

# Beginning Day

*Beginning Day holds the promise of a new sorority year, with all the fun that goes along with a new beginning. That is not to forget the many hours our sisters put in with their worthy service projects. They just manage to always have a good time doing it! Read about how our sisters got back in the groove after a long, hot summer. Looks like everyone is ready to Share Our Passport to Adventure!*

**B**eginning Day holds a special meaning to all Beta Sigma Phi sisters, but sisters of **California Gamma Delta Master, Merced** got to add the word Weekend after Beginning! Three sisters who have beach homes in Monterey Bay invited their sisters, their spouses and guests to join them for a three-day, two-night stay to begin the new year. And just like that – everyone agreed! “We all appreciated the respite from the heat in the (San Joaquin) valley,” says member Doreen Crawford. “We enjoyed many hours together playing golf, shopping and relaxing!”



*Tennessee Xi Delta Omicron, Smyrna's Beginning Day*

Paying homage to Olympic history, **Tennessee Xi Delta Omicron, Smyrna** celebrated Beginning Day by preparing dishes using recipes from several countries that were participating in the Olympics. “We enjoyed the experience of tasting new flavors and trying new recipes,” writes Xi Delta Omicron member Karen Vaughan. “Following lunch, the games began as we competed for the gold, silver and bronze medals.” The rigorous games included “Drop the Clothes Pin in a Jar”, “Bocce Ball” and “The String Relay.”

Beginning Day for **Oregon Iota Master, Salem** was a great time for the members to catch up on what the summer brought their way. The guest was Specialist Danielle Poindexter, for the Oregon National Guard. Danielle is the granddaughter of Iota Master member Loretta Craford. Danielle recounted to the group what her experiences were in Iraq. She told of the appreciation the soldiers had for all the care packages they receive, including from Iota Master, who had the company as a service project. Danielle noted the items at the top of any wish list were baby wipes, snack foods, laundry soap, and Crystal Light in the individual serving size. “She really let us know what it was like being a female soldier on the front lines,” says Loretta. The soldiers are so grateful for anything that is sent to

them. We had time to ask questions, and we all learned what our soldiers are doing to help in Iraqi Freedom.”

Joan Brichford, Lori Sadler and Pat Shimko of **Ohio Preceptor Zeta Pi, Madison** had a surprise for their sisters on Beginning Day when they greeted them with “Dancing Queen”, the rousing tune from the 70s band, ABBA. With their matching outfits and purple boas, they were a sight to behold!

Elsewhere in the Buckeye State, members from **Ohio Preceptor Eta Gamma,**

*Guest Danielle Poindexter for Oregon Iota Master, Salem's Beginning Day*



**West Chester** celebrated their Beginning Day by creating ice cream sundaes for all to enjoy. After the delicious treats, members drew numbers, which matched bags that contained special gifts donated by sisters. The social was held on a Sunday afternoon, lending itself to the catchy name "Sundaes on Sunday."

Beginning Day in **Red Deer, Alberta** sees members of **Preceptor Phi** reunite after a long summer by joining together at a local lake and campground. The members enjoyed a cruise on the lake on a beautiful summer evening, in member Lexy Fisher's luxury boat. Following the marvelous cruise, everyone gathered at a local cafe for a fish and chips dinner.

Members of **Montana Preceptor Alpha Alpha, Billings** got in the pirate spirit with their Beginning Day festivities. Their photo captions read, "Perky Preceptor Alpha Alpha pace plank; poised to partake in pink-power party!"



*Ohio Preceptor Zeta Pi, Madison's Beginning Day surprise*



*Ohio Preceptor Eta Gamma, West Chester's Beginning Day*



*Montana Preceptor Alpha Alpha, Billings have pirate spirit*



*Alberta members of Preceptor Phi, Red Deer*



## **T-Shirt Contest Winners**

*The T-Shirt contest was a big success! We had many entries, and we did not want to choose just a few winners. So we are starting with two, with more winners to come. Check out the new Gift Selections, page 6, to see the first two selections. We think they fit our sisters to a T!*