

Spring E-Edition

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Magical Celebrations

Interests

- Magical Celebrations, Book Donations, On Line and Land Chapter Sisters Assist
- Key West's Photo Gallery of Hurricane Wilma's Aftermath
- Beta Journal Timeline/ Conventions w/ Additional Info on line for 2006
- Strawberry Patch/Spring Shopping List
- Beta Shoppe/Valentine Sweetheart Revealing Ideas



Even before the hurricane our council did not have a Valentine ball but more of a brunch or luncheon. This one was our first held in the same factory warehouse that most local events are being held in now. But oh my, just as with Christmas, the chapter in charge really made us forget that we had been through a hurricane.

This room is bare, and square and has plain cork top tables...it's a lunchroom for the employees. But the chapter in charge draped it in red and had the most darling centerpieces. They had taken a toilet tissue roll and set it in the middle of several shades of pink tissue paper with a layer of pink tulle in there and drew it all up with a ribbon and stuck fun foam flowers on wires in as a bouquet. Each place setting had pink and white napkins and plates and plastic ware. We had a buffet brunch provided by the hosting chapter including BSP Champaign punch. One of the sister's daughter had created a huge heart shaped cake honoring BSP's 75th anniversary and it was a layered raspberry jam cake with royal icing.

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Each chapter's queen was presented and since few chapter tiara's survived the storm, we mostly used the wire valentine garland and that was pretty too.

The presenting chapter put me on the agenda to talk about the books that Carolyn K. and Karen H. have sent. Carolyn sent a huge box from FL and Karen's chapter gathered up six huge boxes of books. Between them they covered, light romance, good fiction, cookbooks, inspirational, non fiction and children's classics.

I took the opportunity to sort of reprise all that the on line sisters have done for the hurricane victims already. Many of the books were spoken for, but one instance was so touching I had to share it.

A BSP came to me and said that they had been totally wiped out and that her husband takes care of her mother who has Alzheimer's while the BSP works. He reads to the mother in law constantly and only inspirational material. When I mentioned that among the books sent, were inspirational books, she asked if her husband could have them to read to her mother.

It's his thought that some of it gets through the fog of Alzheimer's, certainly does him good and that it is a good way to spend

their time together. So those books are all spoken for. She asked in particular if there were any books by Max Lucado in the boxes. I was pretty sure there weren't but I told her there were several other inspirational authors included in the Montana shipment.

So this lead to a general discussion of who still needed what and what we might have on hand here to share or trade.

Sandy D. was there and spoke about how generous on line has been to her. I was able to give her a red hat visor that Julia brought when she came over to bring her chapter's very generous donation. But the morning we left the house to go meet Sandy, we left the visor on the counter, so she has it now. Then Sandy said she had heard from Loretta C. and that some of Loretta's church members are in the area and Sandy will be contacting them. I also have another large box here to take to Sandy from Charlotte A. when I go to chapter tomorrow night.

Then last night was something really special at our church. Several weeks ago we signed up for a candle light supper in our church to honor World Marriage Day. We thought this would be a nice but rather standard church event.

Last night the lights had been dimmed and the only light came from strings of white lights wrapped in white tulle had been strung from the ceiling in a star burst pattern. Where the rays of the star came down the wall, it was tied with a huge red bow of tulle.

There must have been 20 or 30 rays soft white twinkle lights. Then we had "chandeliers" made from deep glass bowls with floating candles. The bowls were trimmed with red roses and hung in a sort of sling of red tulle with red roses underneath. On the table where Champaign glasses with either white, pink or red rose candles floating in them. Our wine glasses had red napkins fluted in them and white table clothes. It was truly a fairly land of light and magic. The buffet was catered and I think we had about 5 choices of wine. The food was wonderful and included a dessert buffet.

A church photographer was doing pictures for the couples and we had a band and dancing. Each couple that was celebrating a significant anniversary this year was recognized by name and so Jerry and I were honored for 40 years.

We had paid 30.00 a couple for this extravaganza! When we arrived in the hall we stopped at the name tag table and even the name tags



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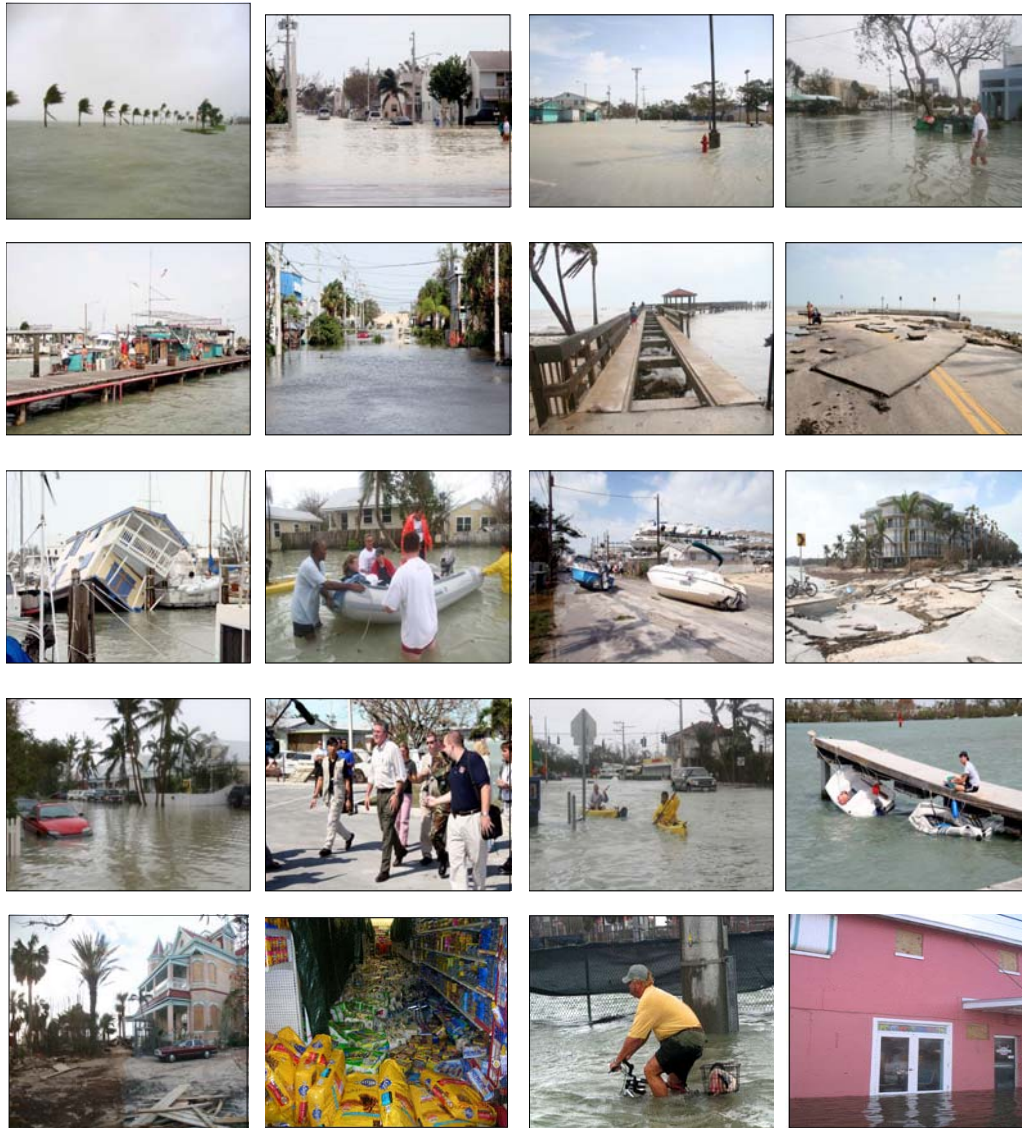
were done to reflect our marriage them. Jerry's said Jerry loves Judy Clarke and mine said Judy loves Jerry Clarke. And that is certainly true!

I think it is the first time that many people on the Gulf Coast have been transported to another place of beauty and fun and sentiment and the outside world with all it's

problems was forgotten for those in a magical house.

*Hugs,
Judy C.
Gulfport MS*

Key West and Hurricane Wilma - Audrey



A picture is worth a 1000 words they say.

- *Audrey*

A Special thank you to Audrey for sending these pictures to share with us!



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Beta Journal Update Timeline

Search Engine for Strawberry Patch Uploaded	Feb 2006
Party Plans-Marilyn Ross Index Uploaded	Feb 2006
Correction to Pledge Test in Patch	Feb 2006
Strawberry Patch PDF's Uploaded	March 2006
Convention Information Posted	Each Month
Beta Shoppe Items	Each Month
IRS SS-4 2006 Form Updated to File Cabinet	Feb 2006
New Kaffeeklatsch	March 2006
Rose Garden Returns Poems and Inspirations	March 2006
Memoriam for Dearly Departed Sisters	Late Spring

2006 CONVENTIONS w/ ADDITIONAL INFORMATION POSTED ONLINE

- Arizona 09/29-10/1
- California 05/19-05/21
- Colorado 06/9-06/11
- Florida 05/05-05/07
- Georgia 05/19-05/21
- Indiana 09/29-10/01
- Kansas 10/13-10/15
- Kansas On Line 10/12
- Louisiana 05/07
- Nebraska 04/21-04/22
- Newfoundland 06/02-06/04
- Ohio 05/19-05/21
- Pennsylvania 09/29-10/01

- Oregon 07/28-07/30
- Virginia 10/27-10/29
- Washington 07/14-07/16

GO TO

<http://www.betajournal.com/conv1.htm> to Post YOUR upcoming convention on line! Now accepting 2007 convention information.

Don't forget to fill out convention forms for Laura Ross Wingfield as well. Laura@betasigmaphi.org



We are working very hard to bring you more material. Thank you for your patience!

**NEW MATERIAL IN THE PATCH-
PDF 's**

*An Envoy Ritual	Feb 2006
*Envoy Facts	Feb 2006
*Envoy Club International	Feb 2006
*The Good, The True & The Beautiful	Feb 2006

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SPRING SHOPPING LIST

One of these days I must go shopping.
 I am completely out of **self-respect**.
 I want to exchange some self-righteousness
 which I picked up the other day, for
 some **Humility**, which they say is less
 expensive, and wears better.
 I want to look at some **tolerance**
 which is being used for wraps this season.
 Someone showed me some pretty samples of **peace**.
 We are a little low on that, and one can never
 have too much of it!
 By the way, I must try to match some
patience that my neighbor wears—
 it's becoming to her, and maybe it
 will look well on me too.
 -Author Unknown

http://www.betajournal.com/patch_al.htm



Special thanks to the Sisters on the BSP Mailing List for their input.

NEW IN THE BETA SHOPPE

Sisterhood Pins	Prices Vary
BSP Aprons	\$9.99 Each
BSP Car Flags	\$10.00 Each
Rhinestone Pins	\$13.00 Each

http://www.betajournal.com/main_shoppe.htm



TIPS FROM SISTERS ON LINE

Ideas for revealing your Valentine Sweetheart or Queen

- Tie red, white and pink balloons to sisters chairs after they sit down and the queen gets the only red one you tie on.
- Use a deck of cards and deal them face down to the sisters. Make sure your queen gets the only queen of hearts in the carefully placed deck.
- Host a tea and place a special sticker or note under the plate that is the queens. Just make sure your queen sits in that special spot before tea.
- Purchase inexpensive purses (children's), place compacts and goodies in the purses. Have the sisters open the compacts to check their make up and alas the one with the compact and heart is your queen.
- Have the queen revealed with a Valentine gram delivery, and the messenger sings a special song revealing her name. She is presented with a gift and/or flowers.
- Pass out boxes of candy with messages inside. The box with the special message is the queen/sweetheart.