

# Chatter

For the 15th year, in honor of February being Child Passenger Safety Month, **New Jersey Xi Beta Pi, No Cape May** donated three infant car seats to a local medical center. These go to new mothers who cannot afford to purchase one. Way to go, sisters!

**Missouri Preceptor Lambda Kappa, Wellington** hosts an annual Friendship Banquet. "This year we decided to have a Pay it Back theme. We invited our family and friends, had a meal and invited a speaker," says Preceptor Lambda Kappa member Cheryl Daro, "but instead of giving Secret Sister gifts we each made a donation to the charity of their choice. Also, instead of take home gifts we made a donation to the speaker's charity, House of Hope. In addition, rather than games or door prizes, donations were



Members of the **San Gabriel Valley, California Area Council** recycle in a fun way! Council member Kathi Edstrom of **California Preceptor Beta Kappa, Alhambra** declared the theme for the year to be "Believe in the Magic of Oz". Collections include toilet tissue rolls for the local zoo, plastic bags for a local food bank and school, and aluminum pop tops for Ronald McDonald House, California, San Gabriel Valley Council is Toto-ly Oz-some!



**Birmingham, Alabama** members from **Xi Beta Pi** have an ongoing service project collecting stuffed bears for "Bear Hugs for Haley," named after a precious child who lost her life from cancer at age 10. On the date of her birthday her parents deliver the bears to area children's hospitals for patients. The chapter has collected more than 500 bears for this project.

made to various charities in the name of the winners. It was a wonderful night. I hope more chapters have a "Pay It Back" banquet and this idea spreads!"

Beta Sigma Phi's annual tulip sale was a great success this year for chapters in **Hamilton, Montana**. A program director of an after school program accepted the donation of more than \$2,000 from Shirley Abel of **Montana Laureate Nu, Hamilton**. The donation will be used for scholarships so that every student who wishes to is able to attend the summer program.

**Ontario City Council, Brantford**, held their 4th annual Games and Card Party 'Spring Thaw' in late March.

Proceeds from this event go to support the local hospice, which does such wonderful work for the community. This year the donation was \$1,800, and the support is greatly appreciated by the facility. "Everyone had a good time, and loves to help the hospice. The at-



Our Beta Sigma Phi members, originally from the same chapter in **Bismarck, North Dakota** were recently reunited at a wedding. The wedding was that of **North Dakota Laureate Theta, Bismarck** member (third from left) Dolores Gausvik's daughter Robyn (front), a Legacy member. "We reminisced about each of our children's weddings and the fun time all of us had throughout the years attending them," said Dolores, of the sisters she had the good fortune to see after many years apart. A beautiful day, all the way around!

tendance has grown each year," says Arl Kish of **Ontario Preceptor Alpha Zeta, Brantford**.

**British Columbia Beta Master, Comox Valley** with the assistance of **British Columbia Alpha Beta Master, Comox Valley** conducted a "Friendship Night" attended by all chapters.

Eighty members were able to attend. A wonderful evening of rousing songs was enjoyed by all in attendance. The great time was followed by delicious refreshments, supplied by all the chapters!

**Delaware Laureate Gamma, Dover** celebrated the 4th of July with a fun-filled covered dish breakfast, at the home of member Jean Peters. Patriotism filled the air and a great time was had by all!

