place setting place settings included: satin napkin, wrapped wine glass filled with chocolates, a diamond Emory Board, a "Pray for Sister" bookmark, and a flower adorned fountain pen, sitting atop a ruled note pad, a personal fan and dark chocolate kisses as scatter over the table area.

Total Wine treated us all to a short wine presentation including some delicious samplings of both red and white wines.



### Pray for sister

Heavenly Father, I pray for my sister today. Please give her peace and strength in her life. No matter what challenges she faces, guide her and give her wisdom and courage. Lord, may she feel Your love and presence, and find hope and direction under Your guidance. Protect her, bless her decisions, and let her experience Your grace and kindness every day. In Jesus' name,

Amen.



### NEW MEMBERS



FRANCHESCA SAUN-



YVONNE



BEVERLY SAUN-



DIANE KELLY



Attendees, of whom three of the four pictured here have promised to give membership strong consideration. Tina Zelaya, Lowry Benz & Houng Young

The Meet & Greet event was an enormous success, with 22 attendees despite a challenging weather forecast. The afternoon started with fun ice breakers where several guests won prizes, followed by an engaging wine presentation and tasting from Total Wine. Linda Noltz and Michelle Lovelace then delivered an inspiring presentation about BSP. The event concluded with a unique game where everyone shared a personal skill or trait, leading to wonderful revelations about each other. Attendees clearly enjoyed themselves, as evidenced by receiving three membership applications at the event and a fourth the next day.



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The Friendly Ventures Committee, affectionately called "*The Magnificent Seven*," went above and beyond to make the event special, fun, and memorable. Their teamwork and quick adaptability ensured a seamless experience, even when plans shifted unexpectedly. The results speak for themselves, highlighting their dedication and expertise.



### PN's APRIL MEETING, A HOPPING GOOD TIME!



Everything Easter, with hoards of rabbits and brilliantly colored plastic eggs of all sizes and flowered adorned hats, Mickie Wright never fails to impress us all with her boundless creativity. As hostess for our April meeting, she made every effort to impress and did not miss a beat in creating the ultimate Easter Meeting environment. She even served us all Carrot Cake following our meeting.



As part of her program about the visually impaired, we all played a challenging game involving makeup, false eyelashes, fake fingernails, and art. The challenge was to apply all without the use of a mirror and to draw on one's cheek the shape of an object, yes, without a mirror. The results were hilarious





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Before the



After the



Easter Services at St. Martin's Episcopal never disappoints.

Max and Chloe' insisted on putting on their Easter attire. Then, reluctantly consented to having their picture taken





## FAMILY



Mickie's two Great Grand-girls with their Grannie & Pappaw's Easter gifts. They've both got their "Happy Face" from Pat!



Linda Rather and her daughter, Julie spent Saturday, before Easter enjoying the Elephant Displays at its Houston stop in Herman Park.





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FOUNDER's DAY LUNCHEON, April 26, 2025



Saturday's Founders Day Luncheon was beautiful. We celebrated our "Woman of the Year," Linda Nolt; and, Sandra Simpson, as our "Sister with Something Extra." The flower arrangements that Mickie custom made were gorgeous. Everyone was deeply impressed by their beauty and by Mickie's heartfelt creation, made with genuine love and affection as a beautiful gift for two of our most deserving sisters.



# XI ALPHA EPSILON OMEGA

REPORTER: JILL COBLE

## Xi Alpha Epsilon Omega Chapter Report

Our BSP journey continued during the month of April as Xi Alpha Epsilon Omega traveled to the home of Beverly Crawford for our April Chapter meeting. Arriving at Beverly's, we immediately felt like we were at the coast which later we learned was the Alabama coast.



Beverly prepared a delicious meal of King Ranch Casserole and Salad which we all enjoyed. After all of that, we had to wait a little while before enjoy dessert



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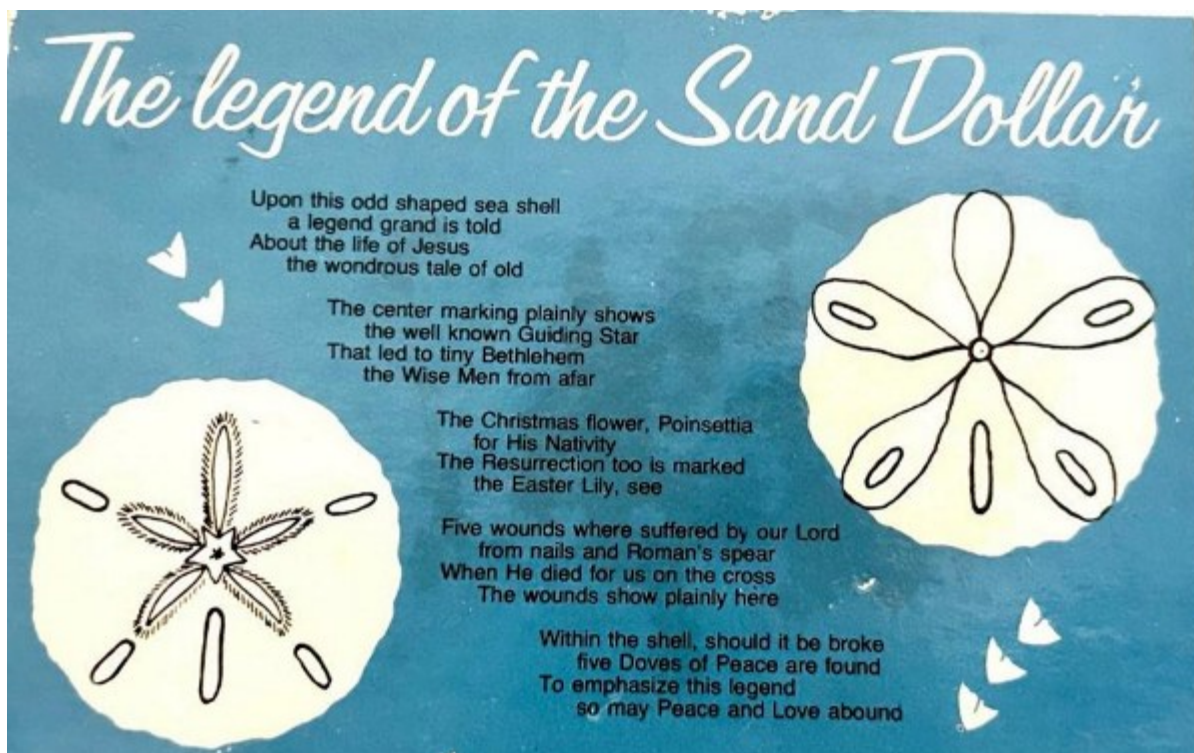


In keeping with our program theme of what is your "right place to be" Beverly shared with the Chapter her time spent at the Gulf Shores in Alabama. Her time spent at the Shores includes collecting sea shells (yes, we listen to a few of them to see if we could hear the ocean)

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Beverly also likes to collect sand dollars and shared "The Legend of the Sand Dollar" with us. How appropriate it was to have it read with Easter being just a few days away.





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Renita was the lucky winner of the door-prize. A wonderful smelling candle.

The evening ended with Beverly giving each XAEO member a beautiful ornament she made out of the shells she has collected. Each ornament was different, which really made it special.



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What better way to spend a Saturday than with XAEO Sisters. Our April social took us "across the pond" for Mid Day Tea at The St. Regis Houston. We celebrated the beauty of spring and friendship in the iconic Tea Lounge, enjoying the St. Regis Tea Ritual offering a selection of sweet and savory food items. And of course, we enjoyed steaming cups of artisan St. Regis tea blends while listening to soothing music by a harpist. We added to the fun by having a glass (or two) of sparkling wine.





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### *A word from our members:*

Jeana supported her favorite peeps at the 2025 Running with your Peeps 5K run! Her daughter Abigail and friend Oscar Ferrero enjoyed a beautiful Saturday morning fun run. We made it a family affair and even made our own "Shout Out" sign.



Until next month,  
XAE0 Sisters



# XI ALPHA ZETA

REPORTER: GIGI KENNEL

XAZ meeting in APRIL was held at Sister Ann Jones' home with Jeanne Melton as Co-hostess. - The XAZ ladies enjoyed catching up with each other and welcomed guest former XAZ sister Debbie Harris! Much Merriment ensued!



Ann Jones and Jeanne Melton- Our Hostesses



The fabulous ladies of XAZ



L to R Debbie Harris, Diana Rayle, Jeanne Melton, Lori Bownds



Gigi Kennel



L to R Joan Ferguson, Miriam Langford, Rita Mayo, Jeanne Murray.

Ann showing off her "Favorite Place to Be" hat from our XAZ Beginning Day Tea



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The zany ladies of XAZ descended upon Ramble Creek Grill in Missouri City for our Social meeting Ann Jones was our hostess and Jeanne Melton served as Co-hostess. - We all enjoyed the tasty menu that sported a Cajun flair. We were joined again with former XAZ sister Debbie Harris!

Much Merriment ensued!



L to R Ann Jones, Debbie Harris, Lori Bownds, Gigi Kennell, Joan Ferguson, Jeanne Melton, and Diana Rayle

The newest BSP Legacy was born. Jeanne Melton's daughter gave birth to a beautiful baby girl- welcome to the world Marlene "Marley" Marks.





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XAZ would like to give a rousing round of applause to the Founder's Day committee - the event was an absolute triumph! We even had 2 sisters with like minds and fashion senses!



## MEMBER AT LARGE

REPORTER: JOYCE FRANK

### SWHCC May 2025 Bustle

#### Members at Large

Winona L, Joyce C, Joyce F, and Carole S enjoyed their monthly lunch together at the Union Kitchen in April. We missed Judy S. this month.



Attending the SWHCC Founder's Day Luncheon was Winona L, Carole S. and Joyce F.





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REPORTER: JOYCE FRANK



Joyce Frank took her Daughter, Deanna out for dinner for her birthday on April 16, 2025. Of course, it was her favorite, Mexican Food.



Joyce Frank enjoyed a family Easter Lunch with her daughter, Deanna, Grandson Christopher & his new bride Katlyn, and Granddaughter Anna at Goodson & Son, Tomball,



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