

## ***This is the story of Rosie and her search for The Good, The True, and The Beautiful***

*Rosie was an ordinary woman who had a wonderful life but she was always someone's child, someone's wife, someone's mother. Then one day an invitation came in the mail. She was invited to a rush party. She was nervous as she entered the room but there were many smiling faces. Rosie knew that she was home. She pledged that day. Two weeks later she was given her Pledge Ritual in which she was challenged to advance The Good, The True and The Beautiful. Her pledge training taught her all she needed to know about this special organization.*

*Her new chapter quickly put her to work on the Social and Ways and Means Committees. She was surprised at all the wonderful ideas that flowed from her sisters. Great socials, inventive Ways and Means projects, the time and money for service that made her city a better place to live. She looked forward to the meetings where she learned so much from the wonderful programs that were as diverse as her new sisters. She enjoyed the socializing after the meeting where she shared her life and learned how amazing her sisters were. She also enjoyed surprising her secret sister with just the right gifts and when she thanked you everyone saying, "You're welcome!" and taking credit for all the gifts that were given out at the meeting. After six months of pledge training she received her Ritual of Jewels Degree where she pledged herself to loveliness and learned the six great attributes that Beta Sigma Phi's aspire to achieve.*

*Over the next few years she worked on all committees and served as Treasurer and Vice President. As Vice President she was able to share the knowledge she had learned when she had her pledge training. Her favorite committee was service. She was amazed at all the wonderful projects that her sisters found and how generous they were with their time and their money. Little did she know how much these sisters would be there for her when she needed them.*

*The phone call came in the middle of the night. Her husband had been in an accident. She called a sister and she immediately dropped everything and came to baby-sit Rosie's children. When she arrived at the hospital there were two sisters waiting for her. They were there through the operation and rehabilitation. They cooked, cleaned and helped with her children. When the bills came in they made a donation to help. This showed her the Good, the True, and the Beautiful that lived in the hearts of her sisters.*

*Rosie had always been shy and had never wanted to speak in front of anyone. As she did her programs each year she began to get more confidence. She was so honored when she was elected President. She quickly organized her committees and with diligence her chapter won State Chapter of the Year. What a thrill!*

*Her life was happy and fulfilling with her church, her children's schools, and several charities. Life was good and then her husband was offered a promotion in another town. She was excited, scared and sad that she would be leaving her sisters. They gave her a going away party. There were many hugs, tears, and memories to share.*

*Rosie found the perfect house and in a great neighborhood. As the moving men left and she looked at the boxes, she was overwhelmed and felt alone. As she worked to organize her house, she received a call from a sister from her hometown letting her know how much she was missed. She knew they would always be her sisters.*

*The next day the doorbell rang and as she opened the door she heard, "Beta Sigma Phi," to which she replied, "I am thy sister". There stood two sisters with a cake and a yellow rose. She knew she was home again.*

*Rosie jumped right in working in her new chapter. She was elected as a representative to City Council and then she was elected City Council First Vice President. She was responsible for planning, The First Lady of the Year Reception for a deserving woman in the community.*

*Everything had to be perfect from the invitations, programs, napkins, to the food and silver service. Rosie and her committee did a beautiful job.*

*Rosie was a true Beta Sigma Phi. She was always there to help. She never missed a meeting and she always wore her badge. She was proud of her accomplishments and wore her badge proudly. She wanted to include her family so she signed up her daughter as a legacy and her husband as an envoy.*

*Rosie was always kind and thought of others so no one was surprised when her chapter selected her to be their Sweetheart. What a beautiful job the Ball Committee had done decorating the room. She was so excited when she was called out to represent her chapter. It was fun dancing the first dance with her husband and all the other Sweethearts. It was a night she would long remember.*

*Rosie had now been in Beta Sigma Phi for fifteen years. Where had all the years gone? She was still excited about meetings, socials, and programs. She had worked on many committees and projects and had loved it, but the most memorable was the day that her chapter honored her with the Order of the Rose. Everyone was wearing long dresses in the colors of our attributes. The words made her remember rituals from her past. It made her remember The Good, The True and The Beautiful she had seen many times in her years with Beta Sigma Phi.*

Rosie had been to many conventions and had loved meeting her sisters all over the state. But this convention was different. Her city was going to do the bid for the next year's convention. As she went out to do her part in the bid she thought what fun it was going to be to host her sisters. Rosie was going to be the Awards Chairman. As the yearbooks and scrapbooks came in she was amazed at how talented the sisters in her state were and how hard the Women of the Year and the Chapters worked. It was hard to choose a winner. Her chapter worked on the Saturday Night Awards Banquet. The weekend flew by and before she knew it candles were being lit for the Closing Ritual. She was sad to see it end.

Everything was going great when her husband got transferred again. She was not as nervous as the time before because she knew that she had sisters waiting for her everywhere she went. However, this time Rosie was moving to Saudi Arabia and far away from all she knew. When she moved there, there was not a knock at the door. There were no sisters near. There were no chapters. But Beta Sigma Phi meant too much to Rosie to give it up, so she wrote International and got the information to start a new chapter. She talked to her neighbors, the people in the community and invited them to a rush party. She started with five members. These members brought their friends and before she knew it Rosie had twelve members. Doing pledge training brought back memories of her time as a Pledge. She taught them to strive for The Good, The True and The Beautiful.

While in Saudi Arabia, Rosie reached other milestones in her sorority life. She became a lifetime member and received her Silver Circle. She enjoyed her time in Saudi. She learned a lot about the culture and made new friends. She knew that when she came home she would give a program about her adventures to her new chapter.

Rosie's life came a full circle when her husband decided to retire. She had missed her children's families. She returned to her hometown and went into a Master chapter where she reunited with many of the sisters she had been with before. She was excited when she was invited by her daughter's Exemplar chapter to attend their Mother's Day Luncheon. As they honored their mother's she remembered the many Mother's Day Luncheons she had attended to honor her own mother. It was even more special because her granddaughter was honored with her Legacy Ritual at the luncheon.

So this is the story of Rosie, who learned the real meaning of The Good, The True, and The Beautiful that we, as Beta Sigma Phi's, strive to achieve everyday. After all, there is a little bit of Rosie in all of us.

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