Wyoming Preceptor Rho, Worland members had a great time on Founder’s Day! All sorority members were asked to submit their favorite song. “We received 29, and every member was presented a CD with all 29 songs. All members wore black and white. It was quite a festive affair. The chapter sent a CD of the festivities for the Torch staff to peruse. What fun we had!”

Ontario Laureate Epsilon Theta, Belleville acted as the hostess for their annual Founder’s Day. They gathered together at a local establishment and had a memorable time. The chapter supplied the decorations, and had a great time making all of the favors. Laureate Epsilon Theta member Brenda Thiffault provided entertainment by singing several show tunes for the ladies accompanied on the piano by a local musician.

Legacy member Katelyn Smith, sponsored by Sue Moulton of California Delta Iota Master, China Lake, carried out her mistress of ceremonies duties quite well at the chapter’s Founder’s Day banquet. At a “Through The Years” fashion show she wore a dress, shoes and hat from the 1940’s, loaned by California Laureate Epsilon Kappa, China Lake member Doris Bush who wore the same outfit to a New Year’s Eve party in 1949. Other models wore outfits from the 1950’s to the present.

Arkansas Preceptor Alpha Mu, Benton was invited to the Governor’s Mansion in Little Rock, Arkansas for Founder’s Day. First Lady
Ginger Bebee is a Beta Sigma Phi member and invited Greater Little Rock, Arkansas City Council to a fabulous Founder’s Day Awards Banquet. “Our chapter was 100% in attendance,” writes Preceptor Alpha Mu member Wanda Price. “All members in our chapter helped with the decorations for the banquet.”

Anthony, New Mexico chapters Preceptor Omega and Laureate Alpha Beta had quite an eventful Founder’s Day, being joined by a group of fascinating story tellers for a “Temperance Rally.” The group takes on the persona of historical persons from the late 1800’s. “All our sisters on the historical melodrama by siding with either the Temperance Union or the madam and demon rum,” says Preceptor Omega member Nancy Fairchild. The local historical association benefited from their donations to aid in the restoration of a historical cemetery in El Paso, Texas. Texas Preceptor Xi Sigma, Houston also enjoyed Founder’s Day at a local country club with all members being presented with beautiful yellow rose corsages.

When Ohio Laureate Epsilon Kappa, Steubenville was planning their Founder’s Day program, they decided to invite other chapters in the area to join them. Seven chapters happily responded and about 50 Beta Sigma Phi members attended, making for a very cheerful get-together.

“We had dinner, had our Founder’s Day Program and our chapter even provided the desert,” said Laureate Epsilon Kappa member
Mary Ann Cavalier. “It was great getting together and members want to do it again next April.”

Queensland Laureate Beta, Brisbane enjoyed a great Founder’s Day last year as they presented their annual music award. The awards were $1,000, $300 and $200. In addition, they were thrilled to present a $500 encouragement award to a promising musician chosen by the area conservatory in October. The chapter also provides a nice dinner after the ceremony, which is quite appreciated by the attendees, most of them students attending mostly.

Florida Laureate Zeta Iota, Boca Raton celebrated their Founder’s Day on the water with a cruise. The ambience set by the magnificent weather and the great company helped all to “Rekindle the Torch of Friendship.”

Six Trenton, Ontario chapters joined with the sisters from Belleville to celebrate Founder’s Day. Belleville and Trenton usually alternate as hosts and last year Belleville were hosts. “They did a wonderful job and hosted an entertaining and elegant evening,” writes Tina Bowers member of Ontario Xi Beta Mu, Trenton.

Members of Kentucky Laureate Upsilon, Owensboro joined together with Laureate Sigma and Theta Master to join Indiana Mu Lambda, Tell City members in a Founder’s Day celebration.
Four Sturgis, South Dakota chapters hosted their area Founder’s Day in an impressive way, and they did it with no outside help. Everything, from the food to the decorations, was handmade. And the guest count numbered 110, from 10 cities in the Black Hills. Yellow roses were presented to 50 guests for various sorority achievements and a delicious brunch was prepared by one chapter. Members were rendered nearly speechless after the event, coming up with one perfect description of the gala – spectacular!

Laureate Alpha Delta, Marrietta, the sisters of member Forrestine Cooper honored her for also marking 70 years! Congratulations, Forrestine!

Mississippi Laureate Epsilon, Ocean Springs enjoyed great weather, company and surroundings at their annual Founder’s Day. They chose to celebrate at the lovely carriage house of one of the town’s most famous restaurants. All had a fabulous time revisiting the past year and some of their finest memories of Beta Sigma Phi.

The members of Nevada Iota Master, Fallon, had an extra special Founder’s Day, they celebrated the anniversary of member Elena Cunningham’s 70th year in Beta Sigma Phi. “Elena is a great lady, a true Beta Sigma Phi, but most of all, a wonderful friend,” writes her Iota Master sister Bobbie Taylor. Congratulations, Elena! Also, at the Founder’s Day celebration of Georgia
Preceptor Alpha Chi, Fredericksburg celebrated Founder’s Day, and reminded everyone in attendance that this was their very favorite time of year – because it is the celebration of the founding of sorority! Gathering at an historic inn, each table was adorned with yellow roses and a decorative gift bag awaited each guest. “This celebration made Founder’s Day truly memorable, by emphasizing how Beta Sigma Phi has held true to the principles envisioned by Walter W. Ross,” says Preceptor Alpha Chi member Linda Decatur.

Six chapters of Arkansas Preceptor Epsilon, Hot Springs members met at a local country club to toast the founding of Beta Sigma Phi and the near-completion of another great year in sorority. Chapters represented were Laureate Epsilon, Xi Beta Chi, Preceptor Epsilon, Laureate Mu and Delta Master.

Two Childress, Texas chapters, Xi Pi Sigma and Xi Psi, joined together for a festive Founder’s day fete at the home of Xi Pi member Diana Clifton. It was a superb time, with everyone recalling events of the past year while looking through scrapbooks and reliving cherished memories.