

**XI STATE ORGANIZATION BIRTHDAY BRUNCH
SATURDAY, JUNE 3, 2017
McCLURG DINING HALL UNIVERSITY OF THE SOUTH**

The Xi State Birthday Brunch began at 9:45 a.m. (CDT) on Saturday, June 3, 2017, in McClurg Dining Hall at the University of the South in Sewanee, Tennessee. Edna Clemons, Beta Zeta welcomed everyone to the Birthday Brunch. The Xi State President, Dr. Dorrie Powell, Beta Sigma, presided over the meeting. President Powell thanked Dr. Elaine Alexander, Beta Epsilon, Chair of the Membership Committee, for the lovely Ceremony of Remembrance. She also thanked hostess chapter members from Beta Zeta and Beta Eta for the charming decorations.

June Silver, Beta Zeta, provided the “Moment of Possibility” inspiration.

Dr. Linda Eller, the Xi State Second Vice-President, recognized first time attendees and held a drawing for a paid registration to the 2018 Xi State Convention; Pam Killingsworth, Gamma Eta, was the winning first-timer.

Pam Jefferies, Beta Phi, the Special Events Committee Chair, announced the total from the Silent Auction which will benefit Leadership Development was \$4895. Jefferies also presented the Apple Award to Beta Phi chapter for raising the most money for the Silent Auction.

Marsha Brewer, Beta Upsilon, the Chair of Arts and Personal Enrichment Committee, presented President Powell with a hand-crafted Arts and Personal Enrichment quilt.

President Powell provided reflections on her reign as 2015-2017 Xi State President and passed the gavel to incoming 2017-2019 Xi State President Dr. Elaine Alexander who will begin her presidential duties on July 1, 2017. Alexander announced her theme for the biennium as Explore, Dream, Discover ... Your Adventure Awaits.

Sherrie Collins, Beta Pi, provided a tribute in honor of our Founders.

The Xi State Second Vice President, Dr. Linda Eller, Alpha Lambda, made final announcements. Eller announced June 7-9, 2018 as the dates for the 83rd Xi State Convention.

President Powell thanked the Steering Committee Chair Eller and her steering committee members. Powell recognized Chris Carlson and the summer conferences staff, the food services staff, and the media services staff for the wonderful services provided during the convention. Powell thanked Society Representative June Bowers and all members for making the 2017 Xi State Convention a success.

The Birthday Brunch concluded at 10:30 a.m. (CDT) with singing “The Delta Kappa Gamma Song.”