



The Bustle

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Beta Sigma Phi—Southwest Houston City Council President's Message

Dear Sisters,

Spring is here! Azaleas are blooming, March Madness is winding down, and we are preparing for one of our most important traditions Founder's Day. I hope you plan to attend on April 26 at Falcon Point Country Club.

Founder's Day marks the end of one sorority year and the beginning of the new year. We will be meeting all the Women of the Year and learn the identity of the Sister With Something Extra. The new SWHCC board for the coming year will be installed. This event has always been one of my favorites in Beta Sigma Phi.

It has been my privilege to serve as your president this year. I was fortunate to have a talented team of officers. All of our events have been very successful this year and I'm proud of the committee leaders and members who made them fun and memorable. My thanks to all.

I appreciate the trust and confidence you placed in me to lead such an amazing organization of women. My life has been made richer and more meaningful by participating in Beta Sigma Phi. Love you all.

I am thy sister.

Sandra



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This and That.....News from Council

Editor Notes:

This will be my last edition as your Bustle Editor. This is my second time around as serving as the Editor. I think this time, I've done it for four or five years, so it is now time to turn it over to someone else.

I want to thank each of the Chapter Reporters for their monthly reports. We wouldn't have a Bustle if it wasn't for you. I know how difficult it is to get news sometimes from your members so I appreciate your efforts for getting your report written and to me.

Thanks for allowing me to serve as the Editor these past years. I've enjoyed it!

To the new Editor, just let me know if you have any questions. I'm always glad to help you out.

Gill

Council Meeting



The next council meeting will be Thursday, April 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.

Hostess Schedule 2024 -2025

April 10, 2025—Xi Alpha Epsilon Omega

May 9, 2025—2025-2026 Executive Board



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March Southwest Houston City Council Meeting





THE RIGHT PLACE TO BE
BETA SIGMA PHI
94TH ANNUAL FOUNDER'S DAY



THE CLUB AT FALCON POINT
24503 FALCON POINT DRIVE
KATY, TEXAS 77494
SATURDAY, APRIL 26, 2025 11:00AM-2:00PM

MARCH SOCIAL

Goat yoga: the perfect way to unwind and recharge.
Warning: Goat yoga may cause excessive laughter and uncontainable joy.

Our ADT March social took us to Brookshire, Texas and the Rose Therapeutic Farm. Their mission is to **encourage well-being by allowing the community to escape the city and experience the "simple life" surrounded by nature and farm animals.** They provide a home to over 200 animals and offer a variety of activities including: farm day pass, behind the scenes farm experience, farm life summer program, crafting on the farm, birthday parties, baby goat cuddling and cow cuddling. We, however, were there for one of their most popular programs **GOAT YOGA**. When we first arrived and walked into the enclosure, the animals came running. They were quite comfortable being around us and enjoyed the attention we gave them, including scratches, rubs and hugs.



Before the yoga started, we all had a chance for some one-on-one baby goat cuddling.



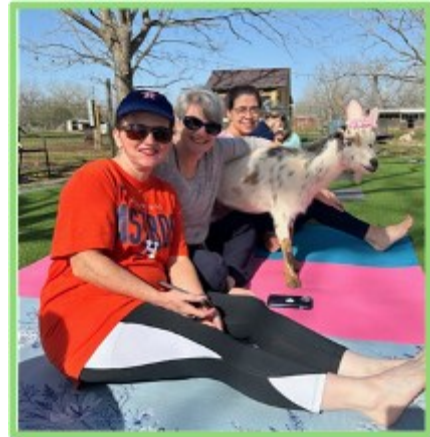
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And then it was time for a warm-up session. I'm not sure if it was for us or the goats!



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When it came time for yoga, some of us had "friends" join us on our mats as we went into moves like downward dog. Check out Melinda's (she's in the orange) little friend.



. After yoga, we were treated to Mimosas by the farm. Melinda also provided a lunch of sandwiches, chips, and fruit. As we ate, some of the other farm animals stopped by to say hello.



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What an amazing day. The weather was perfect, we were surrounded by nature, the animals were adorable and we got to spend some quality time with our sisters. As the day came to an end, it was hard saying goodbye to our new friends.



MARCH MEETING

On Monday March 17, we found ourselves at the home of Cynthia Rogan for our monthly meeting and celebrating St. Patrick's Day, Cynthia did not disappoint from her decorations to the amazing food she served.



We started the evening with a delicious dinner, consisting of Irish delicacies that included, Shepard's Pie, Soda bread, and Bangers and "Mash." There was also green salad, cut veggies and a lovely fresh fruit mix. For dessert, sticky toffee cake.



Everyone agreed it was a great way to celebrate the day. The rest of the evening was spent with general chapter business including upcoming social events and chapter Woman of the Year.

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Cynthia presented a program Ireland: People, Events and a series of coincidences! While living in England, the first Special Olympic was to take place in Dublin, Ireland. Cynthia's niece was competing in swimming. Cynthia and her family, including her young daughter, went to watch and cheer their niece/cousin during the opening ceremony. Cynthia's daughter was dressed up and was up front excitedly jumping and waving the American flag. Unfortunately, there was a snafu and the event did not get recorded by the family. However, as Cynthia and her family enter a cab, the cabbie said, "I saw you on tv," talking about Andrea. The cab driver's mother happened to record the show so Cynthia gave him money and her niece's address so she and the other athletes could see themselves at the opening ceremony.

Cathy and Sherry won the two raffle prizes. Congratulations ladies.



LAUREATE IOTA OMEGA

REPORTER: BOBBIE VILES

No report.



March has been a whirlwind of events, all seemingly happening at once. This year kicked off with the annual Barbecue Cook-off on the weekend of March 1st, followed closely by Mardi Gras and the Houston Livestock Show and Rodeo (HLS&R), both starting on March 4th.

Stacy Elias underwent surgery on March 5th, while Carina and Steven Hadnot celebrated their anniversary on March 8th—congratulations to them! Daylight Saving Time, which always throws everyone off, occurred on March 9th. The SWHCC Meeting took place on March 13th, and St. Patrick's Day was celebrated on March 17th.

On March 18th, Preceptor NU held its chapter meeting, followed by Mickie and Roy Wright's anniversary on March 19th—congratulations again! March 20th marked the first day of Spring in 2025, and the HLS&R officially wrapped up on March 23rd, although many volunteers continued their efforts beyond that date. Lastly, the deadline for this newsletter is today, March 30th.

As Shakespeare aptly said, "Beware the ides of March!"



Houston Bar-B-Que Cook-off Highlights

On Saturday, March 2nd, Shawn Dorn and friend, Yvonne Vasquez enjoyed a memorable moment at the Houston Bar-B-Que Cook-off. They were spotted posing in front of the PBR Cooker's Team, where Linda Nolty volunteers. This event was part of the larger Houston Livestock Show and Rodeo, which featured the World's Championship Bar-B-Que Contest. Over 250 teams competed in various categories, highlighting the best of Texas BBQ.



Pictured is the outstanding **Commercial Exhibits Committee (CXC)** 2025 Team, featuring dedicated volunteers Jill Coble and Shawn Dorn at the Houston Livestock Show and Rodeo (HLS&R).

The CXC team plays a vital role in the Show's operations by working closely with commercial exhibitors across inside and outside venues. Their responsibilities include:

Ensuring exhibitors meet contractual requirements.

- Auditing vendors operating on a percentage basis.
- Assisting vendors and Show management with exhibitor-related concerns.

This committee exemplifies the spirit of volunteerism that drives the success of HLS&R.



FRIENDLY VENTURES COMMITTEE

Upcoming Event: Meet and Greet We are excited to announce our first Meet and Greet event, scheduled for Saturday, April 5, 2025, from 1 pm to 4 pm. The event will be held at Total Wine in the Colony Square Shopping Center, Sugar Land, TX.

RSVP Update

As of our latest update, we have fourteen (14) confirmed RSVP'ed guests. Additionally, three (3) of our guests will be accompanied by a possible friend each; and, we are awaiting responses from three (3) more invitees.

We look forward to seeing you and your guests there! Please let us know if and how many plan to attend - as soon as possible. If you have any questions or need more information, please don't hesitate to reach out to Shawn Dorn, Chair of the Committee.



A Delicious Lunch, "Where Elegance Meets Southern", at Davis Street at Hermann Park Restaurant

On March 9th, Natasha Williams and Shawn Dorn enjoyed a fantastic lunch at Davis Street Restaurant, located at 5925 Almeda Road, Houston, TX 77004. The culinary experience was truly superb. We were also impressed by their themed happy hours, including "Wine and Whiskey Wednesdays". We're looking forward to returning for their "Throw Back Thursdays" themed happy hour.

Pictured left are Natasha, "The" Mr. Davis, and Shawn.



On March 11th, Ann Jones and Shawn Dorn savored a delightful lunch together at the newly opened **Sapporo Hibachi and Sushi Restaurant**, situated in the vibrant Fort Bend Town Center complex at 20340 Fort Bend Parkway Toll Road, Missouri City, TX 77459. This restaurant offers a blend of traditional Japanese cuisine and modern hibachi grilling, featuring fresh sushi, hibachi stations, and a full bar. It offers some quite tempting all you can eat meals with the caveat, no "to goes" on leftovers.



Sister Spotlight: Ellie at SWHCC Meeting

Ellie, the charming granddaughter of Dr. Lizette Polk, stole the show at our SWHCC Meeting on Thursday, March 13th. Adorned in Mickie Wright's stylish straw hat, Ellie's sweet personality and captivating presence lit up the room. Her youthful energy and adorable smile made her an instant delight among attendees. We're thrilled to share this special moment with our sorority family!



Spotlight on Style at HLS&R

Natasha Williams made a stylish appearance at one of the many Houston Livestock Show and Rodeo performances, turning heads with her chic cowboy attire. She looked absolutely amazing, blending rodeo flair with modern style.



SHALL WE PLAY A GAME?

PN's Chapter Meeting was held Tuesday, March 18th at The Hilton Garden Inn, Sugar Land, TX

Our recent meeting program centered around the theme of "Childhood Memories." Each of us brought along cherished photos and keepsakes, sharing joyful moments, family, friends, and experiences that defined our childhood.

We took turns describing memorable events and the toys we adored as children.



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The sharing included pictures and even the actual toys, games, and favorite candies from our youth. The event was not only a nostalgic journey down memory lane but also an opportunity to learn more about our sisters—insights we might have otherwise never discovered. It was truly heartwarming to gain a deeper understanding of our fellow sisters.



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Preceptor Nu extends warm wishes that all our sisters have a joyous Easter holiday, filled with hope, love, and grace.



You Are Invited: Celebrating Women's Empowerment

Join us at our beautiful new church building located at 1215 Mahlmann Street, Rosenberg, TX 77471, where Pastor Blaine and Dr. Lizette Polk Wright recently hosted an inspiring Woman's Day Service on Sunday, March 30th at 1:00 pm. The highlight of the event was Little Miss Ellie's brave introduction of Dr. Lizette, setting the tone for a powerful message.

"We extend a heartfelt invitation to all members of the sorority to join us for future services, where we celebrate community, faith, and empowerment. Come experience the warmth and camaraderie of our congregation!"

XI ALPHA EPSILON OMEGA

REPORTER: JILL COBLE

We were off to "Ireland" during the month of March as we celebrated St Patrick's Day at the home of Cynde Renteria.



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The highlight for the evening was watching as our two sisters, Beverly and Jeana, received their Ritual of Jewels degree.



Cynde presented her program as the "Right Place to Be" being a trip to Biltmore Estate in Asheville, North Carolina this past December. She shared with members pictures from the trip and the estate.



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Our evening ended with a Secret Sister exchange with a Texas theme gifted.

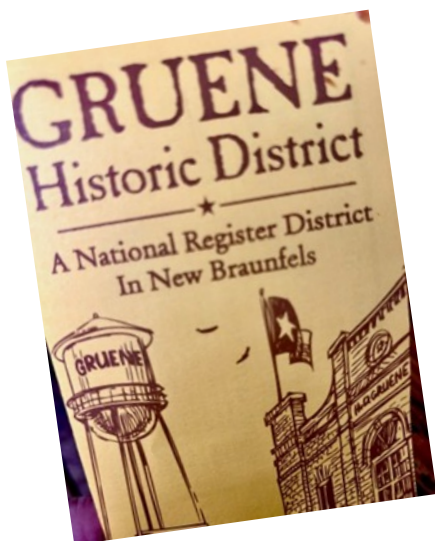


It was "On the Road Again" as our XAEO adventures continued during the month of March as we traveled to Canyon Lake, TX for our Girls Weekend. Of course, we had a few stops along the way before reaching our final destination. First, was a little shopping at Rhinestone Angel in Flatonia.



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Then on to Gruene where we enjoyed lunch at the Grist Mill. Of course, after lunch came more shopping. What better way to finish up in Gruene than with a visit to GrueneTini for a drink or two.



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Hmmmm.....why isn't my drink coming up through this straw???? Oh, right, that is the stick holding my olives. And this was just the first martini!



It was then time to check in at our "hotel" for the weekend....the beautiful Canyon Lake home of Beverly and Kent Crawford. What a view!! And even while the lake is down, it was still beautiful to sit on the deck and look out at the water (and the deer).

After settling in, it was time for Happy Hour (after all, it had been at least an hour since we had a drink..haha). Social committee members, Renita and Jeana, organized a delicious charcuterie board.



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We rounded out the evening with a "little pampering" with a "Darling....YOU LOOK FAB-U-LOUS" facial.



On Saturday, we were back on the road again as we traveled into New Braunfels to the Farmers Market and other shopping. Before heading out of town and back to Beverly's, we stopped at Cowboys and Cadillacs Rooftop Bar & Grill.



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We were off to Gennaro's Trattoria for dinner; then a movie night back at Beverly's to conclude our day.



It was a quick weekend and before we knew it, we were packing up for our trip home. But wait, a couple more stops as we just hadn't done enough shopping. It was a quick stop by San Marcos Premium Outlets to Brighton Outlet and Chicos, followed by a stop at Belks.

Wow, we all bought the same earrings at Brighton. Maybe we will be giving them to each other as a Secret Sister gift.

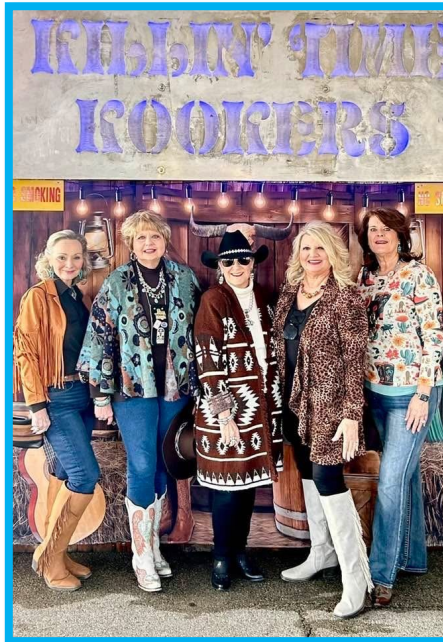


A big THANK YOU goes to Beverly for her warm hospitality and allowing XAEO Sisters to have our first girls weekend trip at her beautiful home. And thanks also goes out to our Social Committee, Jeana and Renita, for all the work they did in planning our fun weekend.

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A Word from our Members:

A few of the Xi Alpha Epsilon Omega Sisters decked out in Western attire and attended the Houston Livestock Show and Rodeo Barbeque Cookoff



Jeana and Jill both volunteer on Rodeo Committees so they spent lots of time at NRG during the rodeo.



XI ALPHA ZETA

REPORTER: GIGI KENNEL

XAZ meeting in March was held at Gigi's home with Jeanne Murray as Co-hostess. – We dined on Muffalettas and King cake!



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XAZ ladies Lori Bownds, Joan Ferguson, Miriam Langford, and Rita Mayo went Cruisin' with the Stars headlining Elvis Tribute Artists Vince King, David Allen, Nick Perkins, Hunter Cole, with special guest 7-year-old Eli King on the Carnival Breeze. The group was treated to a specialty steak dinner where Lori and Miriam chose smoked oysters and after reviewing the picture we had a big laugh over the illusion.



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Our March Social meeting was held at The Brass Tap in Katy Happy Hour Fellowship and Trivia!



MEMBER AT LARGE

REPORTER: JOYCE FRANK

Joyce F enjoyed lunch in March with her Lamar Consolidated High School class of '58 classmates, spouses, and friends at Olive Garden, Roseberg. They get together every other month for lunch, enjoying catching up, friendship and good food.



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