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Epsilon Sigma December Events

December 10, 2014

Pelatis Meeting
@ Motel 6 off I-10 East

December 13, 2014

FILS Meeting
@ Motel 6 off I-10 East
at 3pm

Chapter Christmas Party
@ Champps
1121 Uptown Park
at 7pm

December 14, 2014

Chapter Meeting
@ LaMadeline in
Pearland

December 25, 2014

Merry Christmas Sorors!

JOURNALIST CORNER



Greetings Epsilon Sigma,

I hope that this issue of the Epsilon Sigma Gazette finds you in good health and spirits for the month of December. During the previous month of November, our chapter celebrated American Education Week and gave thanks for all we are blessed to have. As we move forward into the month of December, we will have the opportunity to fellowship at the Christmas party, partake in our second National program “Correspondence Month” and continue taking care of the business of Iota. This issue of the newsletter will be sure to get you fired up and ready to begin the new year in that good ‘ole Epsilon Sigma spirit. If you have any news that you would like to share in the January Newsletter, send it to me by December 28, 2014. Enjoy the upcoming holidays!

Epsilon Sigma Important Dates to Remember:

Chapter Meeting
Location: TBD

January 11, 2015

Regional Conference
Registration Fee Due to
Financial Secretary:

February 6, 2015

“American Education Week”

During the month of November, Epsilon Sigma celebrated American Education Week (November 16 – 22, 2014)

“SPECIAL ACTIVITIES”

In support of America’s educators and to celebrate Iota Phi Lambda’s first National Program of the Sorority year, Epsilon Sigma literally put their best foot forward by aiding in “The Parade of Giving” as we raised approximately \$100.00 for the Star of Hope “Feed the Hungry” Thanksgiving Drive. The chapter also hosted the Toy’s You Can’t Return diaper drive again this year. Soror Dillard’s group, A-Plus was a real godsend for the project, as they donated many boxes of diapers, and other much needed supplies. We are sure that the chairperson, Soror Ferguson, greatly appreciated the support and was able to help many young ladies in need.

** Pictured on the left are photos of the Star of Hope Delivery (top) and the American Education Week Program and award for educators. (bottom left and underneath the write-up below).*



“THE PROGRAM”

Not only did Epsilon Sigma sorors deliver to those in need our chapter hosted a wonderful American Education Week program on Saturday, November 22, 2014, at the South Texas College of Law building. The chapter received special support from Soror Annette Williams’s organization, Texas State Teachers Association (TSTA), who printed and distributed most of the literature for the American Education Week program. Soror Mary Bryan (Chair) was also able to make sure the audience had special performances, which included a young singer, young mister of ceremony for the program and many youth to run the entire program. Before ending the program, the Epsilon Sigma essay winners were announced to the public and they received their rewards. The guests were able to partake in cake, punch and a light meal after the program. The guests really seemed to enjoy themselves; if you missed this program then you really missed something special.





FILS UPDATE!

The FILs Youth Auxiliary will hold its monthly meeting on December 13, 2014 from 4 pm to 6 pm. The meeting will be held in the banquet room of Motel 6 Inn located @ 10155 East Freeway 77029, the Mercury Drive exit. There will be signs posted, as well as individuals stationed, to direct all guests to the banquet room.

The youth will also distribute raffle tickets for their first fundraiser being held as a joint venture with the Pelatis auxiliary. They would like to ask that all Sorors help to make this fundraiser a success. There are 25 tickets to a book @ a cost of \$2.00 each.

The items being raffled are: 2 flat screen televisions and a Blu-Ray player w/Wi-Fi.

*If any Sorors would like to help by selling tickets, please contact one of the following individuals:

- Soror Deloreis Talley
- Soror Roberta Gibson
- Soror Audrey Davis
- Pelatis President Birdie Armstrong @ (281) 615-4503



SOROR IN THE SPOTLIGHT!!!!



Hats off to our lovely Epsilon Sigma Soror!

Soror **Pamela Weaver** assisted in processing 300 registered voters in her community. She wanted to make sure that their votes counted in the 2014 general election. Soror Weaver represented the Democratic Party during this effort.



January will be National Blood Donor Month:



During the month of January every year, many celebrate National Blood Donor Month. On the left of this article you can find out what qualifications you must meet to become a blood donor. This information is from the American Red Cross website. There are different donation types and the frequency of each type of donation may differ. Sorors, if you can “Commit to Life” during January for some deserving person.

Blood Donors Must:

- **Be in good general health and feeling well***
- **Be at least 17-years-old in most states**, or 16-years-old with parental consent if allowed by state law – [see more information for 16-year-old donors »](#)
- **Weigh at least 110 lbs.**

Additional weight requirements apply for donors 18-years-old and younger and all high school donors. [Click here for weight requirements for young donors.](#)

** Note: Healthy means that you feel well and can perform normal activities. If you have a chronic condition such as diabetes, healthy also means that you are being treated and the condition is under control. If you are not feeling well on the day of your donation, please contact us to reschedule.*

Birthday Wishes From ΕΣ



December Celebrations

12/21 – Soror Valencia Hall

12/24 – Soror Monique Bryan

12/30 – Soror Stephanie Norman

January Celebrations

According to our chapter listing, there are no birthday celebrations. If you have not submitted your birthday or any other celebrations to the chapter journalist, please do so immediately. Thanks!



NEED TO KNOWS:

FROM THE FINANCIAL TEAM

68th Southwest Regional Conference “Following Trailblazers: Moving Forward”

- Location: Houston Marriott Westchase



From the Financial Committee:

This memo is to inform the members that dues (\$250) may still be paid at the chapter meeting on December 14, 2014.

Epsilon Sigma Poetry Section

It's Christmas Time by *Bob Lazzar-Atwood*.

Put your problems on probation
Run your troubles off the track,
Throw your worries out the window
Get the monkeys off your back.
Silence all your inner critics
With your conscience make amends,
And allow yourself some happiness
It's Christmas time again!
Call a truce with those who bother you
Let all the fighting cease,
Give your differences a breather
And declare a time of peace,
Don't let angry feelings taint
The precious time you have to spend,
And allow yourself some happiness
It's Christmas time again!
Like some cool refreshing water
Or a gentle summer breeze,
Like a fresh bouquet of flowers
Or the smell of autumn leaves,
It's a banquet for the spirit
Filled with family, food and friends,
So allow yourself some happiness
It's Christmas time again!

* Read more at:
http://www.theholidayspot.com/christmas/poems/poetry_page_3.htm#4M3gQqM4aP2XZrW.99



The True Meaning Of Christmas by *Brian K. Walters*

In today's day and time,
it's easy to lose sight,
of the true meaning of Christmas
and one special night.

When we go shopping,
We say "How much will it cost?"
Then the true meaning of Christmas,
Somehow becomes lost.

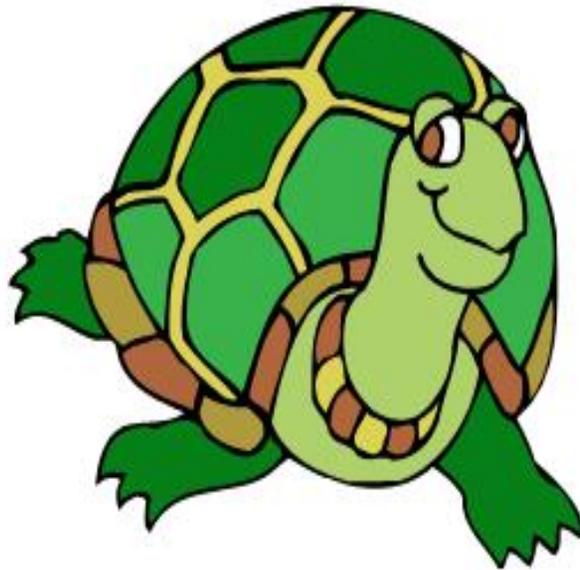
Amidst the tinsel, glitter
And ribbons of gold,
We forget about the child,
born on a night so cold.

The children look for Santa
In his big, red sleigh
Never thinking of the child
Whose bed was made of hay.

In reality,
When we look into the night sky,
We don't see a sleigh
But a star, burning bright and high.

A faithful reminder,
Of that night so long ago,
And of the child we call Jesus,
Whose love, the world would know.

* Read more at:
http://www.theholidayspot.com/christmas/poems/poetry_page_3.htm#di8qv7CBvMqvYlr5.99



For more information:

National Website: Iota1929.org

Southwest Region Website: swregion-iota.org

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