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**Deb Hughes
President**

Cheers to you, Oklahoma ESA members. You have been active in your community and I am very proud of you!

Across the state, chapters partnered with a variety of community organizations and hosted numerous Hope for Heroes events to express support and appreciation to our military personnel and their families. You supported our second Give Thanks Walk to benefit St. Jude Children's Research Hospital, exceeding all expectations with 275+ walkers, 75+ ESA volunteers and in excess of \$28,000+ raised in donations and pledges. Incredible!

Through both of these events, you have shared the experience of ESA. That's what we do and that is exactly how we can grow our organization. It is something every one of us can, and should, do. Proudly wear our .ESA attire, share what we are doing with others and INVITE THEM TO JOIN US, whether it be project, social or a business meeting. Allow them the opportunity to get to know ESA like we do.

Where do we go from there? Check our website <http://www.oklaesa.org>, then select **Meetings** and find the dates and details of upcoming District Meetings, OK School for the Blind Tour, March State Council Meeting (also found in this issue) and Oklahoma State Convention.

There is a lot of information shared at each of these meetings and the fellowship is tremendous. I once overheard a member's comment, "As long as I have been attending district and state meetings, I still learn something and besides it's great to see everyone from across the state. I am glad that I attend." I would concur with her and I hope you will take up this opportunity and attend these spring meetings with me too. It might also spur you to step up to the challenge and accept a position beyond your chapter. There are people to assist you along the way with your questions, so you are not alone. It can broaden your scope of ESA and expand the fellowship too. I truly "*Believe*" you will enjoy it, gain a new understanding of our


organization and possibly grow personally. I "*Believe*" in you, your talents and your integrity. "*Believe*" in yourself and say "Yes I will."

Our annual OK State Convention isn't far off and I hope you will plan to attend "**ESA ... It's in the Bag**". The registration and room information is available in this issue and website. If it has been a while since you have attended convention then let's turn that around and hope we will be seeing you in Tulsa.

Don't forget to submit your upcoming events, news and photos to Aletha Bolt webmaster@oklaesa.org so others can know what you are doing in your chapter and community.

I have several chapter events and meetings on my calendar and have room for a few more, weather permitting. Please contact me.

We learn from each other and we energize each other. Personally, I know you make me want to work harder to sustain our organization and the various causes we support. I am so thrilled we are on the same team, Team ESA. Thank you for being my shining stars. You are extraordinary in all that you do, I "*Believe*" it.

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Jacque Edwards
First Vice President
Nominating Committee Chair

Hi Ladies,
 It is January and it's soooo cold!!!! Did you have a safe and healthy holiday through all the snow and ice???

Now that you have survived all the ugly weather, time is running out for the deadline of March 1, 2010 for "STATE OFFICE".

Please think about the enjoyment and fun you have when you read the PJ. If someone does not volunteer and accept this wonderful office, you **will not** have a 2010-2011 PJ. Please think about this easy office, now that it is on-line. We have great resources to aid us.

Let us remember our wonderful District Coordinators will be having their Spring meetings and installation of officers for the new year. Mark your calendars:

- District III & V – February 27
 (OSB – Muskogee)
- District IV – March 13 (Lawton)
- District II – March 27 (Clinton)

I am looking forward to hearing from you for State Office and/or my 2010-2011 Board.

Joyce Gibson
Treasurer

Hope the holidays were all that you wished for. We are starting our new year and I am as excited as ever!

Thank you to the chapters that have already paid their chapter dues. You can still pay your chapter dues, **you just can't vote at convention if they were not received by January 1, 2010.** Your chapter name must appear on the dues list, in this issue, in order to participate in contest and vote at State Convention. Please check the list to see if your chapter treasurer paid your dues. If you do not find your chapter name on the list, please

encourage your chapter treasurer to send a check. Dues are \$30.00 for the chapter plus \$3.00 per chapter member. Make the check out to Oklahoma State Council and send it to me: Joyce Gibson, Oklahoma State Council Treasurer, P.O. Box 179, Norman, Oklahoma 73070.

Chapter Dues Paid

Alpha Epsilon #0175	Enid
Alpha Nu #5425	Arapaho
Alpha Omega #5110	Choctaw
Alpha Rho #4350	Broken Arrow
Alpha Sigma #3085	Vinita
Alpha Theta #1038	Muskogee
Alpha Zeta #3067	Pawhuska
Beta Beta #0404	Holdenville
Beta Gamma #391	Tulsa
Beta Iota #4283	McAlester
Beta Mu #606	Lawton
Beta Psi #498	Clinton
Beta Rho #1270	Del City
Beta Zeta #3158	Oklahoma City
Chi Epsilon #5149	Talihina
Delta Chi #1637	Midwest City
Delta Epsilon #2091	Del City
Delta Kappa #3538	Norman
Delta Lambda #3920	Muskogee
Delta Mu #1120	Antlers
Epsilon Kappa #1945	Hominy
Eta Epsilon #2840	Skiatook
Eta Mu #2877	Owasso
Eta Pi #5425	Del City
Gamma Delta #0702	Tulsa
Gamma Kappa #4018	Checotah
Gamma Pi #5091	Inola
Gamma Zeta #	Edmond
Kappa Alpha #5393	Tulsa
Kappa Theta #5414	Guthrie
Nu Delta #5244	Muskogee
Omega Pi #3832	Tulsa
Sigma Chi #5053	Inola
Theta Sigma #4676	Jenks
Theta Tau #4563	Kingfisher
Zeta Alpha #2292	Grove
Zeta Epsilon #4614	Seminole
Zeta Gamma #4253	Shawnee

**Linda Southerland
Parliamentarian**

Have you read your State By-laws recently??
Do you have questions concerning them??

This is your opportunity to make any changes that are needed. Please take the time to read your State By-laws and submit suggested changes to me. Any suggested changes will be presented at the March State Council Meeting for consideration.

**Robbin Brown
Project Director**

Happy 2010! Is that twenty-ten or two thousand ten? Whichever, HAPPY NEW YEAR! Didn't 2009 go out with a bang with mother-nature dropping 14" of snow? It was beautiful.

With the new year comes reminders of things we all need to do before April 1. Send in your donations for the State Project Fund. Make your checks out to Oklahoma State Project Fund. Our funds are low so let's make sure the post office works for the prices of their stamps. Remember to send me your project reports with all the donations, miles and money donated to OSD & OSB. The OSB Tour and District's III and V meetings will be Saturday, February 27, 2010 so make sure and mark your calendars.

The balance as of January 4, 2010 is \$1,330.42. The following chapters have donated to the project as of November 1, 2009; Delta Epsilon #2091 Del City \$50, Beta Rho #1270 Del City \$75, Zeta Alpha #2292 Grove \$220, Gamma Kappa #4018 Checotah \$100, Sigma Chi #5053 Inola \$100 and Delta Lambda #3920 Muskogee \$50.

I want to thank everyone who donated to the Christmas goodie bags; Judy Montgomery, Linda Southerland, Nellrita Barrick, Patsy Timmons, Delta Epsilon of Del City, Deb Hughes, Charlene Law, Judi York, Rosalie Griffith, Theta Tau of Kingfisher, Joyce Gibson and Delta Chi of Midwest City (I hope I didn't

miss anyone). The kids were absolutely thrilled. THANK YOU! THANK YOU! THANK YOU! Out of the 209 students at both OSD and OSB, 25 are not adopted. It's never too late to still adopt a child. Just let me know.

See you February 27!

**Jennye Hickman's Angel Team
Petticoat Journal Editor**

Hello! Here we are, the PJ Angels - FLYING BY to remind you that **MARCH 5** is the deadline for submitting reports for the next publication. Our main goal is to have this issue completed and on the web page and in the mail BEFORE CONVENTION. This may seem like a long time to you....and it is adequate IF EVERYONE GETS THEIR REPORT IN BY MARCH 5! Just like you, we are doing this in our spare time.....so please make it a little easier on us and do your report and e-mail or mail to us by March 5.

Something that makes our PJ look great and more interesting is PICTURES. If you have a picture or two of events in your group, e-mail them to us and we will put them in. Also, when typing your report, type it as a regular plain document. Don't fancy it up.

Thanks, Gang. You can do this!

**Dr. Billye Peterson
District II Coordinator**

Get Your Kicks on Route 66! That's right! You won't want to miss out on the District II meeting on March 27, 2010 at the Clinton First United Methodist Church, Fellowship Hall. Take Exit 69 off I-40. The address is 1001 Frisco Avenue, but the parking lot is 1101 Gary Blvd (which is the Exit 69 road). It's really easy to find!



We'll have installation of officers and a fun day planned by our Clinton sisters. And if you haven't visited the Route 66 Museum in Clinton, you'll want to plan on doing that after the meeting! See you on March 27 in Clinton! Registration will be at 9:30 a.m. and the meeting starts at 10.

Cheryl LaMascus-Young
District III Coordinator

Hello ESA Sisters!

Don't forget to mark your calendars for the District III Meeting and Installation of Officers at the Oklahoma School for the Blind on Saturday, February 27, 2010. Registration will begin at 9:30am and the meeting will begin at 10:00am. District III Project Chair, Donna McCandless will have a Silent Auction with the proceeds going to Clare House. Please plan to attend and to shop our Silent Auction!

Also, District III will be in charge of the project at the March State Council Meeting – be watching for the details!

Happy Valentine's Day!

Lora Thompson
District IV Coordinator

District IV regrets that Michelle McKnight, District IV Treasurer, resigned from ESA. Our new Treasurer for the remaining year is Mary Ann Jones. All donations that you wish to make to District IV for the rest of this year should be sent to Mary Ann Jones, 536 North Beard, Shawnee, OK 74801. Her phone number is 405-273-7706. Email: Maryann74801@aol.com.

District IV meeting and installation will be held in Lawton at Greiner School March 13, 2010. Registration begins at 1:00 pm and the meeting begins at 1:30. Nancy Baucom will be installed

as District IV Coordinator. Please come to the meeting, see a beautiful installation and give Nancy your support in her coming year.

Elaine Ockletree
District V Coordinator

Greetings to District V! Due to our weather, we are calling for a **hot pot of tea to warm us up for the New Year!**

It is also time to think about the new slate of officers for District V. If you would like to be a District V officer, contact Margaret Kramer, Nominating Committee Chair for District V. Her e-mail is mghnurseok@aol.com. We need your participation to help the District continue its momentum from 2009 and make 2010 a better and more fruitful year.

I look forward to seeing everyone at our **next District V meeting at Oklahoma School for the Blind in Muskogee on Saturday, February 27**. Our meeting will be in the morning at approximately 10:00 am. We have a combined meeting with District III and will then break out into a separate meeting. We will elect and install our new officers at the meeting.

See you there!



**Bunnie Sullins
Junior Past President
Disaster Fund Chair**

Well for those who wished for a White Christmas, I can only hope you were happy, but next time PLEASE don't wish so hard.



By the time you get this report, hopefully all this snow and cold weather will be only a bad memory, and spring will be coming shortly; so do me and everyone else a favor wish for warm weather now.



I would like to take this opportunity to thank those that have donated to the Disaster Fund to date. Please be sure you mail your donations to me directly so there is no delay. (Address below) Make the check out to the Disaster Fund. Any ESA member who has received a gift from the Disaster Fund can tell you how much the support of her sisters' means. Not just the financial support but also the emotional support as well. Working together to build the fund for our sisters in need. If you haven't made a contribution to the Disaster Fund, please do so and be entered in the Disaster Fund contest by **April 1**. I would like to see Oklahoma win an award at IC. I am striving for 100% participation from Oklahoma chapters. My goal this year is \$4000.00; we have a long way to go. Mail donations to Bunnie Sullins, Jr. Past President/Disaster Fund Chair, 915 South Pettit, Hominy, Ok 74035

**Lola Jaegers
Auditor**

Reminder to all those who have bank accounts, I will pre-audit your books at the March State Council meeting. I will send you an email telling you how to get your books to me prior to the meeting. Thank you.



**Janet Gray
Awards**

If you are making your New Year's resolutions, you might want to add one more. Write a 300 or less word essay, "What ESA Means to Me" for either 'one year or more' or 'under one year'. You can submit it by snail mail to P.O. Box 1366, Sapulpa, OK 74067 or you can email it to awards@oklaesa.org or grammy6666@yahoo.com. Deadline is on or before April 1, 2010. ESA means so many different things to each individual. We would love to hear what makes ESA special to you.

Requirements: Essay should typed, double space on 8 ½ x 11 paper. Submit 2 copies (1 in a folder and cover page with each copy).

See the 1st place winner for 2009, Mary Johnson's essay, "What ESA Means to Me", less than one year. Thank you, Mary for letting me share your essay with your ESA sisters. It inspires us all.

I also want to remind you to send me your members with their years of service to highlight at the convention and your Pallas Athene status.

Stay warm and safe and may 2010 be a great one for you, your family and ESA!

**Nellrita Barrick
Circle of Life**

The 2009-2010 ESA year is going so fast. But, there is still time for your chapter to participate in the Grateful Grandparent campaign. Some of you have completed the event, some of you have the intention to send them out, and some of you have just set the letters aside. It's like Marti Arnold of the Delta Mu chapter in Antlers said, "I came home from the St. Jude tour thinking we do a lot, but could do more for the outstanding place of hope." Our ALSAC representative told me that January and February are often good months for monies donated to St. Jude. Please, as your Circle of Life Chairman, I am asking you to give your relatives, friends, business contacts, etc., the

opportunity to donate to St. Jude. Do make the effort for a least some of your chapter members to send out those letters. Remember, you do not put the postage on them. Instead, the chapter president collects them and mails them to our regional ALSAC office in Norman who in turn forwards all the letters to St. Jude. All that information is in the Grateful Grandparent packets you received earlier.

Congratulations to Tina Davenport McKamie, her committee and all the ESA volunteers for a great job at the Give Thanks. Walk for St. Jude Children's Research Hospital. The last count for the monies raised was \$28,667.36. Thanks to all the walkers which included some of you ESA gals. What fun it was with the lady clowns, the drum brigade and the food. I hope many of you are already planning for the 2010 walk on the Saturday before Thanksgiving Day.

Speaking of fun, the 'Mr. & Miss Christmas' event sponsored by Alpha Zeta in Pawhuska was just that. They raised \$2,034.83 for their donation to St. Jude.

I am so proud of your commitment and passion to help the kids of St. Jude and their families.

Maxine Wheelan Contest

I'm looking forward to meeting with all the Chairmen that will be conducting contests in March and April at the March State Council Meeting in Shawnee on March 20th.

President Deb is setting a meeting time that morning to get any unanswered questions answered to make each of your jobs much easier and quicker. Remember, the rules are already set for your guidance in making the decisions necessary to be sure that each chapter gets your special attention. There will be other past Contest Chairmen present to give their input on how problems were solved in the past, if there were any.

Looking forward to seeing all of you soon.

Judi York Convention Chair 2010

"ESA...It's In The Bag" is just around the corner. It is coming up April 30, May 1 & 2, 2010, at the Radisson Hotel in Tulsa, OK. The room rate is \$92.00 per night and parking is free. Registration fee is \$85.00 for members and \$40.00 for men. Registration deadlines for both the hotel and convention are April 15, 2010.

On Friday evening we will have a Fajita buffet, with all the fixings, before the mixer for an additional cost of \$25.00 per person. Everyone will want to attend and join in the fun, so mark this on your registration form. If you are on the board, mark that you will be attending the Fajita buffet and "paid by convention" on your form so we will know you are coming.

Don't forget to advertise your business, chapter events, wish congratulations to someone, by purchasing a program ad. The program will be 8 ½ x 11 and ads will be \$100 for full page, \$50 for half page and \$25 for quarter page. There is a form elsewhere in this PJ.

There are workshops for Friday afternoon, and you won't want to miss the hospitality room with your hosts, John Stapleton, Steve York, Matt Farabee, and Kelly Young. So, fill out your registration form (located elsewhere in the PJ) and send to Sandy Saunders, Registration Chair, today. Your hostess chapters: Alpha Rho, Broken Arrow, Theta Sigma Jenks, Eta Mu Owasso, Beta Gamma, Gamma Delta, Kappa Alpha and Omega Pi, Tulsa have lots of fun and surprises planned for you so join us for ***"ESA...It's In The Bag"***, April 30, May 1 & 2, 2010.

Deb Hughes Directory 2009-2010

If you have not yet received your state directory, please contact me to make arrangements for delivery. There are several members that signed up to receive a directory but have not yet paid.

Only a few copies remain for purchase. I will have them with me at the OSB tour. Contact me to get your directory.

Thank you for your support of the state directory.

Rita Hains
Membership Chairman

Be sure to bring those new members to convention!! And, be sure to send me the names of all the new members who will be there so we can formally recognize them and welcome them into our great organization. This convention is shaping up to be one of the best ever so it will be a good time to show our new members how much the ESA members of Oklahoma do for St. Jude's, Easter Seals, and all our local charities. And, of course, to show them how much fun we have when we all get together!!



Oklahoma membership has kept at a steady growth pace this year and we all must make a concerted effort to invite our friends, relative, neighbors, and acquaintances from other groups to join in on our philanthropic or social events. Getting them active first helps potential members to see firsthand what we do and how we make a difference in our community and for the patients of St. Jude's. Be sure to have membership fliers at each of your events to let the public know who we are and what we do. We are a productive force in our communities and we can't let that momentum die for lack of helping hands.

If your chapter has had success with a recruitment effort, please send me your ideas so that we can share with all our chapters. We welcome all thoughts and suggestions.

We look forward to seeing everyone at convention!!

Peggie Sprinkle
Easter Seals

I have received, and accepted with regret, the resignation of Easter Seals Chair Michelle McKnight due to health concerns. Peggie Sprinkle has agreed to complete the year as Easter Seals Chair. Every effort will be made for a smooth transition. We wish Michelle an improved health situation and express appreciation to Peggie for stepping forward.

New Easter Seals Chair Contact Information, which is effective immediately:

Peggie Sprinkle
8201 East Norman Street
Broken Arrow, OK 74014
H: 918-813-3382
easterseals@oklaesa.org
peggieokesa@cox.net

We appreciate your cooperation and assistance to spread the word of this change to your chapter.
Thank you.
Deb Hughes

YOU CAN MAKE A DIFFERENCE
SUPPORT CAMP HOPE

For nearly 27 years, members of Epsilon Sigma Alpha have partnered with Easter Seals to help meet the needs of children and adults with disabilities in communities nationwide.

Camp Hope is a new Easter Seals and Epsilon Sigma Alpha International fundraising campaign designed to provide camping opportunities for children of deployed military service members. Epsilon Sigma Alpha International CAN make a positive difference by providing funding to support these camping experiences. The cost per camper for a week-long program is \$600.

Oklahoma ESA chapters can commit to raising \$600 or individual members can commit to sponsor a camper. For \$50 an individual will receive an Easter Seal Camp Hope flag pin. Gifts of \$100 or more will be recognized at an exclusive ESA members' Camp Hope Reception at the 2010 International Convention.

For more information about Camp Hope, contact Peggie Sprinkle at 918-813-3382.

Oklahoma ESA and Easter Seals – a good thing!

***Leslie Farabee & Faye Rikkola
Scrapbook Co-Chairmen***

Happy New Year to All

Thank you all for participating with sending pictures and notices for Deb's wonderful scrapbook. We still need more to fill the 12 x 12 book. Deadline is April 1, 2010, but would love to get items anytime. The next couple of months will be busy for everyone so don't forget to send those pictures in.

Snail mail to Leslie Farabee, Ok State Scrapbook 2009-2010, 807 N. Elm St., Owasso, OK 74055 or give to me in person.

***June Miller
ESA Foundation***

Hello! The ESA Foundation Scholarship applications are trickling in slowly. They should pick up next week. February 1 is the deadline for applications.

I hope you will make the Foundation a priority when making contributions. Oklahoma won first place at IC last year for Fantasy Event contributions. Let's see if we can do it again.

Following are three lists which show the paid dues for individuals and chapters. If your name or chapter name is not on the list, please send your \$15.00 dues to: ***ESA FOUNDATION, POB 270517, FT. COLLINS, CO 80527.*** Dues must be paid by March 1 in order to vote at the annual ESAF meeting at IC Convention in July.

**ESAF MEMBERS WHOS INDIVIDUAL DUES
WERE PAID AS OF 12-31-09**

Linda Southerland, Beta Psi, Clinton
Robbin Brown, Lifetime Member
Nellrita Barrick, Beta Psi, Clinton
Deb Hughes, Lifetime Member
Joy Carter, Beta Mu, Lawton
Billye Lackey, Lifetime Member
Charlene Law, Gamma Delta, Tulsa
Judi York, Lifetime Member
Mary Johnson, Epsilon Kappa, Hominy
Wanda Lucas, Lifetime Member
Janet Goodfox, Epsilon Kappa, Hominy
Aletha Bolt, Lifetime Member
Donna LaMascus, Epsilon Kappa, Hominy
Maxine Wheelan, Lifetime Member
Joyce Sisson, Epsilon Kappa, Hominy
Bernice Smith, Lifetime Member
Judy White, Epsilon Kappa, Hominy
Vivian Gibson, Lifetime Member
Jane Becket, Epsilon Kappa, Hominy
Jeanne Meyer, Lifetime Member
Felicia Rowe, Epsilon Kappa, Hominy
Priscilla Drummond, Lifetime Member
Jill Drummond, Epsilon Kappa, Hominy
Joyce Whitewing-Slate, Lifetime Member
Robyn Ryan, Epsilon Kappa, Hominy
Nevada Sullins, Lifetime Member
Nicole Mader, Epsilon Kappa, Hominy
Mary Toole, Lifetime Member
Ellen Mader, Epsilon Kappa, Hominy
Jacque Edwards, Lifetime Member
Ellen Clark, Delta Epsilon, Del City
Marcia Ellington, Lifetime Member
Billie Linville, Delta Epsilon, Del City
Rosalie Griffith, Lifetime Member
Glenda Petty, Delta Epsilon, Del City
Misty Blundell, Lifetime Member
Joyce Gibson, Delta Kappa, Norman
Cathy Holsted, Lifetime Member
Patricia Langdon, Delta Kappa, Norman
Stormy Simmons, Lifetime Member
June Miller, Beta Iota, McAlester
Lola Jaegers, Lifetime Member
Dorothy Drumm, MAL, Lifetime Member
Linda Voss, Lifetime Member
Dr. Carroll Holsted, Lifetime Member

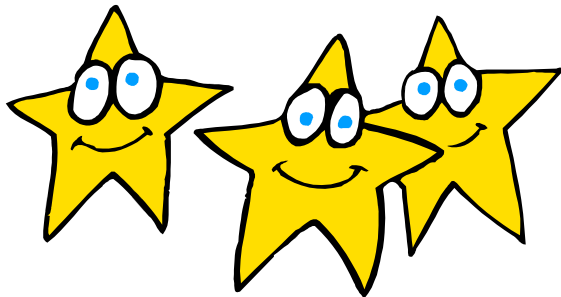
**CHAPTERS WHOSE DUES
WERE PAID AS OF 12-31-09**

Beta Gamma #391, Tulsa

Gamma Zeta #3464, Edmond
 Beta Psi #4998, Clinton
 Delta Kappa #3538, Norman
 Beta Mu #606, Lawton
 Omega Pi #3832, Tulsa
 Gamma Delta #702, Tulsa
 Delta Lambda #3920, Muskogee
 Alpha Theta #1038, Muskogee
 Gamma Kappa #4018, Checotah
 Beta Rho #1270, Del City
 Beta Iota #4283, McAlester
 Delta Chi #1637, Midwest City
 Theta Sigma #4676, Jenks
 Epsilon Kappa #1945, Hominy (Lifetime Member)
 Sigma Chi #5053, Inola
 Delta Epsilon #2091, Del City
 Alpha Omega #5110, Choctaw
 Eta Epsilon #2840, Skiatook
 Nu Delta #5244, Muskogee
 Eta Mu #2877, Owasso
 Alpha Zeta #3067, Pawhuska
 Beta Zeta #3158, Oklahoma City
 District II
 District IV
 District V
 Tulsa Area Council
 Oklahoma State Council (Lifetime Member)
 Oklahoma Sooner Senioresses

**MEN IN ESA WHOSE DUES
 WERE PAID AS OF 12-31-09**

Stan Blundell, Lifetime Member
 Gene Linville, Delta Epsilon, Del City
 Glen Simmons, Lifetime Member
 Steve York, Lifetime Member



Dates to Remember	
February 27	Oklahoma School for the Blind Tour Muskogee
	District III Meeting & Installation Muskogee
	District V Meeting & Installation Muskogee
March 1	State Officer Nomination Deadline
	Outstanding Youth & DIANA Contest Deadline
	ESA Foundation Dues Deadline
March 13	District IV Meeting & Installation Lawton
March 20	State Council Meeting Shawnee
March 27	District II Meeting & Installation Clinton
April 1	Contest deadline
April 30 ~ May 2	Oklahoma State Convention Radisson Hotel Tulsa

Mini Educational by Gwynn Nell Swanson

Tucked away in the Northeast part of Oklahoma is the county of Ottawa. It is a small county in the extreme northeastern part of Oklahoma, bordering Kansas and Missouri. The county seat is Miami. It is the beginning of Route 66 in Oklahoma. Ottawa County was created in 1907 from the Cherokee Nation. The county was named for the Ottawa Indians, but the name comes from the Algonquian term "adawe", meaning to "buy and sell" or "trade and traffic". The county has been the home of members of a greater number of Indian tribes than any other county in the United States. The Court Clerks office maintains records of marriage, divorce, probate and civil court records. Land records dating back from 1890, are also kept by the County Clerk.

Ottawa County has quite a history of unusual town names. Names like Afton, Cardin (was Tar River), Commerce (was North Miami), Dawes 1901-1908 (named for Senator Henry L. Dawes of Connecticut, Chairman of the Dawes Commission), Douthat, Fairland, Fourmile 1882-1892 (named because it was four miles from the Kansas state line), Grand River (formerly Prairie City, present Wyandotte, 1976-1894), Halfway 1895-1896 (named because it was halfway between the Missouri state line and Vinita), Harland 1888-1893, Hockerville, Kema 1882-1884, Max 1891-1894, Miami, Narcissa, North Miami (present Commerce, 1913-1914), North Miami (another community named for the previous but in another location), Oseuma 1868-1909 (the name is from a Cherokee word for good water), Ottawa, Peoria, Picher, Pooler 1882-1892, Prairie City 1872-1876, Quapaw, Saint Louis 1917-1919 (later Zincville), Wyandotte and Zincville 1919-1954.

Ottawa County has 16 National Landmarks. They are; [Cities Service Station](#) and the Horse Creek Bridge are in Afton, the [Coleman Theater](#), [Commerce Building/Hancock Building](#), [Miami Downtown Historic District](#), [Miami Marathon Oil Company Service Station](#), [Miami Original Nine-Foot Section of Route 66 Roadbed](#), [Modoc Mission Church & Cemetery](#), [Narcissa D-X Gas Station](#), [Ottawa County Courthouse](#), [Peoria Indian School](#), [Peoria Tribal Cemetery](#), [Riviera Courts / Holiday Motel](#) are all in Miami. The [Tri-State Zinc and Lead Ore Producers Association Office](#) is in Picher. The John Patrick McNaughton Barn is in Quapaw.

The Modoc Mission church and cemetery is the last building left that was affiliated with the removal of the Modoc prisoners-of-war from Fort Klamath, Oregon to the Quapaw Indian agency in November 1873. They were Oklahoma's smallest American Indian tribe and were native to the Pacific coast. Following the Modoc War of 1872-73, 153 Modoc were removed to the Quapaw Agency in Indian Territory. The remainder of the tribe either eluded capture or did not participate in combat against the United States and were allowed to remain on Oregon's Klamath Reservation. In 1909 the Oklahoma Modoc were allowed to return to Oregon if they desired.

The Cities Service Station in Afton and the Miami Marathon Oil Company Service Station and Narcissa D-X gas station in Miami are good examples of early type of service stations on Route 66. Along with the service stations, there were many motels that were on Route 66 and the Riviera Courts/Holiday Motel was one of them located west of Miami. Speaking of Route 66, North of Miami is an original nine-foot section of Route 66 roadbed.

While in Miami, visit the Coleman Theater. Built in 1929 with a Mission/Spanish Colonial Revival look, the elegant Louis XV interior includes gold leaf trim, silk damask panels, stained glass panels, a carved mahogany staircase and decorative plaster moldings and railings. The original Wurlitzer pipe organ has been returned to the theater. The building is also used for other functions such as school plays, church meetings, etc.

The Peoria Indian School and tribal cemetery represent the only remaining resources of this tribe in the United States.

Get out and explore our beautiful state. Pick a county, print out a list of Historical landmarks in that county and visit them. There is so much history and beauty in our State.

WHAT ESA MEANS TO ME

As I contemplate what ESA means to me, my mind travels back fourteen years when I put my life on hold and set out on a journey with my teenage son in an attempt to make his world a better place. Our journey took us down avenues of frustration dealing with adolescent mental health professionals; the State Department of Education; legislators and insurance companies. I received training and became an advocate for children's rights. Unfortunately the journey for Daniel was brief and he died August 5, 1995. We donated his organs so that others might live.

I was consumed with grief, but instead of giving up, that grief drove me to make a commitment to tell Daniel's story and through sharing our experiences, positive changes would occur, laws would be changed, educators enlightened, parents encouraged and the world would be a better place.

How naive was that? There was no balance in my life. My family, career and health suffered. There was certainly no time for socialization. After all, I was a woman on a mission to make a positive difference in our world!

Eventually I resumed my career and refocused on my family's needs. I still share Daniel's story, but only when the occasion arises. Did my individual efforts improve others' lives? Perhaps. Was changing one life worth it? Absolutely! However, looking back, I liken my individual efforts to tiny pebbles randomly thrown into the ocean and the ripples their impact may have created were lost in the vastness of the sea.

ESA affords me the opportunity to unite my efforts with thousands of individuals possessing a common desire to make a positive difference in our world through service, education and fellowship. It is this opportunity I embrace as an ESA member.

What does ESA mean to me? **FULFILLMENT!**

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Beta Gamma Tulsa

We all worked during November on Hope for Heroes events. Our Peggie Sprinkle chaired an event for Tulsa Area Council, Military Appreciation Day and Northeastern State University, Broken Arrow. She gathered a lot of support from area organizations to inform veteran and active military personnel of services available to them. We say, "kudos!" to TAC chapters and our partner chapter, Alpha Rho, Broken Arrow, for staging an impressive event.

I have to brag on the citizens of Broken Arrow and Tulsa. The TAC/Alpha Rho second Hope for Heroes event, Share the Bears, was chaired by Connie Bartlett, so it also--sort of--fits with chapter publicity. Over 1,000 stuffed animals were collected to send to our U.S. Military via AdoptAPlatoon. AdoptAPlatoon works with our U.S. deployed troops in a humanitarian effort to distribute school supplies and stuffed animals to children in war torn countries. Some of our furry friends were a little too large, so they were sent to children via Emergency Infant Services. Later on, in November, we worked together with all y'all at the St. Jude Give Thanks Walk held at Woodland Hills. What a tremendous success! Doesn't it feel great to help Danny's kids? It was fun too! Ask Peggy Hughes about the two person wave to encourage the walkers. Grin.

Well, we made it through the holidays with no casualties, unless you count the turkey! Santa-baby was good to all of us. We celebrated early with the TAC at the annual Candlelight Dinner held at Freddie's in Sapulpa. Three members of Beta Gamma were installed to office for TAC: Peggie Sprinkle, Parliamentarian; Peggy Hughes, Vice-President, and Connie Bartlett, Secretary. We had our annual chapter brunch, (more similar to lunch this time), at Frances' place this year. The best company, good food, excellent and friendly service, nice decorations, just enough space for our gift exchange...It was a great party. We met one more time in December to prepare tray favor "crackers" for Life Senior Services. We filled du-du-du's with candy and wrapped them with Christmas gift wrap to look

like the popper/crackers kids get. We joked that the packing tube segments we filled and wrapped were similar to toilet paper rolls. This reporter thinks, unfilled and unwrapped, they make great make-believe horns--"du-du-du!" Till next time, have fun in ESA, "du-du-du"!

Beta Iota McAlester

Our Beta Iota ladies have had three months of highs and lows....a lot of fun activities and meetings but mixed in was the shock and sadness we felt when our own Jennye Hickman lost her six year battle with ovarian cancer. We loved her dearly and miss her every day. We know she is cheering us on in all the things that we do.

On November 6 & 7, Tina, Elaine and June took off for Shawnee for the State Council Christmas Party and then the State Council Meeting the following day. Great meetings and the Hope For Heroes event was so inspiring. Way to go, Deb!

Since our last "chat" we have had our "Hope For Heroes" event in co-operation with the Blue Star Mothers in McAlester in obtaining items for the troops in Iraq. Many of us made individual donations as well as sewed Christmas stockings for the troops. Beta Iota also declared the troops as recipients of our Thanksgiving and Christmas Baskets. Certainly no one is more deserving than our service men and women are.



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During that period of time, our Jennye passed away. Her funeral was a tribute to her happy and productive life. Beta Iota's Loise Washington gave a beautiful eulogy highlighting Jennye's talents and participation in community organizations and her faith in God. So many of our ESA sisters from across the state were there to honor Jennye when we gave our Closing Ritual. Thank you all so very much for coming.



Tina McKamie then lead nine other Beta Iota members---Amber, Kirby, Stacy, Tina Hearod, Betty, Mona, June, Elaine, and Jennifer--and



10 much appreciated non-members to Tulsa to the St. Jude Give Thanks Walk on November 21. Tina pulled off a bigger and better coup for St. Jude this year with the Walk raising over \$28,000. This is almost four times the amount raised last year. Tina has represented ALL OF ESA EXTREMELY WELL with her energy, organization, and love of the St. Jude cause.

December brought us the fun of our annual Christmas Party where we all play Dirty Santa. Betty was in charge of the party and there were at least 15 of our members with husbands/guests present. We did have a great time stealing each other's Dirty Santa gifts. DEB HUGHES and RITA HAINS stopped in at the party on their way to Antlers and Delta Mu's Christmas Gala. We were thrilled they joined us. It made our party even more special to

have them there.

Beta Iota President June Miller with State President Deb Hughes and



Membership Director Rita Haines at the Beta Iota Christmas Party.

Then came the CHRISTMAS TOUR OF HOMES on the following Sunday. Beta Iota has been sponsoring this fundraiser for 30 years. Betty and Jennifer did a super job not only in obtaining the homes for the tour but also the advertising and newspaper publicity we received. The weather was absolutely perfect too. We had over 150 people come to see the beautifully decorated homes. And just when we thought it couldn't get any better..... DEB HUGHES drove back down to McAlester to attend the Tour.

One more really special thing Beta Iota has had happen....we have reinstated Tawanna Cathey, Polly Shoemake and Pam Wasson.....and there is more to come next issue!

Beta Psi Clinton

Keeping with the educational theme "Believe in Oklahoma", Catherine Poe presented a program taken from the book, Oklahoma Place Names, written by former Oklahoma City mayor George H. Shirk. In her review, Catherine told the history of several city/town names in Oklahoma. Adding fun in her delivery, she told of towns/communities with the same name of several of the Beta Psi members, e.g., Doris, Cook, Ida, Kinney, Zenda, Bryan, Barton, Lacey, Scott, Morris, Poe, etc. Catherine told those kind of names were usually given by the local postmasters

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named after one of his sons or daughters. She said most of those communities no longer exist. I share this with you because you might want to have such an entertaining educational as well.

The Hope for Heroes week found Beta Psi providing a pizza night out for a recently widowed military dad and his children at Mazzio's. We just finished donating 60 new bath towels to the local Mission House as well as giving new blankets and humidifiers to the Multi-County Youth Center. Linda Southerland and Nellrita Barrick enjoyed working the Give Thanks Walk and turning in their generous donations from their local sponsors.

Member Rhonda Scott, Washington Elementary library assistant and playground supervisor, reported that 6th grader Alfonso Reynaga got to come home for the holidays and enjoyed a day at school ... bald head and all. Presently, he is back at St. Jude for further treatments for his cancer of the brain. He and his mom are staying at the Grizzlies House.

As you read this, our DIANA, Shirley Evans will have been honored with a salad dinner and ceremony. What a fabulous volunteer she is!

We are looking forward to our annual Valentine Party for members and guests and enjoying all the snack foods along with the game of Dub's Bridge.

Stay warm and happy!

Delta Chi Midwest City

Delta Chi had their Christmas Party at Laura Robinson's and all members were present except Leona Payne, who is still recovering from a broken hip. Hope to see Leona in January at the next meeting.

Delta Chi members are not enjoying the cold, snowy weather but so far no one has had any ill effects from it. Everyone had a wonderful, delayed Christmas and are looking forward to getting back in the swing of things. Hope everyone had a great Christmas and looking forward to a Happy New Year 2010.

Delta Kappa Norman

Delta Kappa's Hope for Heroes project was a big success. We honored the Veterans at the Norman's Veteran Center with a party. We also donated games, books and greeting cards for the veterans to use. Out of this project we got our DIANA. She was honored at our Annual Thanksgiving Dinner. We invited her and her family and she invited an entourage; more than 30 people, needless to say, the chapter plans changed quickly when we found out how many people she had invited. Thankfully, it was a pot luck meal. Phone calls were made to the chapter members; we made adjustments to the food the members were to bring and we also made adjustments to the room setup. Everything turned out just fine. We had one of the largest Thanksgiving Dinners we have ever had. We served over 50 people.

The Chapter donated used Christmas cards to St. Jude's Ranch for Children. This is a residential facility for abused, abandoned and neglected children. Portions of the cards will be recycled for the residents to make new cards to sell.

In spite of all of our work, we managed to find time to play. Our Social Chairman, Nancy Buck, planned our Christmas party. We celebrated at Sooner Legends with dinner and a version of Dirty Santa; pass left and rightor something; ask Nancy; it's a lot of fun. Well, it was at one of the Christmas Parties. This year I was absent, recuperating from surgery.

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We started 2010 in typical DK fashion. We had our annual January meeting Mexican dinner with a variety of candies and other goodies. Every January, Daleene Sumrall is one of the hostesses. Before Christmas she starts preparing her meal for Christmas; she cooks for days. She serves a Mexican meal to 30 to 40 people in her home the day after Christmas. Since our meeting is right after that she freezes enough for our meeting. It's a tradition now. As usual though, we had members working the basketball game that night which seems to be a tradition also. The same three, Mozelle Smith, Betty McCallister and Helen Checorski, always work the game and miss the meeting and the food. Fortunately, we voted to change that, so next year it will be different. Wow! Breaking the tradition?

We have plans for a movie night in late January at Gwynn Nell Swanson's home. Then we are off and running again for the year.

Vice President Joyce Gibson has planned a Transfer Ceremony for Marcie Ellington and Linda Leveridge and a Welcome Back Ceremony for Jan Kahoe in February.

Congratulations to chapter member Donna Wiley, Registered Nurse, who retired December 31, 2009 from the Cleveland County Health Department in Norman.

Well, it's that time of year for DK when the chapter's bylaws are reviewed. I think a few will review and make changes while the majority will fall asleep and snore!

Happy Valentines Day

Delta Mu Antlers

Gina Porter, Antlers ESA Delta Mu President hosted the chapters annual Christmas Party. The ladies enjoyed a traditional Christmas meal with all of the trimmings and desserts.

Everyone enjoyed opening gifts and revealing their secret sisters for the year.



December was a very busy month for the Antlers Chapter. They began their month with their 5th Annual ESA Benefit Gala that was held in the home of Roland & Dr. Twana Smith. The benefit was a huge success and raised more than \$7,000 for local projects in their area. A special thanks to Ways & Means Chair, Melanie Harrington and Marla Maple for the hard work they did for the Gala months in advance.

The girls were especially excited that they were able to purchase toys for children who may not otherwise have had a Christmas. The chapter always purchases clothes/toys each Christmas but were able to include more children than in the past. The Educational Program was Angie Smith who is a spokesperson with Little Dixie Mentoring Program in Antlers.

Antlers Delta Mu raised over \$800 for St. Jude's Childrens Research Hospital by pumping gas at the local Shell Station. Pictured is Philanthropic Chair, Marti Arnold.



Delta Mu delivered Thanksgiving Meals to 5 needy families in their community prior to the holiday.

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Pictured Left to Right: Janet White, Ronda Hindaman, Alison Cannon, April Boatright, JoAnne Battles, Angie Holiman, Angie Smith and in front President, Gina Porter

Antlers Delta Mu is staying busy with lots of other projects. The chapter celebrated Hope for Heroes by passing out ribbons to staff at the Antlers Schools. The chapter continues to send monthly care packages to military overseas. We are especially proud to support our deaf child at the Oklahoma School for the Deaf.

Delta Mu had their traditional RUSH Pajama party and Model Meeting in October at the home of Marti Arnold. They welcomed new members Megan Antwine, Angie Smith, Alison Cannon, April Boatright and Lindsay Antwine.

Two members, Gina Porter & Marti Arnold traveled to Memphis to tour St. Jude's in October. They took daughters Macy Porter & Abigail Arnold with them. The girls enjoyed several wonderful dinners and lots of fun at the Memphis Children's Museum.

Members Trina Low, Marla Maple and Jo Anne Battles participated in the Give Thanks Walk at Woodland Hills Mall in Tulsa. The ladies made it a fun weekend with some shopping and girlfriend time included.

Chapter member, Carra Burrage and husband Mike recently welcomed their second child Lauren Paige into the family. A few of the members delivered meals to Carra and her

family after the birth of precious Lauen. Congratulations Mike & Carra!

ESA member Mary Ellis and former ESA member Pam Kirk along with Dr. Ed Ellis dedicate the Lab at Pushmataha County Hospital in memory of former ESA member Jane Bates.

Delta Mu donated \$300 for scholarships to the UPWARD Basketball & Cheerleading Program, \$300 to Antlers Community Food Bank and \$800 to the Missoula Children's Theatre.

The organization recognizes an Outstanding Youth each month. The student recognized for December was Katie Smith who is a Senior at Antlers High School and plans to attend the University of Arkansas.



Pictured left to right: Shonda Young, Arlinda Copeland, Marti Arnold and Gina Porter

The Delta Mu chapter organized the first ever Fall School Carnival for Antlers Elementary in October. The event was such a success that the school has already asked for participation for next year!

Delta Mu members along with family members supported St. Jude's by eating dinner at Chili's in Paris, Texas where 100% of the profits benefited St. Jude's.

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Gamma Delta Tulsa

In November, Gamma Delta attended the Tulsa Area Council Meeting. We met twice at Karen Flanagan's office to make Santa face light switch plate covers for the nursing home. The business meeting was held at Karen's home, and the food was, as usual, very good. It seems everywhere we go there is always good food. Some of us took part in the St. Jude's Walk at Woodland Hills.

In December, Gamma Delta hosted the Tulsa Area Council Meeting. The annual Candlelight Dinner was held at Freddie's in Sapulpa. Our own Charlene Law was installed as president of TAC. We had our Christmas party at Donna's beautifully decorated home. It was a pot luck dinner, and as usual, once again the food was to write home about. We also exchanged Christmas gifts and had a very wonderful visit.

Gamma Delta would like to wish everyone a very happy and prosperous New Year.

Gamma Pi Inola

Gamma Pi of Inola had a very festive December starting with the home tour on Saturday the 5th. It was a successful event that brought in the most proceeds to date of any other Gamma Pi Home Tour. The proceeds will be contributed back into the community.



The Country Wedding Chapel had larger-than-life bride and groom made out of balloons from Make It Special Balloon Boutique of Claremore.



Some homes went all out including the Best Family home who had even decorated their bathroom not to forget an authentic Santa Suit waiting to be worn.

Sunday the 6th was the Inola Christmas Parade which some of our die-hard volunteers braved the cold and rode in the parade.

Monday the 7th was our meeting and Christmas Party. Thanks to Bobbie Martin who organized the bash and did some extraordinary culinary tricks. She also provided us with a Santa Claus which looked peculiarly close to the relations of one of our members, Jerri Smittle ... hmmm!? Pictured is Bobbie Martin, Gamma Pi Social Chairman and Christmas Queen.



It was a grand time for our sponsored children at the School for the Blind. Justin Whitmire, Arik Schotts, and our newest child Jessie Fausett were very excited with their gifts. In fact, Arik sang us Christmas carols.



We will be preparing for our next events with the Spring Bingo at the Inola Round-Up club, March 13th, the Easter egg hunt for the Elementary School children on April 1st and our bi-annual yard sale on April 16th and 17th. For more detailed information of the events in Inola, go to www.GammaPiESA.org.

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Kappa Theta Guthrie

November and December have been very busy for the women of Kappa Theta. Our November meeting was held at the home of Sylvia Ochs. Attending were Sylvia Ochs, Shelly Labus, Connie Johnson, Jane Garrard, Marie Thomas and Toni Morow. Sylvia had two guests present our educational.

We held an auction on November 14th. Kappa Theta was very successful with their "Hope for Hero's" campaign. Boxes were placed at Wal-Mart and were filled. We shipped many items to our troops and some of the food was donated to "Hands of Jesus" food pantry.

We met at Cracker Barrel November 16th for our Thanksgiving Dinner. Those attending were Marie Thomas, Jacque Edwards, Libby Zaage, Jeanne Prince and Jane Garrard. We were happy to include guests Martin Thomas, Ron Edwards, Libby's guest Michelle Carrier, John Prince, and Doug Garrard.

Libby Zaage hosted our annual Christmas party December 14th. Those attending were Libby Zaage, Jacque Edwards, Marie Thomas, Connie Johnson, Toni Morrow, Jane Garrard, Sylvia Ochs, and Jeanne Prince. Guests included Eric Zaage, Ron Edwards, Doug Garrard, John Prince, Michelle Carrier, Connie's friend Katrina, and Toni's guest. Libby made a wonderful dinner and we played Dirty Santa.

We hope everyone had a blessed holiday season and we wish you a Happy New Year!

Our prayers went out to Jacque over the holidays in the loss of her father-in-law (Joe Edwards).

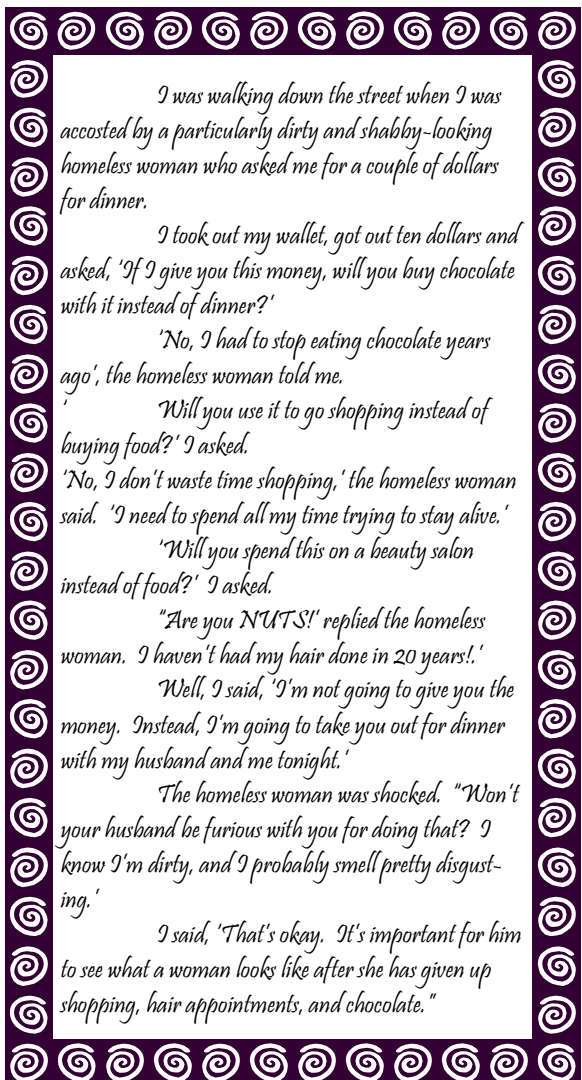
Tulsa Area Council

December 5th, Tulsa Area Council held our annual Candlelight Dinner. We were joined by

State Council Officers: Deb Hughes, President; Jacquie Edwards, 1st VP; Gwen Swanson, 2nd VP; and Robbin Brown, State Project Director.

The 2010 Tulsa Area Council Officers were installed. Installing the officers was Robbin Brown, State Project Director. The Officers are: Charlene Law, President; Peggy Hughes, Vice-President; Connie Bartlett, Secretary; Jenny Liazam, Treasurer; and Parliamentarian, Peggy Sprinkle.

Tulsa Area Council presented donations to The Hugs Project and The Clare House.



**Epsilon Sigma Alpha International
Oklahoma State Council
Executive and General Board
November 7, 2009**

Oklahoma State Council of ESA Executive and General Board meeting was called to order by State President Deb Hughes at 9:35 a.m. at the First Christian Church, Shawnee, OK.

All members were welcomed with a reminder only Board members may vote at Board meetings.

Introductions deferred until the afternoon meeting.

New members and first time state meeting attendees were recognized by State President Deb Hughes.

The committee to read the minutes of this meeting is: Ramona Paine, Chairman, Linda Southerland and Linda Voss.

Correspondence received will be attached to the official minutes.

New Business

After discussion it was agreed to return to Shawnee for the March State Council Meeting.

Announcements

There are several tables around the room today that you may visit and participate in their special activities of the day. Please hold onto your gift cards and teddy bears until later.

The Oklahoma State Council meeting will begin at 10:30 a.m.

Meeting adjourned at -----10:00 a.m.

Charlene Law
Recording Secretary
2009-2010

**Epsilon Sigma Alpha International
Oklahoma State Council Meeting
November Meeting Minutes
November 7, 2009**

The Oklahoma State Council meeting of Epsilon Sigma Alpha International was called to order by State President Deb Hughes on November 7, 2009 at 10:37 a.m. at the First Christian Church, Shawnee, OK.

Chaplain Mary Toole led us in the Pledge of Allegiance.

A poem titled "Ol' Glory" was read by Deb Hughes.

Lora Thompson, District 4 Coordinator and Robbin Brown, State Project Director, gave the directions for the craft project, which will be used for gift cards for the unsponsored students at Oklahoma School for the Deaf and the Oklahoma School for the Blind.

HOPE FOR HEROES PROGRAM OF APPRECIATION

Hope for Heroes, an ESA National Event set for the week of November 7-14, 2009 a project introduced by IC President, Jamie Atchison. Today our special guests will "tell their story" and how we can continue to support the military personnel and their families.

Nancy Elliott, an ESA member from Alpha Pi Chapter, Lawton and Chief Media Relations Officer at Ft. Sill. Nancy introduced her guest, Specialist Christopher Harper.

Specialist Christopher Harper, who was deployed to Afghanistan and was injured. He is currently assigned to Ft. Sill, and is married and has a daughter.

Specialist Harper told us about the importance of support for the troops and their families during their deployment.

We viewed a power point presentation that was created by Rosalie Griffith and presented at the 2008 IC Convention during the opening ceremony.

Deb Hughes introduced Wendy Nix, a military wife, employed through the OK National Guard and the Army Reserves. Through Wendy we learned the benefits and assistance offered to military families and the importance of donations.

Members brought their Wal-Mart gift cards and teddy bears to share with military families.

Oklahoma ESA members reported on chapter activities planned for the Hope for Heroes events during November 7-14, 2009.

2nd Vice President, Gwynn Nell Swanson, presented a Mini-Educational on Marshall County. Gwynn Nell reminded members of the April 1, 2010 deadline for the Gold Link and Gold Seal entries.

INTRODUCTIONS

ESA Membership Corporation President, Past President, Sooner Seniorette, Rosalie Griffith.

Past IC President, Past ESA Foundation Chair, 2012 IC Convention Chair and Sooner Seniorette.

IC Chaplain, Sooner Seniorette, 2010 Convention Chair, Judi York

ESA Foundation Director, Sooner Seniorette, Vivian Gibson

Past ESA Foundation Chair, Sooner Seniorette, State Auditor, Lola Jaegers

Dixie Palmer Founders and Sooner Senioresses, Billie Fritch and Joyce Whitewing-Slate.

Sooner Senioresses our Past State Presidents.

RECOGNITION OF MEMBERS

Deb Hughes recognized the first time attendees to the November State Council meeting. She asked they complete a card at the registration table. Those attending their first state council meeting will be entered in a special drawing to be held in March.

Today's attendance was 55.

The committee to read the minutes of the August Leadership was: Vivian Gibson, Chairman, Marcie Ellington and Mary Ann Jones. Vivian reported the minutes correct as printed.

CORRESPONDING SECRETARY TINA DAVENPORT-MCKAMIE

Regrets were received from Jennye Hickman, who is now at home and on hospice care. Also regrets from Priscilla Drummond.

Correspondence received attached to the official minutes.

OFFICER & COMMITTEE REPORTS

1st Vice President, Jacque Edwards, requested nomination for State Offices. The deadline is March 1st, committee members are: Lora Thompson, Peggy Pate, Sue Knight and Aletha Bolt.

Treasurer, Joyce Gibson, reported the balance in the checking account - \$7,226.69; Speaker's Fund - \$1,122.82; IC Campaign - \$219.36 and CD's - \$4,059.97

State Project Director, Robbin Brown, reported she is collecting money for students at OSD and OSB not yet adopted to receive Wal-Mart gift cards. Gifts should be mailed by December 14th to be received by December 18th.

Association of the Arts Chairman, Linda Voss, is encouraging all chapters to participate.

Chaplain Mary Toole gave the thought for the day, "This is the day the Lord has made; let us rejoice and be glad in it."

Mary reported the death of Jo Talbert of Eta Mu, Owasso.

A complete list of cards sent will be in the next issue of the PJ.

Circle of Life Chairman, Nellrita Barrick, reported the Grateful Grandparents packets were distributed to all chapters. The trip to St. Jude's was a success.

Tina Davenport-McKamie, Chairman for the Give Thanks Walk for St. Jude reported the walk will be Saturday, November 21st. The goal is 200 walkers with an ESA Walk Party on Friday night. Let Tina know if you have any items for the "Goodie Bag."

2010 State Convention Chairman, Judi York, reminded everyone of the dates April 30, May 1-2, 2010 at Tulsa Radisson Hotel, located on Highway 169 and 41st Street in Tulsa. Registration is now open.

DIANA Chairman, Sue Patterson, encouraged all chapters to participate. The entries must be postmarked by March 1st.

ESA Foundation Counselor, June Miller, reported scholarship information has been mailed to the 497 schools. Students and counselors can go to ESAInternational.com/ESAF for scholarship applications. Send completed applications to June Miller.

You can now pay dues online, \$15.00 to renew and \$25.00 to join or mail to ESAF by March 1, 2010.

New lifetime members are: Mary Toole, Zeta Gamma and Epsilon Kappa, Hominy.

Membership Chairman, Rita Hains, reported Oklahoma has 810 members and 56 chapters. Delta Mu Chapter, Antlers chapter has new members and Hali Hughes, Beta Gamma, is a new pledge and is sponsored by Deb Hughes.

The membership committee is working on starting two new chapters: Rogers State University, Claremore, and in Wagoner.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Cathy Holsted, 2012 IC Convention Chairman, reported the hotel contract for the Embassy Suites in Norman has been signed.

Gamma Pi – Holiday Craft Fair is November 28th.

Drawing for the raffle items was held.

Robbin Brown thanked everyone for the donations to OSD and OSB children's gift cards.

The meeting was adjourned at 2:00 p.m. The members joined in the closing ritual.

Charlene Law
Recording Secretary



**Oklahoma State Council
Meeting Notice**

Believe ★

First Christian Church

1625 North Broadway Avenue, Shawnee, OK

Directions to the church: From the I-40 and State Highway 18 Intersection (Harrison Street)

Go south on Harrison Street to the second stop light (1.5 miles) to MacArthur Street.

Turn west (right) on MacArthur for .07 mile to Broadway Street.

Turn South (left) on Broadway for 10 blocks.

The church is on the east side of the street on the corner.

Parking lot is at the back of the church and the entrance door is just off the parking lot.

A special note to new members and those that have not attended State Council Meeting before: Each time you attend a State Council Meeting this year, your name will be included in a basket for a special drawing at the March State Council Meeting. Join us!

We encourage all ESA members to attend this special day. It will provide a time for you to meet the candidates as well as business matters to be presented at the OK State Convention in April.

We will also have our tables including Convention Sale Items, Circle of Life, Easter Seals, ESA Foundation, 50/50 Money Jar and more. A variety of activities are planned with you in mind. Bring your chapter members and get together with ESA members.

I hope you will make every effort to attend. I will be looking for you. - Deb 

FRIDAY, MARCH 19, 2010 - FIRST CHRISTIAN CHURCH, SHAWNEE

7:00 p.m. until 9:00 p.m.

Share a chat, share a snack and share ESA fun fellowship

RSVP by Friday, March 12, 2010

Tina Davenport-McKamie, Corresponding Secretary

Cell: 918-916-2199 correspsecretary@oklaesa.org or tina@jimmyjwilliamspc.com

SATURDAY, MARCH 20, 2010 - FIRST CHRISTIAN CHURCH, SHAWNEE

COMMITTEE MEETINGS

8:30 a.m. Contest Meeting for all Contest Chair, District Coordinators & Advisors
Contact Maxine Wheelan

9:05 a.m. District Coordinators Meeting
Contact Jacque Edwards

EXECUTIVE & GENERAL BOARD MEETING

9:15 a.m. Registration

9:30 a.m. Board Meeting

STATE COUNCIL MEETING & LUNCH

10:30 a.m. Registration

10:45 a.m. Council Meeting

\$14.00 per person registration & lunch

RSVP by Friday, March 12, 2010

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A SPECIAL ACTIVITY BROUGHT TO YOU BY DISTRICT 3

At each State Council Meeting this year we have a special philanthropic activity led by one of our District Coordinators. For this meeting Cheryl Young, District 3 Coordinator, will lead our activity designated to The Hugs Project in support of our military troops.

NEED A ROOM FRIDAY NIGHT?

An **ESA room block** has been secured for your convenience

Holiday Inn Express, 4909 North Union, Shawnee, OK
(Hotel is adjacent to the Shawnee Mall, off I-40 and Highway 18)

The ESA rate for double room (2 double beds) is \$75 plus tax - includes free breakfast

Call 405-275-8880 to reserve your room by March 12, 2010 and mention ESA
(The hotel will not guarantee the availability after March 12 - please don't delay.)

See you in Shawnee

Bringing good people together.

Deb Hughes · Oklahoma State Council President
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**OKLAHOMA STATE COUNCIL
NOMINATION FORM
FOR 2010-2011 OFFICERS**

Please complete the nomination form and submit to the 1st Vice-President before March 1, 2010. All candidates must send their written consent, qualifications and a picture to the 1st Vice- President **BEFORE** March 1, 2010. The candidates for state offices will be presented at the March State Council meeting and their qualifications and picture will be published in the April/May issue of *The Petticoat Journal*.

SECOND VICE PRESIDENT

Name _____ Chapter _____
Town _____ Acceptance Attached _____
Nominee has been notified of nomination _____ Yes _____ No

RECORDING SECRETARY

Name _____ Chapter _____
Town _____ Acceptance Attached _____
Nominee has been notified of nomination _____ Yes _____ No

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Name _____ Chapter _____
Town _____ Acceptance Attached _____
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Name _____ Chapter _____
Town _____ Acceptance Attached _____
Nominee has been notified of nomination _____ Yes _____ No

PROJECT DIRECTOR

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Town _____ Acceptance Attached _____
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PETTICOAT JOURNAL EDITOR

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