

*Beta Sigma Phi
Southwest Houston City Council*

February 2011

The Bustle

President's Message

Dear Sisters,

January was another fun meeting for our sisters in SWHCC!

Joan and Jill did a fabulous job introducing our glamorous sweethearts. It's always so special to watch as each chapter cheers for their sweetheart....what a special time in our BSP lives.

All of us danced the Cupid Shuffle in preparation for our "Big Night" at the ball. I think, Winona, Terry and I finally got the moves down by the time we got to the end of the song.

Xi Phi Gamma sisters were the hostesses for the evening and they served delicious pizza and wonderful treats. It was great to learn how each of these ladies became involved in BSP and to hear their comments about how special our organization is to each of them.

I am so looking forward to spending the evening with all of you as we honor our sweethearts at our "Dance With the Stars Gala" at the beautiful Renaissance Hotel!

Happy Valentine to all!

I am thy sister,
Duang Putnam

REMINDER
Council Meeting
Thursday, February 10th
7 p.m.



Thanks to Kim Butner of XPG for making the beautiful Valentine bouquets for Oasis.

Happy Valentine's Day Sisters and Friends!

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**February
Service Projects
at Oasis**

Decorations:
Xi Phi Gamma

Ice Cream Social:
Preceptor Laureate Beta
Lambda

Alpha Xi Theta

AXT had our social/meeting at Sue Jolly's home in January. Since we're still in the "growth" stage, we really haven't had any type of business meeting. However, we do go over things that are up and coming in the SWHCC. We are also in the process of doing some community service.

I was totally surprised by the "goodies" that I received at our meeting. Since I have the honor of being our chapter's sweetheart, I was showered with flowers, candy and a beautiful glass heart, cute coffee mug along with coffee! My sisters all signed a card that truly touched my heart. Sue had baked the best tasting Valentine cupcakes!!! I have to say that I've been truly blessed with my sisters of AXT.

After our meeting, we adjourned to Sue's kitchen table where we created crosses adorned with beads. Some of us were really detailed and careful with our crosses and those turned out wonderful. Others of us (me) wasn't as detailed but my cross came out just as good if I say so myself. It was a very productive/fun evening.

Next month AXT will be meeting at Mary Wright's home. It's always a fun filled evening when you get AXT together. We've been brainstorming on how to make our chapter grow and we've come up with some good ideas. It's just been difficult doing this ourselves, but as the saying goes... "If it's meant to be, it's up to me!"

Submitted by Susan LeJune

I'm sorry to say that I won't be able to make the Sweetheart Ball. It sounds terrific and I know everyone will have a fantastic time. I'll be in Hattiesburg, MS watching my daughter play softball! Oh one side note..... my daughter Leslie was voted by the coaches of Conference USA to be on the Preseason All Conference Team! That's a great honor!

AXT signing off!

Preceptor Laureate Beta Lambda

Saturday afternoon, January 15, PLBL entertained our sisters of Beta Lambda Phi with an Afternoon Tea Party at the home of Carole Sandoval. The guests arrived ready for an afternoon of tea and fellowship with lovely hats. Each member of PLBL brought 2 cups and saucers and as a BLP sister was served tea, by Grace Wallace, their selected cup and saucer mate was the owner of that cup! The table held the usual tea delicacies of cucumber sandwiches, scones with Devonshire cream, lemon cups with lemon curd, chocolate cake balls, fudge and assorted cookies.

Winona LaBrant-Smith gave a brief history of serving tea and also the Beta Sigma Phi tradition of a Preferential Tea as well as many Spring Teas. PLBL gave brief stories of their cup and saucer... everything from porcelain, wedding china, family china to garage sale finds! Carole Sandoval shared a family "baby cup" and saucer of gold with a scalloped edge that was given to her Mother, Dessie Fisher Zoch, on her first birthday making the cup & saucer 96 years old!

Everyone agreed the tea experience was a special time for meeting, visiting and learning with new Sisters and we look forward to the next time we are together.

PLBL sisters and husbands are looking forward to the Super Bowl party on Feb. 6th at Grace Wallace's house. She and Carol Sherwood are hosting it. It will be casual with Subway sandwiches and other goodies. Those that don't care for the game can enjoy the commercials.

A special Birthday for Joyce Frank was on Jan. 11th when she turned 71. She still feels like a kid at heart, living every day to it's fullest. Her daughter and grandkids sent flowers and she thanks all her friends and family that sent cards and well wishes.

Mary Horton appreciates getting elected as chapter Sweetheart. She and Tom were just unable to attend the dance. She hopes that all that attend have a good time.

Joyce Chriss is still in Iowa taking care of her mother. She will be there most of the

Submitted by Grace Wallace

month of February.

Gwen VanZant is still under treatment for her cancer. Grace Wallace has to have another shot in her spine. So far so good with the rest of us.

Winona LaBrant and Marvin Smith will be journeying to Texas Tech Friday, February 25th to attend a dinner being held by the University to honor their son-in-law, Christopher A. Zook, as a Prestigious alumni in his field of business. This is a new award the University is presenting as Christopher has been honored previously for an Outstanding Graduate. Lisa and Christopher will be journeying to Washington, D. C. to attend the "C" Club Conference and Winona and Marvin will bring their grandson, CAZ, back to attend his classes at St. Thomas High School.

Preceptor Nu

Hello Friends!!! And that means all of you! Can't explain how good it feels on a low day to know I can turn to a multitude of folks if I have a need. Course we're pretty big in PN, but if you add City Council, our lives are enriched exponentially.

Weather is getting better, but at our last meeting, it was a "three dog night!" Thankfully we had our meeting and dined at the Pat Roberts Diner...and what did she fix...a giant kettle of homemade soup. It was so good...I went back for seconds...and the apple pie for dessert was also what the doctor ordered! Most of us were there, and the meeting was splendid...Sandra Simpson stepped in for Ruth...and did her assignment well.

The best part of the month has to be our celebratory luncheon for our most beautiful sweetheart...Lois LaRose!!! For something different, we all dined at Carmello's Brunch on Memorial Drive. No low calorie things there, but oh soooooo good. As usual,

Shirley had the place looking like a "fairylad." Lois wore her "alter-ego" glasses that really belong to "Bloomers" and sat proudly next to her handsome "feller," Guy. It was a treat for all.

With our continual celebration of friends and family, Happy Birthday to Judy Boyum! Several of her PN buddies made the day very special...Judy deserves to be treated special...she's a great "sister"! Pecan Grove had just the right ambiance to make it a memorable time. Speaking of birthdays...a couple of PN ladies will reach a "pillar" year soon... but since we don't get older, we just get better...we won't say who or when the special days are related to.

Don't forget to join all for Dancing with the Stars!!!! It looks like a red letter evening and I know we all want to show our support for Lois as she dances down the red carpet. It's been awhile, but I will never forget the smiles and cheers from my own

Submitted by Carolyn Meeks

PN the night I was honored to be our Sweetheart. My kids still talk about how wonderful it was to have all of you there...gave me a chance to show off my special friends and their spouses...Hope to see y'all there.

Time to head for Mickey D's for the grand-kids dinners...yes, I know I should cook... but it's the fun time I love. Stay safe and come back next month.

God Bless...Friends...

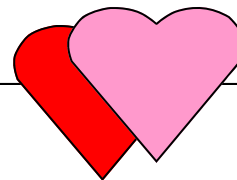
Beta Lambda Phi

Missing you!

Xi Alpha Zeta

And you and you and you!

"Sisterhood is many things. It's a warm smile on a cold and rainy day, a friendly hug, a cheerful hello... It's all that a good and lasting friendship is, only better. It's treasured. It's sacred. It's knowing that there will always be someone there for you. It's dreams shared, and goals achieved. It's counting on others and being counted on. It is real."



“Happenings Around Council”



PN sisters honor their Sweetheart Lois LaRose with a celebratory brunch.



Birthday celebrations



Announcing the Sweethearts...



Jill Coble and Joan Batts, Co-Chairs
announce the "stars"



Dianne Giagnacovo, BLP



Vicky Ryan, BLB



Debbie Harris, XAZ



Sue Carson, XEE

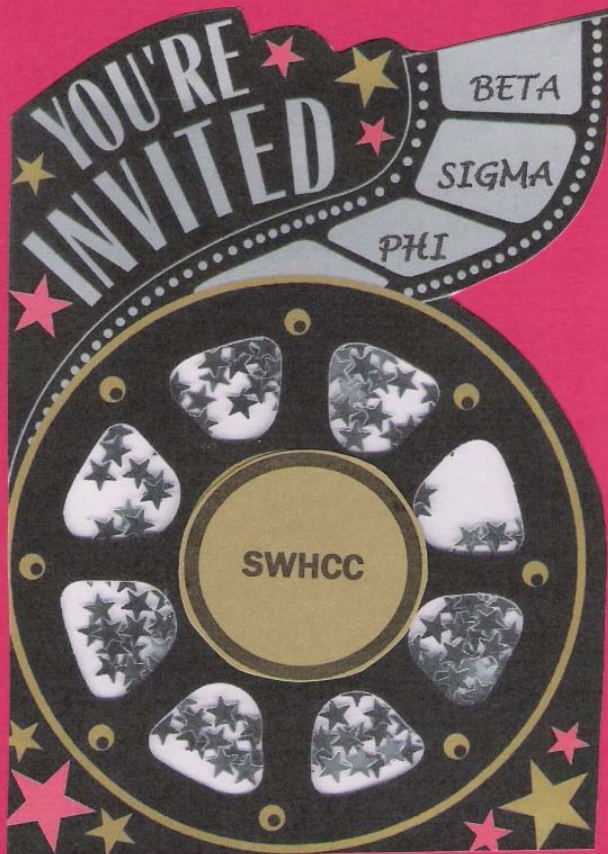
Absent from the evening:
Susan LeJune, AXT
Lois LaRose, PN,
Mary Horton, PLBL



Chris Jones, XPG

2011 Sweetheart Ball

Dance with the Stars!



*To walk the red carpet to
SWHCC's award winning
"DANCE WITH THE STARS"
2011 Sweetheart Gala*

February 12, 2011

Cocktails - 6:30 PM

Dinner - 7:00 PM

Tickets: \$55.00

Reservations by January 31, 2011

**Vicky Ryan - 281-222-8830 or
victoriaryan@windstream.net**

**Plaza Ballroom
Twentieth Floor
Renaissance Houston Greenway Plaza
Hotel
6 Greenway Plaza East
Houston, TX 77046**

Afterparty - 11:30 PM

**Hotel Rooms available for \$89 plus taxes
Contact hotel at 713-629-1200 by February 4
for "SWHCC Beta Sigma Phi" reservations.**

Lights, Camera, Action

LIGHTS CAMERA ACTION.....those will be the words you will hear as we get the evening started with the “Party with the Stars” Reception at the 2011 Southwest Houston City Council “Dancing with the Stars Gala”. Make plans to arrive at 6:30 p.m. in order to not miss out on any of the excitement! Join the Sweethearts on the procession to the Gala with the “Red Carpet Stroll”.

MENU

- ★ “Butler Passed” Hors d’oeuvres
- ★ Cream of Asparagus Soup
- ★ Dual Entrée of Double Breast of Chicken Stuffed with Spinach, Feta Cheese, Pinenuts, and Roasted Garlic Herb Sauce AND Grilled Sirloin with Green Peppercorn Sauce
- ★ Roasted Fingerling Potatoes
- ★ Asparagus and Carrot Melody
- ★ Assorted Rolls
- ★ Assortment of Desserts including Chocolate Mousse Tower, Mango Passion Fruit Cheesecake with Thai Orchid, and Key Lime Pie

RED CARPET FIZZ

Of course there will be a full cash bar available throughout the evening but you will also want to check out the Ball’s Specialty Drink.

CUPID SHUFFLE

Sweethearts will be presented in royal “Oscar” fashion and you just may find the sweethearts dancing the “Cupid Shuffle”.

SILENT AUCTION

items will be available for bidding throughout the evening so remember to bring some extra cash with you.

BSP’S AFTER PARTY

Look for your “Golden Ticket to BSP’S After Party” when you get to the Gala. Immediately following the Gala, the party will continue at Edloe’s the Lounge, located in the Renaissance Lobby.



Xi Phi Gamma

The new year has gotten off to a great start for XPG sisters. The first meeting of the month was hosted by new member Melissa Dailey at her home in Katy. Melissa treated us to some home-cooked chicken salad and other goodies to go along with it. We officially "crowned" Chris Jones as our new Sweetheart. Although Chris already knew of the results in December, we had waited to pass along the tiara until she could join us in person. Congratulations Chris! You and Wil better get your dancing shoes ready for February 12th!

The council meeting found XPG hosting with pizza and yummy little cupcakes. Our task for the evening was to entertain members with our chapter's history. It



was fun to share the stories of how each has connected with one another.

Our second meeting was hosted by President Patricia. We were excited to have the pledge ritual for Melissa and Sandy. Our chapter now celebrates 11 sisters strong!

And our January social on the 29th was "Keno at Kim's Casino". We had a roaring good time with laughter filling the house. And everyone walked away with a Valentine themed gift. Of course that was only after all of the "stealing" occurred. Kim provided us with a delicious dinner of chicken enchilada casserole, salad, and dessert. Way to go Kim! And the party was decked out in red in pink for the

Submitted by Melinda Montgomery

Valentine themed event. She had already made the beautiful floral arrangements that were to be donated to Oasis so those were on display as well.

And the best part of the night was that we were able to welcome back Bridget after a long absence. We've missed you a lot!

Happy Valentine's Day to all! Wishing you much love and happiness this month...



Xi Eta Epsilon

The New Year brought all our sisters together with our monthly meeting held in the home of Nannette Chapman. Everyone had wonderful tales of miles travelled, grandchildren's smiling faces and warm family gatherings over the holiday...but it is always good to come back home and settle into a new year and new beginning. The members chose our Sweetheart, Sue Carson, to be honored at our Sweetheart Gala. Sue is a Beta Sigma Phi member of over 40 years and highly regarded for her dedication to Life, Learning and Friendship... CONGRATULA-

TIONS Sue. We were saddened by the passing of the mother of our President, Barbara Viles, but the chapter will make a donation in her honor to a charity designated.

January 21st brought together XAZ and XEE for a South of the Border Bunko gathering. XAZ are fearless players when it comes to winning the most games...right Ellie? The taco salad, margaritas and hot tamales added to the wonderful laughter and friendships shared.

Submitted by June Ryan

The last Saturday of January brought our final garage sale of the season. Thank you Sheila for allowing us to once again bring our treasures to your home. I think we have finally cleared out all of our gently loved items and any leftovers were taken to the Fort Bend Women's Shelter. Thank you to everyone for your time.

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Valentine's Day

Source: en.wikipedia.org

History Saint Valentine's Day, commonly shortened to Valentine's Day, is an annual commemoration held on February 14 celebrating love and affection between intimate companions. The day is named after one or more early Christian martyrs named Valentine and was established by Pope Gelasius I in 500 AD. It was deleted from the Roman calendar of saints in 1969 by Pope Paul VI, but its religious observance is still permitted. It is traditionally a day on which lovers express their love for each other by presenting flowers, offering confectionery, and sending greeting cards (known as "valentines"). The day first became associated with romantic love in the circle of Geoffrey Chaucer in the High Middle Ages, when the tradition of courtly love flourished.

Modern Valentine's Day symbols include the heart-shaped outline, doves, and the figure of the winged Cupid. Since the 19th century, handwritten valentines have given way to mass-produced greeting cards.

Modern Times Since the 19th century, handwritten notes have given way to mass-produced greeting cards. The mid-19th century Valentine's Day trade was a harbinger of further commercialized holidays in the United States to follow.

In the second half of the 20th century, the practice of exchanging cards was extended to all manner of gifts in the United States. Such gifts typically include roses and chocolates packed in a red satin, heart-shaped box. In the 1980s, the diamond industry began to promote Valentine's Day as an occasion for giving jewelry.

The U.S. Greeting Card Association estimates that approximately 190 million valentines are sent each year in the US. Half of those valentines are given to family members other than husband or wife, usually to children. When you include the valentine-exchange cards made in school activities the figure goes up to 1 billion, and teachers become the people receiving the most valentines. In some North American elementary schools, children decorate classrooms, exchange cards, and are given sweets. The greeting cards of these students sometimes mention what they appreciate about each other.

The rise of Internet popularity at the turn of the millennium is creating new traditions. Millions of people use, every year, digital means of creating and sending Valentine's Day greeting messages such as e-cards, love coupons or printable greeting cards. An estimated 15 million e-valentines were sent in 2010.