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Ohio Xi Chi, Greenville just celebrated their 1,000 meeting this past September. A very special dinner/event was held with invites going out to other local chapters of Beta Sigma Phi and past members. The turnout was large, the only way to celebrate this grand occasion of 1,000 meetings. Congratulations!

Texas Preceptor Eta Chi, Houston is touring the world this year in our "Share Our Passport To Adventure" theme. The chapter board assigned countries to members and suggested they plan a fantasy adventure to places never visited before. The members were asked to present the trips as if they were touring them instead of reciting facts and figures. Kerry Bost took them to Italy where they were given totes, purchased in Italy, to carry their Italian market items. Connie Clark had sisters visualizing a trip to Tahiti where they enjoyed all the sites and activities Tahiti has to offer, including souvenirs from each activity. Next they were off to Switzerland, where Kathy Gabbart took them through the beautiful landscapes of Switzerland on the Swiss Express by describing each scene as they



Vicki Beltramo of Colorado Preceptor Gamma Iota, Colorado Springs, in keeping with the Beta Sigma Phi motto, presented a program on the history of Friendship Quilts. Each sister chose a fabric square and was given a month to embroider, iron on, or appliqué the square and then sign her name. Vicki put the squares together to make the Friendship Quilt. "It was raffled off at the chapter meeting and the \$195 made will buy fleece," says Vickie, "and we will be able to make tie blankets for the homeless."

went. "Our passports are filling up and we are looking forward to the rest of our adventures this year!" exclaims member Connie Clark.



Members of Illinois Xi Mu Psi, Moline held a silent auction at their August 6, 2009 meeting to raise monies to be sent to the International office to help during this hard economic time. Each member, many of whom are paid for life members, donated an item for the auction. Members present from left to right include: Nancy Pheiffer, Pat Lawless, Linda Crouch, Sandy Claerhout, Beverly Scranton, Karen Service, Pat Stotts, Shari Coe and Marianne McGinnis. Member Deanna Glossop took the photo.

California Gamma Master, Woodland member Mary Hahn knitted slippers for 'Operation Toasty Toes' a volunteer program to support America's troops serving overseas. The grateful response, read in part, "Thank you for your wonderful crochet slippers. At this time, this group of slippers will be given to men and women at the V.A. hospitals throughout the United States. Thank you for your service, to God and Country." Thank you again, California Gamma Master, Woodland.

Florida Preceptor Theta Sigma, Sarasota donated \$1,000 in memory of member Cathie Carrier who passed away from cancer. The gift will benefit the Patricia S. Snyder Children's Fund, a charitable fund administered by Sarasota Memorial Health Care Foundation, Inc. This fund helps pay for medical treatment and specialized equipment for children at Sarasota Memorial Health Care System.

"Cathie loved children and her last wish was to remember the Pat Snyder Fund. We were so pleased that her son, Paul, was able to join us when we presented the check in her memory. Since 1993, the chapter has donated \$40,800 to the Patricia Snyder Children's Fund," says member Linda Smith.



Foundation representative (far right) Priscilla Mitchell accepted the check from sorority members and Cathie's son, Paul Wroblewski.



Victoria Kappa Master, Black Rock in Australia was delighted to present a check for \$2,000 to a representative from the Parkinson's Victoria association in support of two of our members' husbands who have been diagnosed with Parkinson's disease. Parkinson's occurs when certain nerve cells in a region of the brain become impaired or die. Normally, these cells produce a vital chemical known as dopamine. Dopamine allows smooth, coordinated function of the body's muscles and movement. When approximately 70% of the dopamine-producing cells are damaged, the symptoms of Parkinson's disease appear. Kappa Master's donation will be used for research into profiling the disease to find a cure for this challenging disease," says member Mary Jean Hansen. In other chapter news, Mary Jean writes that their service committee has made a special effort this year to show support to their chapter sisters and their families. "We held a wine & cheese



tasting and sales evening and a musical presentation by a world renowned Suzuki voice teacher followed by a sumptuous High Tea. Both functions were very well supported by sister chapters, friends and family."