Happy Summer, Sisters!

The 2016-2017 school year flew by, and I would be remiss if I did not thank you for standing beside me as I juggled my new leadership roles. I learned many lessons this year; the biggest was the importance of remaining humble. Pastor Rick Warren once said, “Humility is not denying your strengths. Humility is being honest about your weaknesses.” Humility is not a weakness, nor is it a person who is a pushover or lacks confidence. However, I would argue that I did have question marks about my ability run across the ticker tape of my mind on one, two, three, or okay…maybe four occasions ☺. Regardless, being open to other’s opinions, tending to other’s needs, admitting mistakes, and accepting ambiguity were on my daily list of “to do’s.” I learned quickly how to adjust my “perspectacles” to look through a different lens. Shel Silverstein’s book The Giving Tree resonated as I realized that sometimes life is simply about finding a place to sit and rest.

We will continue to adjust our perspectacles to focus on the importance of unity and our service to others. Through our monetary gifts we can provide support to the World Fellowship Fund and Schools for Africa, two worthy International initiatives. Altruistic support of local service organizations such as Second Harvest Food Bank of Northwest NC is another way to give back in support of our students, many of whom live in poverty. Beta Nu donated over 100 pounds of canned items to the Second Harvest Food Bank collected at our February meeting.

The Beta Nu kick-off brunch is scheduled for Saturday, August 19th at Old Town Country Club at 9:00 a.m. We had 36 members attend last year and we hope to increase that number to 40 this year. To receive the $23.00 brunch fee (this includes gratuity), we must have at least 20 members participate. If you plan to attend and I hope that you will, please rsvp to Meredith Ebert by August 15; Meredith’s address is 5005 Knob View Trail, W-S, NC 27104. Darlene Gardner, 2nd Vice President, is working diligently to schedule programs for Beta Nu meetings in August, October, and February. While receiving recognition for our gifts and service to others is not our ultimate goal, we will use the recognition of chapter achievement to provide direction this year.

As we enjoy our summer with family and friends, may we be reminded of Daniel Levine’s (Global Trends) words, “Focusing on the positive and expressing gratitude is an integral part of being happy.” Just like in The Giving Tree where life happened and memories were made between a boy and an apple tree, may we continue to grow and blossom in our love for community and service to others.