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## Beta Lambda Phi

The BLP ladies are a travelin' gang! Kimberly and her family spent the end of September with her family in Virginia where they baptized her baby, Cleo, and enjoyed the cooler weather. Lesley and her husband, Edward, went on two trips that she won through her job - a long weekend in Cabo (see picture) and a week in Hawaii. They relaxed on the beach and danced the night away.

Diane and her boyfriend, Neal, visited Aruba for the Labor Day week and had a wonderful time! They stayed at the Marriott Aruba Surf Club which was beautiful. In fact the sunset picture you see was taken from the balcony of their villa. The resort had everything they could ever ask for - beach access, a lazy river, and a casino! They went snorkeling, tried to kite-

surf, played golf, gambled, shopped, and did a whole lot of relaxing with cocktails on the beach! They are suffering from post-vacation blues!

Erica, her younger brother, Diane, and her sister-in-law went to see Maroon 5 and Train on Saturday 9/24 at the Cynthia Woods Mitchell Pavilion. It was a lot of fun and they lost their voices from cheering! Erica is also struggling to "be cool, stay in school" and was wondering if there are any biology tutors in SWHCC?

Kelly has been traveling on business and is busy making her new house into a home. She will spend the weekend in Austin hosting a conference and wining and dining with clients. Luckily, her husband will be able to join her during those pre-

**Submitted by Kimberly Smith**

cious moments of down time.

Our monthly meeting was hosted by Erica at her house where we enjoyed a pasta dinner and helped Kelly with decorations for Open Meeting. We had good discussions about our chapter and ended the night by saying something we valued about each member present. For our social, we gathered at Kimberly's house on Saturday, 9/17 for a pool party. However, a little miracle called RAIN happened and we were forced to stay inside. We drank some wine, had a lot of delicious treats and watched Pretty Woman together! We even had a few special moments to spend with little Cleo!



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**Ruth presents Duang  
with her President's photo album  
at the September council meeting!**



# Preceptor Nu

Hello friends!! It's a new day for the Meeksters!!! I have to take this time to thank all of you for being there during the personal ordeal we have gone through since last January. Funny, but when you join this "club," and didn't know about or want to join before, you notice that Cancer and the associated problems are great equalizers. I have met so many people with their own unique stories and unsure futures, but somehow they find the intestinal fortitude to move on. I realize that we will be in this "club" forever, with monitoring and check-ups, but I also learned another thing...we can do "ANYTHING" with the support and love of friends and family. HERE'S A SHOUT OUT FOR SWHCC!!!!

One more thing...went to Vegas to celebrate that the 7 1/2 weeks of radiation was over!!!! Then as a special end for that last day. Several friends met us at The Burning Pear, and then dinner at Escalante's. The evening was magic, especially when dear/sweet Sandra Simpson stood, rang a bell, and toasted Cancer's newest "SURVIVOR"! Now, imagine how teary that was...

Preceptor Nu celebrated Beginning Day by "Ringing in The New Year"! We met with members and friends at the St. Regis Hotel, where, along with our Beta Buddies, we danced the night away. What could be more appropriate than individual champagne bottles decorated with "glitz and glamour". How cute we all looked with our guys in top hats and the ladies in tiaras. We laughed as the "packed house of folks" wanted to share our good time...isn't that just so BSP? If you check within the Bustle, you'll see some really neat pictures.

One sad note, our beautiful president, Shirley lovingly spent the eve with her mom who passed away that evening...but, she was there in spirit, and the always supportive Del, came and decorated our tables...awwwwwwwwwww.

Speaking of Shirley...who else would invite all of SWHCC for her championship birthday with Elvis at Churchill's Sports Bar. Lot's of ladies and some "dudes"...Elvis sang every song we could think of...the drinks were good, the food very delicious ...and I threw in a cake with Elvis's face and a wish for her to have "A Hunka, Hunka, Burning Love...!!" A good time was had by all...loved the way no one stayed in the usual groups and all "shared" the evening...if you've set with Joan Batts you know what I mean...the lady is hilarious!!!!

During all of our fun this month, we did have time to have our usual meeting. For the evening, we met at Goo Goo Yen's in Sugarland. The evening was also special because we are having soooooo much fun with two of our new members. The very excited and organized Michelle L. and the craft talented Janis T. were there and once again you could see folks wondering how we could enjoy such good times together. Although growing rapidly...we project 10 soon...it was so easy to "divvy" up the jobs of the chapter with exciting socials and cultural events.

Everyone is excited about Open Meeting at Old South Plantation...we all love Tex-Mex, and La Casona serves a "mean fajita!" Of course, there will be a long line at my margarita punch bowl. Several folks are going for some semi-authentic dress

## Submitted by Carolyn Meeks

for the soirée'....I kind of look like a "short round" person working at La Casona!!!! My daughter-in-law is so excited that the same DJ will be back and she can be a part of all the line dances!!! We are working on "CAKE" plans...that's a cute competition...don't you think? PN will be having a 50/50 Basket as part of the Ways and Means for the evening.

On a sadder note, Preceptor Nu sends regards and love to the family of Kay Rehl. Many members have fond memories of her membership and in the last months the kindness and love of her husband and family as she moved on to a better life. Also, hearts were saddened by the passing of Mrs. Mary Band, the mom of Shirley Hyatt. I am a "short timer" compared to some, but the outpouring of condolences from so many in SWHCC was amazing and beautiful. Once again, loss points to the importance of all friends in an hour of need.

Okay, there is a "crispness" in the evening air, and football games are spouting up on Fridays and Saturdays...My Cowboys aren't doing nearly as well as the "Hometown" Texans... but fall brings friends together just like we do in PN and SWHCC. We are now on a downhill climb toward Thanksgiving...think about it, we are all so lucky, even in adversity, we still have all of our SWHCC sisters to support and love us...many can't say that. Y'all take care of yourselves and each other... GOD BLESS...and come back next month!



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## Preceptor Laureate Beta Lambda

PLBL sisters and spouses were treated to a Cook-out at the home of **Janann and Richard Gibbs** on September 17 with Carol Sherwood as co-hostess. As the guys watched an outdoor TV while Richard grilled a most delicious beef tenderloin...the gals supervised from the comfort of Janann's beautiful home while putting the finishing touches on the side dishes. After dinner and dessert we played Crazy Bridge with Joyce Frank being the big winner! Others scoring points were Marvin Smith, Carol Sherwood, John Hobbs, Winona La Brant, Terry Colley, Carole Sandoval and Barbara Hobbs.

Right now **Janann and Rick** are in Hawaii celebrating their anniversary. More to report when they return home.

We are happy to report that **Grace Wallace** is now home after spending over two months in the hospital and rehabilitation facilities. She has a very positive attitude

and is in good spirits. She is very anxious to get back to all her sorority activities.

**Joyce Frank** reports that she enjoyed the Fort Bend County Fair the last week of Sept. She entered several of her cross stitch pictures and ornaments and won Blue and Red ribbons. Her Grandkids, Christopher and Anna showed their animals in the livestock shows. On Friday, Anna showed her goat and placed 10th in her class out of 19 and then was third in showmanship. Sat, Christopher showed his steer, placed 7th, but was successful in selling the steer. Sunday evening, both will show their pigs. Joyce works at the fair, therefore it is a fun time for her.

Our sincere sympathy is extended to Shirley Hyatt and her family upon the death of her mother, Mary Louise Band. We are keeping you in our prayers during this difficult time.

## Submitted by Terry Colley

**Winona and Marvin** are spending lots of time watching their grandson CAZ play football for St. Thomas High School. It must be fun because he made two touchdowns last week and was the leading receiver. It was also homecoming so it made the evening very special.

**Barbara and John Hobbs** were pleased to learn that their granddaughter, Grace, had been selected for the junior company dancers of Allegro Ballet of Houston for the second consecutive year. She attended a one-week ballet and choreography workshop at the University of Missouri in late July.

**Sue McPherson** is going to visit her relatives on the 5th of October. They are awaiting the arrival of a new great-grandson.

## Laureate Beta Kappa

We've had a very busy month with members going here and there; socials, extra events, and meetings. And we are enjoying our Fall weather; let's say so long to our summer 100 degree weather!

Judy and Jim Stover spent two weeks (September 3-18) in the north country in the Black Hills of South Dakota for Jims' 50th high school class reunion. There were 31 in the class, three have passed on, and there were 19 classmates who showed up for the three day extravaganza. It was great renewing friendships and talking about "the good ol' high school days. What fun!!

Pat and Robert Roberts were gone about the same time spending almost three weeks in Italy touring this wonderful country. They started in Rome, went up to the Tuscany region, before hooking up with friends for their last week before flying home from Milan. By the time they got home, they didn't want to see another statue, art museum or eat Italian food. What a great trip!

Our regular meeting was held on September 12 in the home of Carolyn Johnston. We were very fortunate to have four guests. One of our guests was a former member Ruth Staley who was visiting Lois

LaRose.

Because of scheduling problems, our September social was held on Saturday, October 1 at the Hockenhopper Hof Brau (Jan and Allen Girndts). It started out with Hockenhopper's "cousin" stopping in for a visit from Tennessee. Nylene and Cooter Hockenhopper (Judy and Jim Stover) sort of "crashed" the party and ended up staying for dinner. And what a dinner it was!! The only problem was the menu was in German (we think??) and you had to choose three items for each of four courses not knowing what you were going to get. Some people ate their stuffed cabbage rolls with a toothpick; some people got dessert for their first course. Oh, well, fun was had by all. Two guests joined us for the evening--Mary Ann and Butch DePaula and Jan Roland-Green.

Sunday, October 2, the Maysons, Engelharts, Stovers, and Boyums attended a play "Peril on the High Seas Or...Let's Get Together and Do Launch" at The Heritage Community Center (home of Elaine and Hugh Burton). What was special about this is that Hugh directed and starred in the production. For amateur actors, they did a fantastic job. We are looking forward to the next production in the spring of 2012. Congrats, Hugh, on a job well

## Submitted by Judy Stover

done. Congrats to you too, Elaine, for your work "behind the scenes."

Speaking of the Burtons, they are off to Kentucky this week for a little R 'n' R after their hard work on the play. Looking forward to hearing all about their trip upon their return.

Jan and Allen Girndt and their two children are taking a two week tour of the National Parks starting in Denver and ending up in Las Vegas. I'm sure they'll have plenty to report on their return.

Our sympathies and prayers go out to our sister Shirley Hyatt on the loss of her mother. Our sympathies and prayers also go out to the family of one of our former members, Kay Rehl, who passed away on September 27.

Judy Stover played in the City Wide Championship Golf Tournament the week of September 26. She made the finals on Friday, but lost on the 21st hole. It was a grueling week, but a lot of fun. Her prize? A 10 inch Waterford crystal bowl. Nice!!!

Enjoy the fall weather and looking forward to seeing everyone at Open Meeting.

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# Friendly Venture Report

Submitted by Duang Putnam

“SHARE THE GIFT OF BETA SIGMA PHI WITH OTHERS”!

Working to meet the GOAL, the F/V committee continues to find ways to get new leads in addition to the rush event. We have made arrangement to place BSP information in the Pecan Grove neighborhood publication, “News in a Nutshell”. The ad (no cost) will start in the November issue and repeat in the December issue as well. Thanks to the two ladies, Jill Coble and Michelle Lovelace for working with me on this project. If all goes well we’ll be looking into the same in other neighborhood.

In keeping with the neighborhood focus, Michelle and I also will prepare welcoming baskets targeting new comers. We will fill the basket with goodies and BSP Brochures. Hope this will help spark interest out of these folks.

Distributions of the BSP brochures - I have permission from two salons that we can display our brochures at their locations. One is at the “Salon De Nails” on FM 359, Richmond and the other location is “K. Sugar Land Salon” at 1055 Eldridge, Sugar Land. If you have any suggestion of other locations please let me know.

We also continue to work on contacting members who are on the member at large list. Sheila Ayres and Carolyn Meeks have used their charm and were able to get one former BSP to agree to meet with us. Her name is Patricia Ann Smith; she was a member with Beta Sigma Phi in Denver, Co. We are looking forward to learning more about her.

There are always more things to be done and more people to reach, but we have to balance them with other obligations. Overall, F/V team believes highly in what we do and works as hard as we can.

## Xi Eta Epsilon

Submitted by Shirley Grass

XEE continues to live life in the fast lane. Opening Day found us at Becky’s for a wonderful brunch to start off our new sorority year with style. Becky was also happy to show off her new decorating and new furniture. Beautiful Becky! We are looking forward to our Monday meeting at Barbara Hupe’s so she can show off her new furniture. These two ladies went shopping together – they are really doing their part to stimulate our economy.

Our September Social found us all busy painting, talking, eating and drinking at The Glazery in Missouri City. This is a fun place to pick out an item and paint it and then they fire it up for you. We are anxiously awaiting picking up our masterpieces. We had vases, bowls, plates, crosses, a cat and a pig. Jean was able to stop by after spending the day with her senior clients from Frost Bank. It was a great evening. We are looking forward to our October Social – a weekend in Sea Isle, Galveston.

Our annual service project “Sock it to Me” sent us off to Still Creek Ranch with over 200 pairs of socks for the kids. Every September we collect new socks and take them up there. Becky and I drove up to

Bryan to deliver them and were so happy that Dixie Mullins was able to drive up with us. It was so nice to have that time together to catch up on all our news. We also found a great new Mexican Restaurant with a Mexican Bakery and of course we had to stop at our favorite vegetable stand for purple hull peas and pumpkins.

Bobbie reports that the Bobbie Viles’ household is all “atwitter” preparing for the SAT test Saturday and Homecoming Dance in the evening. Rising with the chickens (maybe I should get some) at 5:30 to get things going..... A teenager in the house sure keeps us hopping. I can most assuredly say “I am not bored!”

Yours truly has spent the week at MDA with my sister Irene. What an awesome hospital – full of hope and love. Irene will be coming back on the 10th of October for thirty rounds of radiation and 5-6 rounds of chemo. She has homes in Dallas and East Texas and will stay with me during her treatment. Please keep her in your prayers.

Debbie enjoyed her very short retirement but has accepted a long-term sub job in Katy ISD. Nannette is off to Turkey this

month with her granddaughter. I am off to Minnesota again. I am sure Barbara Hupe will be off to the East Coast again soon. Becky wants to go back to Atlanta soon to see her growing grandson.

Sue has been fighting the pneumonia bug and I think she is winning. Sheila is doing well and has a new little four-legged friend that meows. June is busy with work and family.

Hope I didn’t forget anyone. All in all XEE is doing great and the cool weather this morning is helping.

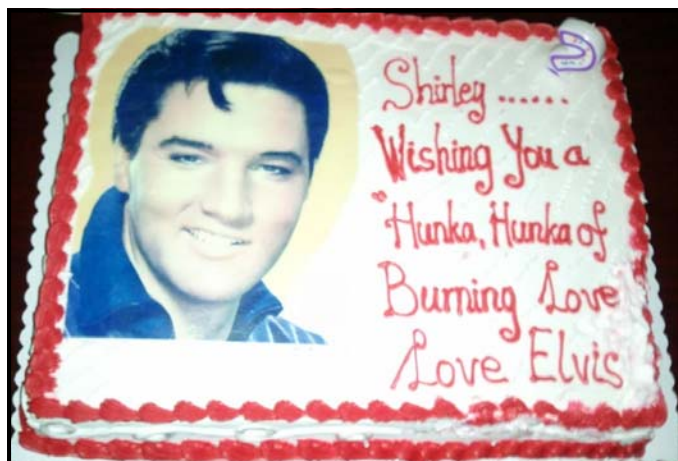
Dear SWHCC Sisters:

The words "Thank You" are so inadequate for expressing my heartfelt gratitude to each of you. The amount of support I received from my Southwest Houston City Council Sisters was unbelievable!

There are no words that can express my appreciation and thanks to all of you who have helped me get through the toughest time of my life. It meant so much to see each of you and receive your hugs at my Mother's visitation and funeral. Your sympathy cards will always be a treasure to me.

Again, accept my deepest thanks for your warmth, support, love and understanding. I will be grateful to you forever.

I Am Thy Sister,  
Shirley Hyatt



*Shirley's birthday celebration with Elvis and the gang at Churchill's Sports Bar & Grill!*



*Friends join in with the "Survivor" party in celebration of Larry's final treatment!*

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# **“Our Colors of Tradition”**

*(cont'd from last month)*

*Speech presented by Marilyn Ross at the Washington State Convention*

Interestingly, I placed only one tradition in our **red color of Courage**. It is the all-important one if BSP is to continue through the coming years. It is surely in a class by itself because it is what will insure the future for us!

**Rushing!** You'll agree it takes a great measure of courage to rush and do it well, but just look around you to see the results! It's always worth the effort we give to it! Had your chapter or city council not rushed, you wouldn't be here now enjoying this great convention weekend!

It seems to me we need the color red in order to practice and cultivate each of our sorority traditions because it makes us "fearless and dauntless in pursuit of our ideal, that courage before which difficulties disappear and obstacles vanish, that virtue without which nothing is achieved and for want of which talent is wasted." It is what assures success in all the others!

Courage always makes me think about stardust! And in today's world there is much dust that needs to be transmuted ... into stardust!

Shortly after the terrorist attacks last September, I was preparing an address for the members at the West Virginia convention Bill and I were invited to attend. As I was thinking about what I wanted to say, I mentioned to Bill that I wished there was something I could say to the members that would make them feel good, feel better, feel assured that all would be okay in our newly changed world. I was searching for something to say that would assure them they did indeed have something inside themselves they could depend on to see them through the weeks, months, years ahead. In his inspiring-and-incomparable-Bill-Ross-way, he looked at me and said, "They do have something. They know it. They practice it. They live it, for they have the red of courage . . . the yellow of vision . . . the blue of humility . . . the orange of loyalty . . . the green of fellowship . . . the violet of service." I'll never forget him saying that, and I hope you will remember it, too.

- Which traditions do you enjoy most in your chapter? Why?
- Are there any traditions your chapter has neglected that you wish to renew?
- Discuss traditions you've heard about in other chapters. Would you like to adopt them in your own chapter?
- Talk with other members in other chapters. Share with each other those traditions your own chapter honors. Then take back some of their fun and new ideas to your chapter sisters.
- Are there any other or new traditions you've heard about that you think would be good to establish in your own chapter or city council?
- Do you have a reasonable dress code? Is it ever a problem? Discuss it together!

Tradition is not only what comes to us before, created in the past. It is also what we newly create to become the inheritance of future generations, who will talk about us in their turn. We come from an unseen past and move to an unknown future, from Love into Hope! All our cherished sorority traditions have been handed down through our 71-year history of Beta Sigma Phi. These are the things of which greatness is made. They are yours to enjoy!

Honor our rich heritage of traditions within your chapters and councils ... and please don't be afraid to use the many colors of Beta Sigma Phi to create new ones!

You are the artist! You hold the brush !!!

# September Council Meeting

**Beta Lambda Beta hosted the September Council meeting. Their program centered around the cute or tasty and sometimes weird and wacky holidays that exist during the month of September. To highlight some of those holidays, the table was decorated and food and beverage served in honor of several of the events.**

## **A sampling of some of the holidays:**

- 1 Emma M. Nutt Day  
The first woman telephone operator
- 2 VJ Day  
Surrender ceremony aboard the USS Missouri formally ends WWII
- 3 Skyscraper Day
- 4 Newspaper Carrier Day
- 5 Labor Day
- 6 Read a Book Day
- 7 Neither Rain nor Snow Day

### **8 National Date Nut Bread Day**

Enjoy a tasty bread for the holidays. It's the perfect bread for the season. It contains nuts and sugar, but is not heavy on the sugar.

### **9 Teddy Bear Day**

During the early 1900s, President Theodore Roosevelt was in office as President of the United States. He was a hunter. While hunting in Mississippi in 1902, he refused to shoot a small bear. The Washington Post picked up on this story, and made a cartoon of the event. Toy store owners, Morris and Rose Michtom, wrote to President Roosevelt for permission to call their stuffed animals "Teddy Bears". Teddy bears became wildly popular. Their company went on to become the Ideal Toy Company, one of the largest toy companies in the world.

- 10 Sewing Machine Day
- 11 Grandparent's Day
- 12 Chocolate Milk Shake Day
- 13 Fortune Cookie Day

### **14 National Cream-Filled Donut Day**

The most popular cream filled donuts are chocolate cream and vanilla cream.

- 15 Make a Hat Day
- 16 National Play Doh Day
- 17 National Apple Dumpling Day
- 18 National Cheeseburger Day

### **19 National Butterscotch Pudding Day**

Okay, so Butterscotch may not be as popular as vanilla or chocolate. But, it sure is good.

### **20 National Punch Day**

What does National Punch Day celebrate? Punch that comes from a punch bowl or the kind of punch that you dole out with your fists or a tool? We don't know.

- 21 International Peace Day
- 22 Elephant Appreciation Day
- 23 Checkers Day
- 24 National Cherries Jubilee Day
- 25 National Comic Book Day
- 26 Johnny Appleseed Day
- 27 Crush a Can Day
- 28 Ask a Stupid Question Day (one of my favorite days)
- 29 Confucius Day - Try your luck. Get a Fortune Cookie.
- 30 National Mud Pack Day



# Xi Phi Gamma

September ushered in Beginning Day for XPG sisters on Saturday, September 3rd. Serenitea Tea Room in Sugarland was the gathering place, and XPG was excited to have two new members joining in the fun: Megan Chriss and Paula O'Donnell. There was lots of gab among the girls, as we had lots to catch up on after a long hot summer. Each member brought a wrapped tea cup for a tea cup exchange. During the reading of "The Talking Tea Cup" members passed their wrapped cup to the right each time the word "tea cup" was mentioned in the story. Following the tea cup exchange sisters took a "Tea Quiz", with prizes awarded to the person with the most tea knowledge. A lovely lunch was followed by a champagne toast and scones to round out the beginning day event. Our sisters are excited about "Building our Future on our Traditions" theme. Thank you, Jill, for a fantastic opening day event.

Jill, Melinda and Patricia shopped the "Shop 'Til You Drop" Arts and Crafts Show at the Berry Center on September 10. On September 17, the girls gathered for a "We'll be Singing Along" social organized by Jill. The evening started with dinner at

Natachee's Supper 'n Punch Restaurant followed by Pete's Dueling Piano Bar. Crowd watching is always "eye opening" as you sit back and dance to the music in your seat!!!

Our two meetings of the month were hosted by President Kim first and Patricia second. We were happy to have one guest, Carrie, at our first meeting. We hope she will be able to come back for another visit. Our programs for each meeting are centered around "what happened in the world within the past two weeks (year doesn't matter). Each time we have learned some interesting facts and some crazy, off the wall tidbits! We drew names for secret sisters and learned that each gift will have a pre-set theme this year.

Our first service project of the year was to help one of our own...Bridget's parents lost their home to a wildfire so our chapter chipped in with a small donation to start the road to recovery. Our prayers remain with them!

## Submitted by Sandy Dickey

In October, Melissa is going to Belgium! We want to see lots of pictures from this great adventure! We're keeping Megan, one of our newest members, in our prayers for a healthy delivery of her first baby due in March. Our Girl's weekend is scheduled on October 14-16 with a long weekend in the Hill Country of Texas. Members are staying in cute cabins at the Ye Kendall Inn in Boerne. The weekend will be filled with shopping, food and fun. Dianne has been in China and will be traveling to Canada soon so we are eager to hear about her fun.

Members are excited about Open Meeting Fiesta Style this Saturday, October 8th. Several XPG members have been integral in the planning of the event at Old South Plantation in Richmond, and we are eager to enjoy the fun! Looking forward to seeing all our fellow Beta Sigma Phi sisters there!



Welcome to Megan and Paula, our two new members!

## Xi Alpha Zeta

XAZ's first meeting is always held traditionally at our President's home. This year President Rita Mayo had a delicious dinner with recipes from BSP's cookbooks and former members. We ate Dr. Pepper Pulled Pork sandwiches with a cilantro cole slaw. Co-hostess Jene brought a Cracker Barrel Coke Cake and it was served with coke floats! Rita also shared past scrapbooks with us from her early years in BSP and made us each a bag of "monster" cookies. A lovely evening of traditions and memories!!!

Our second meeting was held at Jeanne Murray's home. She started a new tradition with our chapter – Breakfast for Dinner! Co-hostess Diana served us mimosas and then we made our own omelets in a ziplock bag. After you filled your bag with eggs, cheese, bacon and other ingredients and spices, you put your bag in a pot of boiling water and waited for 13 minutes. The omelets were yummy and everyone had fun making them! We ate cinnamon rolls for dessert and Jeanne's special chocolate bar prize that she won from reading the Bustle. Jill brought it back from Hershey, PA. Jeanne also had a special stained glass cross for each of us...we sure are enjoying this new year of

traditions!

Service Project – we are collecting donations to take to the Second Mile Mission in Stafford. We brought tooth brushes and tooth paste to our last meeting. We are now working on food donations, since their cupboards are bare. Later we will bring clothing items.

Our September Social took us to Bellville. We started the day in the car eating Rita's Monster cookies. Our first stop was in Cat Spring for an antique show...and we ate some homemade bread that Rita bought from one of the vendors. Then we stopped at the DQ in Bellville and got dipped cones for our mid-afternoon snack before we hit the town circle to shop. Finally, we arrived at our destination right outside Bellville – "Murder by Chocolate" Mystery Dinner Theater at King Newman's Castle. We explored the castle and the moat before sitting down for a Medieval meal of roasted pork (a whole pig) and roasted chicken with veggies, bread, and chocolate cake of course! You are allowed to bring your own liquor...we bought wine coolers from the Liquor store in Bellville. Joan and Jeanne P volunteered to be in the play – they did a fabu-

### Submitted by Nina Coltharp

lous job!!! Joan also attended the Council social and enjoyed a fun evening listening to Elvis and seeing him transform over the years in 3 different costumes.

On a sad note, some of us attended two funerals in September. Suzy's father lost his battle with cancer and Shirley's mother also died. We continue to keep both families in our prayers. We are also praying for Jene's father, Ron Kirshy, who is battling cancer. On a happier note, Congratulations to Joan – she announced with a box of chocolates that she is going to be a "great-grandmother"!!! Another Congrats to Debbie's son-in-law, Christopher Ramirez, who is stationed in Japan and was selected for promotion to Staff Sergeant in the US Marines!!! AND, our beloved New Jersey sister's grandson is doing better. Donna's grandson - Reid continues to get stronger and stronger and he is now up to 5lbs 6 ounces. They are hoping to have his surgery soon so he will be able to come home from the hospital and be a normal little baby.

XAZ is excited about the "FIESTA" Open Meeting on October 8th. Hopefully the Fall weather will be with us at Old South Plantation. See you there!



XAZ 's September 20 meeting at Jeanne M's house...BREAKFAST for dinner with mimosas and do-it-yourself omelets!!! Jeanne also shared her chocolate prize that she won from Jill for reading the Bustle!

# XAZ Fun... "Murder by Chocolate" at the Castle in Bellville



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### ***Being a Beta Sigma Phi...***

If you wipe a tear from a weeping eye,  
Or lighten a heavy load;  
If you help someone who has lost her way  
Back to life's busy road;  
If you never say, "I can't, I can't,"  
But always say, "I'll try," "I will try,"  
Then that's when you've transmuted dust into stardust,  
That's when you are . . . a Beta Sigma Phi!"

