



# The Bustle

## President's Message

Dear Sisters,

It was nice to welcome everyone back to the new sorority year, and look forward to the upcoming hostess programs and exciting council events.

To that note, XEE started us off with fabulous refreshments and a program. It was so interesting to hear how each of them came to be associated with BSP. The chapter also celebrated its 50th anniversary. Congratulations!!!

Keeping up with the new theme of "New Paths to Friendship", we made instant friendships with nearly 200 BSP sisters at the East Texas area convention in Palestine, TX. It was a great personal experience and an inspiration to see many BSP sisters working hard to continue the tradition and their willingness to follow the torch to our goal. I would like to give a special "Thank You" to 6 members from four chapters that represented SWHCC, AXT, BLP, PN and XPG.

It is hard to believe that the "BSP Texas Proud Hoedown" Open Meeting for 2010 is nearly here! I can assure you that you will not want to miss this event. The committee has a lot of fun things planned for you!

In closing, please continue to keep our sisters who are facing difficult times in your thoughts and prayers.

I am your sister,

Duang Putnam



*Duang and her parasol*



*Spending time with our new friends and sisters from Tyler*

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### October Service Projects at Oasis

**Decorations:**  
Beta Lambda Beta

**Ice Cream Social:**  
Xi Phi Gamma

## Beta Lambda Phi

Ah, September... time for football and some cooler weather! And time again for an update from the BLP women!

We had a great meeting at Erica's new house to kick off the month. For our program, we sat in a circle and answered questions from a deck of cards to get to know each other better. Some questions were serious, like "If you could have any plastic surgery procedure, what would it be?" others were silly, like "Which celebrity do you most resemble?" and some were quite shocking, like someone's answer to this question, "What is one secret about yourself?" Let's just say we have an exhibitionist in our midst!

Some sad news to share - Amy O's grandfather passed away recently. Amy and her family are together in Louisiana celebrating his life and spending time together. Please keep them in your thoughts and prayers.

Some great news to share - Lesley was recently promoted to Account Executive! Congrats, girl!

Andrea and Erica had a wonderful time at BSP Convention. We can't wait until our next meeting so they can fill us in on all the fun they had and the big plans for our sorority's future.

Kimberly and Lesley have joined the Katy

**Submitted by Kimberly Smith**

Fit 5K training program. Our goal race is the Turkey Trot on Thanksgiving Day at the YMCA in Katy. Let us know if you're interested in joining - couch potatoes welcome!

BLP will participate in the Walk MS on November 13. We have created a team and would appreciate donations to our fundraising efforts. Please visit <http://main.nationalmssociety.org/goto/BetaLambdaPhi> to view our progress and contribute. Thank you for your support!

It was so great to see everyone at the September Council meeting. Hope to see you at Open Meeting!

## Preceptor Laureate Beta Lambda

Preceptor Laureate Beta Lambda sisters were happy to have Janann Gibbs join us at our last meeting. She is a joy to be around. Winona LaBrant gave a great program on personality traits.

Carole & Bob Sandoval have returned from a long overdue vacation visiting Edinburgh, Scotland and France. Bob's "bucket list" of touring the Normandy area is complete and with great tour guides they saw many of the Band of Brothers locations, Utah & Omaha beaches and the American Cemetery. For Carole - her special stops included the Palace of Versailles, Sacre Coeur and numerous Paris sidewalk cafes which are great for people watching. Flying home on a Luf-

thansa 747 made the 10 hour flight just a little easier!

Marvin Smith and Winona LaBrant travelled to Rochester, New York to participate in the marriage of his Grandson. It was held at the Yacht Club on Lake Ontario. It was a very different and informative experience.

Gwen VanZant has moved to a new apartment in Richmond to be near her daughter. Gwen is still going through Chemo, but is taking it closer to home at the MD Anderson branch in Sugar Land.

We are so saddened at the loss our sister,

**Submitted by Grace Wallace**

Terry Colley's husband, Tom. Most of us were at the wake and funeral. We are here for her.

Grace Wallace is facing surgery for a mastectomy in September. And Carol Sherwood will have knee surgery in October.

*Dear Sister in SWHCC:*

*I am totally overwhelmed by the generous outpouring of love and concern for me and my family since the death of my wonderful husband, Tom. You all have been there for me and have been faithful "Sisters". I can't count the number of cards and phone calls I have received from you offering prayers and help at this time. Please keep me your thoughts and prayers.*

*Thank you for your support.*

*Terry Colley*



## Preceptor Nu

School Days, School Days... Dear Old Golden Rule Days... so kids are back in school and we're already heading for Halloween... although I saw Christmas stuff in some stores in July... where have traditions gone!!?

So I'm sitting here wondering where Judy and Jim Stover are at this time... speeding down the road in that cute little Porsche... and enjoying each other's company as usual. I'll let you know next month how their trip went... Judy never does anything half way so I'm sure there are some exciting stories.

PN's last meeting was held at "Bloomer's" (Lois LaRose) unique home. Great food and camaraderie... wine was good too. Jan Girdnt brought another great dessert... a sort of pumpkin cake with "bacon" topping... mmm, mmm good!! Enjoying the delicious dinner and meeting were new friends Janis Turocy and Deb Bray.

The meeting was handled so professionally by President, Ruth Mayson. With an information sharing game led by Sandra Simpson... the guests know all about us now... (and they seem to still like us)

Items discussed included the Ice Cream social at the Oasis Nursing facility. Judy

Boyum, along with Ruth, Elaine Burton and Pat Roberts entertained these very grateful folks... like those wonderful smiles to brighten our days!

Judy B. also reminded members to bring items to send to soldiers in Iraq. Nothing feels better to PN members than "giving back to those in need!"

Judy Stover was still in town and announced that for the cultural event for the month, members and Beta Buddies will be touring the Blue Bird Re-Sale shop. Invitations were passed out, and all will dine together after the tour.

Course other chapters won't be seeing our yearbooks, but what a "bang up" job was done in the preparation by Jan Girdnt and Pat Roberts. By the time the year is over mine looks like a well read paperback... I use it all the time... thanks, ladies!

That Judy Boyum... she certainly has beautiful, talented grandkids. Her granddaughter, Kara, will serve as Duchess of CavOilcade in Port Arthur in October. Guess these kids have real respect for their "genes!" Most members reported that they and their families have stayed pretty healthy, but PN will send good thoughts and prayers to Carolyn Johnston's daughter-in-law, Stephanie who will once again

## Submitted by Carolyn Meeks

face surgery.

It was good to hear the excitement from members re: Open Meeting. Besides the usual market which will be held during the dinner/dance, there will be a Cake Auction with our own "resident Betty Crocker," Jan Girdnt preparing our winning entry. Hope to see many folks there... and please think "cool/cold weather."

Last evening, many of the members, plus hubby's and our new friend Deb Bray and her hubby Ken attended Radio Music Theater. What a funny play. Course we started our evening at Goode Bar B Que... then to the play and many continued the evening with dessert in Sugarland. I laughed so hard my ribs literally ached this morning!!

Well, I've run out of news and I do love to talk... had one more tidbit/question... what PN member recently celebrated her birthday with several friends traveling from happy hour at The Burning Pear... dinner at Escalante's and then martini's at Olives???... obviously we aren't getting older... just better!!!! Right PN????

Y'all stay safe and hurry back next month... God Bless, friends...

## Alpha Xi Theta

On September 13th, Xi Phi Gamma was kind enough to invite Jan and myself to their chapter meeting held at Jill Coble's home. We had a great time and met some new sisters. Jill had her house decorated very festive and cheerful. Once the chapter had finished with their meeting, a ceremony was held. I was very fortunate to have had my Pledge Ritual Ceremony performed with the Sisters of XPG. It was a very beautiful ceremony and everyone was so welcoming.

On another note, September 14th, Alpha Xi Theta held their chapter meeting at my house. In fact, there were 3 guests in attendance and out of the 3, AXT will have a new sister! We're all so excited to actually see our chapter begin to grow. We are in the process of planning our October

social and we're hoping more guests will come and want to join.

Jan went to the East Texas Convention along with her daughter and had a great time. She said that the convention was quite nice and that the hat parade was awesome. Jan decorated a hat and participated in the hat parade.

That's all for AXT for this month. I'm hoping next month I'll be able to say that our chapter has even more members. It's growing and we're thrilled. Once again,

## Submitted by Susan LeJune

AXT would like to thank Duang, Jill and Shirley for their continued efforts.



*Susan's Pledge Ritual*

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## ***“Following the Path to New Friendships...”***



Jan Bruckler is a member of the newly formed Alpha Xi Theta chapter but she is certainly not new to BSP. Jan has been in BSP for 42 years beginning with her days in Flint, Michigan where she was born and raised. But she considers herself a true Texan since she has lived here for 29 years. Asked if she missed Michigan and she quickly replied “no”; she doesn’t miss shoveling snow and prefers the warm weather!

Jan is a single gal with two grown children and three grandchildren all living in Texas. Her greatest memories have been those of her grandkids. She remembers well seeing her son holding his newborn daughter for the first time with tears rolling down his face. For a man who is 6’8” with a tiny baby in his hands, she will never forget that moment and that was eleven years ago. Her other favorite memory was when she learned that her daughter was pregnant. That was a feat that the doctors had always said would be impossible due to health problems. Turns out doctors aren’t always correct and the baby was a whopping 10 lbs.!

Jan is retired and loving it. She worked for many years as a government employee for various agencies during her career including county, city and state governments. She stays busy these days enjoying family, traveling when she can and is an avid reader. She typically goes through about eight books a week including a love for romance novels, mysteries and law enforcement stories. Guess that comes from being in government!

Jan also enjoys graphics design and websites and is a Facebook pro. A neat story she shared was of her three Facebook friends she met online who live in Denmark. She would love to travel there one day as that is where her Grandfather is from. She had recently found a copy of her Grandfather’s birth certificate but it was written in Danish so she couldn’t read it. She scanned it on the computer and was able to send it to her Danish friends and one of them translated it for her. Little did she know but one of the other Danish friends lives in the town where her Grandfather was from. It really is a small world sometimes!



Susan LeJune is also a new member of Alpha Xi Theta. And she is brand new to BSP although she had once tried joining in the late 80’s but that didn’t last long as the timing just wasn’t right. Susan recently completed her pledge ritual and is now training for the Ritual of Jewels.

Susan is originally from Georgia but has lived in Texas for about 35 years. She is married to her husband Brian and they have two daughters and one granddaughter. But she is still getting the hang of being a Grandma as her granddaughter Emma is only 5 months old. Susan’s second daughter is attending the University of Southern Mississippi. She is on the college softball team so Susan spends as much time as possible following the team’s season. That’s also how she knew so much about Jimmy Buffet during our “Margaritaville” party this summer since he attended college there as well. She’s a “parrot head” for sure!

Susan recently got a new job with ConocoPhillips in the procurement department. But she hopes to one day retire to her dream location which would be a log cabin on about 100 acres in East Texas with a full wrap-around porch. Awe....sounds good, doesn’t it!

In the meantime, Susan stays busy searching for new activities and friends. That was her reason for joining BSP. She is known for having the “gift of gab” so talking to new people isn’t a problem for her!

She would enjoy traveling more when time permits. She’d like to go to the Appalachian Mountains and go see Pigeon Forge, Tennessee as well as other places throughout the US. She is a fan of classic rock and country and western music. Tennessee would definitely be the place to go for that.

Please help welcome both Jan and Susan to SWHCC!

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## September Council Program

### *“The History of Xi Eta Epsilon Members”*

The members of Xi Eta Epsilon celebrated the 50th anniversary of their chapter’s charter during September. All together the sisters have accumulated a total of 283 years of service to Beta Sigma Phi. During the September meeting of the SWHCC they shared their stories of how each one came to be a part of BSP and XEE. Here are their stories:

*Nannette Chapman* pledged in 2009 as the new kid on the block. She met some of her sisters through her involvement at Unity Church and through playing bridge. After getting to know several of them she was invited to join.

*Sheila Ayres* constantly heard talk of BSP from our dear Duang Putnam whom Sheila began working for. After attending two Sweetheart Balls and after her divorce she finally decided to pledge in 2007.

*Debbie Phillips* would often hear stories about BSP from her daughter-in-law in Baytown. She was a bit timid that first meeting when it came time to walk through the doors of Becky Fuller’s house at Beginning Day in 2003. It took her a while but she finally made it. For several years she was considered the baby in the chapter but that has since changed and she has relinquished that title.

*Barbara Henderson* read about BSP in the “Greatwood Newsletter” when Vickie Looney wrote an article. She was widowed at the time so when she found the singles chapter of XEE which was formed by Dixie Mullins then it was a perfect fit. She pledged in 1999.

*Barbara Hupe* pledged in 1999 after the urging of several of her sisters whom she already knew. She had recently suffered the loss of her husband and was encouraged to join in order to fill the void in her life.

*June Ryan* moved with her husband to his hometown of Kingsville, TX where she met the wife of one of her husband’s buddies. June pledged in 1972 after becoming great friends with her. In 1975 she moved to Houston and met Shirley Hyatt via their husbands. She even has one daughter who married the brother of a BSP sister. She’s got “connections” all over with sisters!

*Shirley Grass* was living in Venezuela at the time she learned of BSP. She was invited to a “party” which she later learned was a rush party. She was hooked and joined a chapter of 26 sisters.

*Sue Carson* learned about BSP through time spent at the beauty shop in Plainview, TX. It was the time of big hair! It was in 1966 that she finally joined. She has been in multiple chapters in multiple states and has helped to form three Friendly Venture chapters.

*Jean Ranum* pledged in 1966 while living in Macon, Missouri. Her husband’s secretary was in BSP. After moving to Texas she met Becky Fuller and the singles chapter while at the Sugar Land library.

*Bobbi Viles* is the longest running member. She pledged in 1961 while she was pregnant with her first son. She learned of BSP from a coworker. She has changed chapters several times throughout her moves from Kentucky to Florida to Texas.

*(Absent from the evening were Ruth Fogt and Becky Fuller.)*



## Open Meeting—“Texas Proud Hoedown”

### BSP Sisters

put on your cowboy hats and boots  
and bring your pardner, your  
family and your friends to

# SWHCC 's Open Meeting "BSP TEXAS PROUD HOEDOWN"

Saturday, October 23, 2010  
7:00 PM to 10:30 PM  
River's Edge Party Barn  
River Trace Drive  
Richmond, TX

### The Particulars

#### The Drub

Appetizer: Chips and Salsa  
Dinner : Vincek's Famous Chicken Fried Steak Plate  
Dessert: Cobbler with Blue Bell Ice Cream  
Drinks: Texas Tea, Margarita Punch & BYOB

#### The Dancin'

DJ and Mystery Guest Entertainer

#### The Dress

Western Casual

#### The Fundraisin'

Cake Raffle & Market Place

#### The Dough

\$23.00

RSVP to Sheila Ayres at [Redjacketlady1@yahoo.com](mailto:Redjacketlady1@yahoo.com) for Hoedown reservations.  
Tickets must be purchased by October 13, 2010. Please mail a list of your  
members and their guests with your check to Sheila Ayres, 8123 Edgemoor,  
Houston, Tx 77036. Please contact Jill Coble at [jillecoble@yahoo.com](mailto:jillecoble@yahoo.com)  
or 281-392-7181 for market table reservations.

Directions to River's Edge Party Barn. From Hwy 90A, you will go north on  
FM 359. River's Edge subdivision will be on the left side of FM 359. Turn left on  
River Trace Drive and follow the street till you see the sign on the left for the  
Sports Center. Turn left into the parking lot near the playground.

## Holiday Tea—"Christmas in Candy Land"

							
	<p>Goody Gumdrops! You're invited to Christmas in Candy Land!</p> <p>Saturday, December 4<sup>th</sup> 11:00am for lunch and Christmas cheer!</p> <p>The Club at Falcon Point 24503 Falcon Point Dr., Katy, Tx 77494</p> <p>\$23.00 per person Includes Plated Lunch and Assorted Desserts Cash Bar</p> <p>Charity Project for our Military to be Announced</p> <p>RSVP to Kim Butler by November 22<sup>nd</sup>. Chapter checks and list of attendees should be mailed to 2331 Fern Bend Lane, Katy, TX 77494</p>						
							
							
							
							

# Xi Phi Gamma

Cooler weather has arrived, YIPPEE! It is always my favorite time of the year as I love fall decorations. You can never have too many scarecrows and pumpkins.

We started our new chapter year with a social. Sisters and friends met for a night of fun. We enjoyed a yummy Italian meal at Carrabba's and attended "You'll Never Forget the End of the World" at Radio Music Theatre. Then, as if that wasn't enough fun, we topped it off with dessert at the Dessert Gallery. Thanks to Bridget Helfrich for organizing this fun event.

Our first meeting of the month was hosted by Melinda Montgomery at Jill Coble's home. Susan LeJune and Jan Bruckler from AXT and Melissa Dailey attended as our guests. After the business meeting, it was our pleasure to perform the pledge

ritual for Susan. And then Melinda presented a program on genealogy. She recently discovered that her 5th Great Grandfather is a signer of the Texas Declaration of Independence.

Jill, Melinda and Patricia traveled to Palestine for the East Texas Area BSP Convention. Word is that they had a great weekend spending time with new sisters and connecting even more with fellow sisters Duang, Jan, Erica and Andrea. They participated in the Market by selling our one of a kind hand-crafted "Rock Art Angels" and Patricia's hand-made dog bandanas. Everyone is looking forward to the Texas State convention next June when we can reconnect with the new sisters we met from Tyler. They were a fun bunch and shared special times together over wine, cards and dinner one night.

Submitted by Susan Fontenot

You just had to be there!

Chris Jones hosted our second meeting at her home. We all enjoyed the wonderful spread that Chris had prepared for us. She always outdoes herself with the assortment of goodies for us to choose from. Chris then entertained us with her program on security surveillance techniques. Chris has many years of experience working for Dillard's security department as her second job. You never know when visiting the First Colony Mall store if you might be followed on camera by Chris. Make sure to give her a smile and a wave... Hehe!

Hope everyone has had a great September. We look forward to joining the other chapters at Open Meeting in October.

## Memories from... "Parasols in Palestine"



## Xi Alpha Zeta

Submitted by Nina Coltharp

XAZ had a rockin' surprise destination Beginning Day planned by Jeanne Murray and Debbie Harris. First we met at the "tree" in Pecan Grove and had kolaches and juice while trading summer stories. Then we piled into 2 cars and drove and drove and drove down many pathways until we arrived in Navasota at Martha's Bloomers! We spent the day browsing through the garden pathways and the gift shop before going to a special reserved room for our luncheon. After being served tea and scones – we ate a delicious lunch with fabulous desserts! Ellie presented the 2009-2010 awesome scrapbook to last year's president, Nina. Ellie and her daughter did a beautiful job! President Diana gave each sister a special Kansas rock to keep in your garden with a poem to provide us luck on our pathway to friendship. Jeanne M and Debbie had a notepad and flower pen for us to keep in

our purses. Rita and Nina gave each of us a pedicure high heel shoe to take the first step on our pathway and to help keep our feet healthy! Rita and Nina also presented our new yearbook to us. We had a very lazy afternoon drive back home.

Now that summer has ended and Fall is here, we are ready to jump in to our routines with our chapter meetings, socials and service projects. Miriam has been working hard on four quilts to present to our adopted family. Also, our sisters are bringing food items to our meetings to help stock the pantry shelves at Second Mile mission. We have a work day scheduled on November 9. AND, we have been

saying lots of prayers for the loss of loved ones this past month...Jeanne Murray's father, Rita Mayo's brother-in-law, and Terry Colley's husband.

In the meantime, we are dusting our boots and hats and plan to have 10+ members at the big SWHCC's Open Meeting HOE-DOWN on October 23. See you there, YEE-HAW!!!



*Celebrating XAZ's 5-year birthday in September  
Hosted by Diana and Jeanne P*



*Beginning Day at Martha's Bloomers*



*End of summer meeting in September, hosted by Suzy and Rita*

## Friendly Venture Committee

Submitted by Jill Coble

Check back next month for the latest news!

*Beta Sigma Phi  
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Life, Learning,  
Friendship

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**Texas State Convention  
June 24-26, 2011  
Renaissance Hotel—Austin, TX**

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**Friday - Remember the past**

**Saturday - Plan for the future**

**Sunday - Celebrate Today!**

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*Past, Present, & Future*

All Registration forms and information can be located on their website at  
<http://tx2011.austinbsp.com>

Note—Payment plan available if you beat the early registration deadline of October 31st!