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**Gwynn Nell Swanson
President**

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Dancing with your Oklahoma State President Gwynn Nell Swanson



Where has the time gone? February is over and March is here. Next month is our 69th Annual State Convention. Can't believe it's almost here.

Events have slowed down but did attend a few events.

February 1 - Cooked again at my church.

February 7 - Attended a cousin's funeral in Shawnee.

February 8 - Attended Cuba Gulley's funeral. It's sad to lose a very special person. She will be sorely missed.

February 11 - This was a very busy day. Went to Henryetta that morning to a UDC meeting. Got home just in time to change clothes, refreshed and headed to Shawnee. Zeta Gamma held their annual Awards Banquet. They presented their DIANA and Outstanding Youth that night. GOOD food as always and the decorations were neat!! I really enjoy visiting the Zeta Gamma girls.

February 13 - Worked a Women's OU basketball game.

February 20 - Attended Delta Kappa's educational. Learned all about Mustang horses and how the Indians used their horses. Found out there are several wild Mustang ranches still in existent today.

February 22 - Worked a Men's OU basketball game.

February 25 - Met up with Robbin Brown, Billye Peterson and Jo Rott to travel to Muskogee for the Parkview Tour/Dist. III and Dist. V meetings. The Jazz band performed for us and they were good! The food was good and being able to see all of my ESA sisters across the state was even better.

March 4 - Worked at the OETA TV telethon. This was different than what I have done in the past. I really enjoyed it.

March 5 - I attended Delta Kappa's business meeting. We elected new officers and will install them in May.

March 6 - Worked the election today. Was pretty busy all day. My precinct isn't a large one so we get to do other things in between voters, like genealogy research!

March 10 – Will be attending the District IV meeting in Del City. Kay Brader will be installed as Coordinator for 2012-2013.

March 17 – Will conducted my last State Council meeting.

March 24 – Will attend District II meeting and Installation of new officers.

April 6 – Will attend Delta Kappa business meeting.

April 13-14 – Will attend the Oklahoma Ladies Retreat at Falls Creek with my daughter and some ladies from my church. This is a great retreat where you can get back in touch with God and his blessings. The speakers and workshops are the best!

April 25 – Will attend the Gamma Zeta Bunco in Edmond. It's been a loooooong time since I have played Bunco. I played my first time when Patsy Timmons was President and we all gathered in a room next to the lobby to play. It's was really fun!

April 26 – Will arrive at the Holiday Inn in Norman for the 69th Oklahoma Annual State Convention which I am really honored to preside over. This will be a really relaxed convention. We will meet our IC Rep., 2nd Vice President, Vicky Jones, attend the workshops that Deb Hughes has planned for you, bid on really cool items at the silent/oral auction Friday night and some other surprises. We get to see our new state officers and our 2012-2013 State President, Joyce Gibson installed.

Congratulations to all the winners at State Convention. You have worked hard all year and have accomplished a lot.

As my year slowly comes to an end, I want to express my feelings of serving as your Oklahoma State Council President. It has been a very rewarding year and I have learned a lot. My State Council Officers and Chairmen have worked hard to make this Oklahoma State Council a strong and supporting one. Thanks to all that have supported me and helped me throughout this year. I hope you have had fun “dancing” with me.

Thank you so much for allowing me to serve as your Oklahoma State Council President. Also thank you Oklahoma State Council for your love and support and doing a super great job this year!!

Love to all and Keep Dancing!

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**1st Vice President/Educational Chairman
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Springtime is here!

Your nominating Committee worked hard to bring you the candidates that will be presented at the First General Assembly at our State Convention. I hope you will express your appreciation to them for giving their time. Committee members serving with me are Nellrita Barrick, Lola Jaegers, Peggy Pate, Peggie Sprinkle, Jacque Edwards and I Thank you so much for all you did!

The 2012-2013 slate of officers is located in this issue of the PJ. I hope you will take a few moments to read about each of them.

Our Oklahoma State Council Bylaws states nominations may be made from the floor.

Article VII – ELECTION AND TERMS

*Section 1. Officers shall be elected at the annual convention. Active members of the state council may submit nominations from the floor at the First General Assembly of the Convention. Prior "Notice of intent to nominate" from the floor shall be submitted to the Chairman of the Nominating Committee **ten (10) days prior to the Convention**. Notice of intent to nominate shall include candidate's name, statement of willingness to serve, and candidate's qualifications.*

If you would like to make a nomination for any office from the floor, our State Convention begins on April 27th, so the deadline to submit this information to me is **April 17, 2012**.

The District Coordinators Sylvia Ochs – District 2, Peggy Hughes – District 3, Ellen Clark – District 4 and Ruth Thompson – District 5 worked hard all year to bring you information in fun and exciting ways. Thank you for your hard work and dedication. The incoming Coordinators will need your support this coming year. I am sure they have plenty of laughs and enjoyment planned. We will definitely learn some things along the way. Wishing all of you a wonderful 2012-2013!

I am looking forward to seeing you at our 69th Annual Oklahoma State Convention and various meetings this year.

*****Please continue to keep Libby Zaage and her family in thoughts and prayers as they go through this difficult time.*****

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**Treasurer
Linda Southerland**

Happy Spring!!

Well my year as your State treasurer is about to end. I would like to thank everyone who helped me concerning my duties and who answered any question I needed answered. It has been an interesting year but I have enjoyed it.

Remember if you have bills that need to be paid, please attach them to a voucher and submit them to me before State Convention. Vouchers are available on the website. No checks will be written to cover expenditures during convention

Sorry I missed the deadline for the Feb/Mar Petticoat Journal. The information concerning member/state dues has been sent to all contest chairs needing that information, but thought it should still be printed in the PJ, so I have submitted the report to the PJ editor for the April/May issue.

See you at State Convention!!!!

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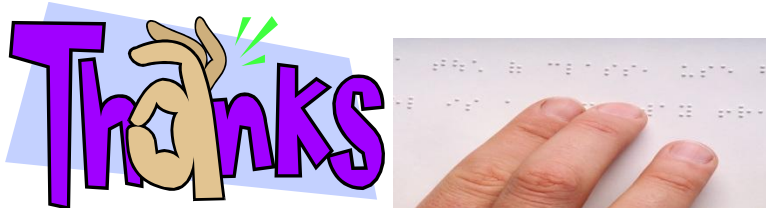
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CHAPTER	#	City	District	Members	Members	Members	District	IC	Chapter
				per HQ	Paid	Pd 1-1-12	Paid	Paid	Pd 1-1-12
Alpha Epsilon	175	Enid			2				
Alpha Kappa	1005	Midwest City	4	7	7	X	x		
Alpha Nu	5425	Arapaho	2	20	15	X	x	X	X
Alpha Omega	5110	Choctaw							
Alpha Pi	4104	Lawton	1						
Alpha Psi	3304								
Alpha Rho	4350	Broken Arrow	3	24	25	X	x	X	X
Alpha Sigma	3085	Vinita	3	10	9	X	x	X	X
Alpha Theta	1038	Muskogee	5	20	18	X	x	X	X
Alpha Zeta	3067	Pawhuska	3	23	23	X	x	X	X
Beta Beta	404	Holdenville	5	18	14	X	x		X
Beta Chi	3396								
Beta Eta	3262								
Beta Gamma	391	Tulsa	3	14	14	X	x	X	X
Beta Iota	4283	McAlester	5	20	16	1/18/2012	x	X	12/26/2011
Beta Mu	606	Lawton	4	14	10	1/23/2012	x	X	1/23/2012
Beta Phi	485	Cherokee	2	24	28	X	x	X	X
Beta Psi	498	Clinton	2	21	23	X	x	X	X
Beta Rho	1270	Del City	4	14	13	X	x	X	X
Beta Sigma	458	Okmulgee							
		Oklahoma							
Beta Zeta	3158	City	2	9	7	X	x	X	X
Chi Epsilon	5149	Talihina	5	8	9	X	x		X
Delta Chi	1637	Midwest City	4	6	5	X	x	X	X
Delta Delta	1809								
Delta Epsilon	2091	Del City	4	8	8	X	x	X	X
Delta Kappa	3538	Norman	4	22	21	X	x	X	X
Delta Lambda	3920	Muskogee	5	8	8	X	x		X
Delta Mu	1120	Antlers	5	19			x		
Delta Sigma	3913								
Epsilon Kappa	1945	Hominy	3	16	14	X	x	X	X
Eta Epsilon	2840	Skiatook	3	21	20	X	x	X	X
Eta Mu	2877	Owasso	3	17	16	X	x		X
Eta Omega	3022	Grove	3	11	13	1/22/2012	x	X	1/22/2012
Gamma Delta	702	Tulsa	3	11	9	X	x	X	X
Gamma Kappa	4018	Checotah	5	13	11	X	x	X	X
Gamma Phi	827								
Gamma Pi	5091	Inola	3	25	21	X	x	X	X
Gamma Theta	3102	Texhoma	2	28			x		
Gamma Zeta	3464	Edmond	2	22	22	X	x		X
Kappa Alpha	5393	Tulsa	3	11	10	X	x	X	X
Kappa Theta	5414	Guthrie	2	10	8	X	x		X
Nu Beta	4475								
Nu Delta	5244	Muskogee	5	10	12	X	x	X	X
Omega Pi	3832	Tulsa	3	15	15	X	x	X	X
Omicron Kappa	5011								
Sigma Chi	5053	Inola	3	18	16	X	x		X
Sigma Tau	4805								

Theta Sigma	4676	Jenks	3	9	8	X	x		X
Theta Tau	4563	Kingfisher	2	21	21	X	x	X	X
Zeta Delta	2312								
Zeta Alpha	2292	Grove	3	34	31	X	x	X	X
Zeta Epsilon	4614	Seminole	4	15	14	X	x	X	X
Zeta Eta	4009								
Zeta Gamma	4253	Shawnee	4	10	11	X	x	X	X
									X
District II									X
District III									X
District IV									X
District V									X
Tulsa Area									
Council									
Sooner									
Senioresses									
Oklahoma State Council									X



**Project Director
Margaret Kramer**



February 25, 2012, Oklahoma School for the Blind Tour and District III and V instillation was well attended. The day started with Continental Breakfast, meetings, reports, followed by an **IMPRESSIVE** performance by the school Jazz Band, lunch, instillations, raffles and ESA camaraderie.

It does not seem possible that the 2011-2012 year of service is coming to an end. Supporting the children at both schools, who cope with daily challenges in and out of school, is a passion of mine and I wish to express my gratitude for the opportunity to serve in this office. It has been both challenging and rewarding. Working with both Sue Cole and Jane Thomas has been a learning experience. Both ladies have been extremely helpful and giving of their time and expertise to assist me in my role as Project Director. It was inspiring for me to have the pleasure of coordinating adoptions with the chapters and individual members; everyone was incredibly loyal to the project. **ATHANKS** does not seem to be adequate to express the gifts you shared with your sponsored children. Be mindful that not only the physical gifts were cherished but these special children and their families delighted in the fact that we respected them as individuals with a magnitude of talent despite their handicaps.

I wish the 2012-2013 Executive Board, General Board and chapters God's blessing on all of your ESA ventures. Looking forward to a productive year bursting with good health, growth, good times and valuable people.

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**Jr. Past President/Disaster Fund Chairman
Jacque Edwards**

Ladies, the year is coming to a close. Sad to say, not many chapters have donated to such a worthy cause this past year. As you all know, the Disaster Fund is not a new project, but one that has been around for many years. We all have contributed either individually or by chapter. The Disaster Fund is in need of funds. As of this date, Oklahoma chapters and/or individuals have NOT donated enough to cover our one claim that has been filed.

REMEMBER THE DEADLINE IS APRIL 1:

The following contributions have been received since the last Disaster Fund article:

Sigma Chi	#5053	Inola	100.00
Eta Mu	#2877	Owasso	50.00
Omega Pi	#3832	Tulsa	25.00
Beta Psi	#0498	Clinton	200.00
Delta Lambda	#1447	Muskogee	80.00
Theta Sigma	#1313	Jenks	25.00
Alpha Nu	#2091	Arapaho	16.00
Gamma Zeta	#3464	Edmond	50.00
Delta Epsilon	#2091	Del City	25.00
Chi Epsilon	#5149	Talihina	100.00
Delta Kappa	#3538	Norman	500.00
Beta Zeta	#3158	Okla. City	25.00
Beta Rho	#4283	Midwest City	75.00

Ladies, I have received donations from 19 of our 41 chapters.

It's not too late!!!! Please consider sending in your contribution to our Oklahoma Disaster Fund.

ALL DONATIONS should be payable to: Disaster Fund and **mailed directly to me:** (Please do not mail your checks to the IC Disaster Fund Chairman as I have a report form to complete and I make copies of your checks for proof in case of a loss in the mail).

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CARE CONNECTION/HOPE FOR HEROES CHAIR
Peggie Sprinkle



Oklahoma sisters know how to honor our military! Please remember to send me a report on any donations and events your chapter or any member has done in the past year to support our military personnel, their family and veterans - not just the projects during the special week of November 11. The *Hope for Heroes* form is available on our website. You count hours, mileage, monies, monetary value - these are philanthropic reports. The deadline is April 1st if you want to be included in the notebook I will give to Gwen Nell. I will accept this information any time until July 1, 2012 as I will be reporting to IC *Hope for Heroes* Chair and I want Oklahoma to shine!

Let's pray our military men & women come home soon!

God Bless America!



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**Chaplain
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Please make an effort to get with me. I am working on the Memorial service and need your chapter's input.

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**Convention
Janice Shockley**

2012 Convention

Your country home for the weekend of April 27-29, 2012 is almost ready. The convention committee consisting of Beta Mu, Delta Kappa, Sigma Chi, and Zeta Gamma have been working very hard to make sure everything is in perfect condition for your arrival at the Holiday Inn in Norman.

Now that Linda, our expert barn builder, knows which end of the nail to hammer we will be able to have an old fashioned barn raising on Friday night. This will be a sight to see.

Sue the Siamese Cat is looking forward to getting your ads by April 1. This is a great way to advertise or send a message to someone special. And don't forget, I have \$100.00 that goes to the lucky winner for selling the most ads that total to the most money. The convention program ad form can be found in this issue of the P.J.

Robin the Robbin is awaiting your RSVP to your invitation to this fun filled weekend. Your RSVP consists of a registration form and \$85.00 to be sent to her no later than (Friday) April 13, 2012. Also, to make sure you have a comfy room reserved in our

country home, you must make your reservation with the Holiday Inn by (Friday) April 13, 2012. When making your reservation be sure to mention ESA to get the special rate of \$79.00 + tax per room per night. A registration form and the hotel information are included in this issue of the P.J.

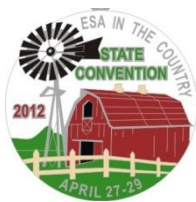
A tentative agenda is published in this issue of the P.J. to help inform you of just what all we have planned for you. It is also on the ESA web site. A more detailed agenda will be printed in the convention program. Please be sure to check the convention program upon your arrival and registration for “ESA In The Country”.

There will be some down-home country cooking ready for you also. Chicken fried steak loaded with country gravy, corn on the cob, and warm peach cobbler is just a sample of what awaits you for your meals. Yum Yum!!!!

Don't miss it----It's going to be a grand celebration with a few changes, surprises and an abundance of fun. I am really looking forward to convention and seeing all of you there as well.

Please join us for a great convention and a fun weekend in the country – that's “ESA In The Country”.

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12 Oklahoma State Convention - “ESA IN THE COUNTRY”

April 27, 28, & 29, 2012



Room rate of \$79 plus tax per night – Reservations due by Friday, April 13

Free Parking - Free hot buffet breakfast
2012 Oklahoma State Convention - “ESA IN THE COUNTRY”



Directory Chairman
Mary Adams

It was an honor and pleasure to serve as your Directory Chairman for 2011/12. As a result I had the pleasure of visiting with a number of members throughout Oklahoma and got to know more about their chapters and activities.

There were 105 directories printed at a cost of \$450.07. To date 101 were sold, 98 at full price of \$8.00 and 3 after the first of the year at ½ price of \$4.00. Total sales to date are \$806.00. There are three available for sale at our council meeting March 17th and one is already spoken for.

It's time to gather information for the 2012/13 Directory. Please send your chapter rosters to me by May 1st. I will forward them to the 2012/13 Directory Chairman. You can email them to be at meadams@tds.net or mail them to 12901 E 590 Road, Inola, OK 74036.

Thanks to everyone for their cooperation and help in making the directory possible.

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**ESA Foundation Counselor
Ramona Paine**

Greetings!

The time has really flown by. This is the last PJ article of the year. Thanks for all your support and donations to the Foundation.

State Convention is fast approaching and we need your help again. St. Jude's, Easter Seals and the Foundation will have the annual auction. The auction will be held during the Friday night skits. As in the past, we are asking each chapter to donate a basket or an item.

If you are a member of the Foundation, don't forget to come by the table at Convention to sign your credentials form or to send a representative. You can either vote (if attending IC Convention) or by proxy (sign someone to vote in your place.)

Become a planned giver: For your family members or friends who have everything, considering a new endowment or adding to an existing endowment is a lasting gift. The whole world will benefit from your generosity. There are numerous endowments that are not fully endowed. Your gift could help them become vested more quickly so that we can begin to award scholarships from these endowments. (Check the website, www.epsilonsigmaalpha.org/esaf.) Chapters, community members (you don't have to be a member of ESA) and individuals can begin an endowment with \$100 and when fully invested at \$5000 scholarships can be given. During the 2011-2012 school year I processed 421 scholarships and we have available 38 scholarships designated for Oklahoma students. There are other scholarships available that are for students in any state and some with recommended subject areas.

I have agreed to serve as ESAF State Counselor for the 2012-2013 year for my final year.

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Philanthropic Darla Barton

Hello Sisters!!!!

We had an AWESOME time at Convention. I have to thank all of you for getting your Philanthropic reports in. It was so good to see all of the good work we do in our state...and beyond. I am confident we will rock at the International Convention coming up in July.

Now it's time to start over. It's a new year, girls. So, let's keep up the good work. I am continuing as Philanthropic Chair for another year, so all of my information is still the same.

God Bless!!

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**International Council President
Rose Pasillas**



You Can “Make the Difference”

Now is the time that all Chapters, Districts, States, Regions, and ESA International Council, and ESA Foundation look for ESA members who are willing to stretch themselves a bit and serve as an officer or on an appointed committee for the next year. All of you are qualified to serve in one area or another. You each have qualities and talents that ESA needs to continue to “Make the Difference” in the lives of those in need. Don’t stop reading now or look the other way. You are what we need to continue our legacy. We need your new ideas, your thoughts on how we can make ESA better and more attractive to others, how we can make ESA more fun, new ways that we can continue to help others, how we can change for the better.

It all begins within your own chapters. If you have not stepped forward to serve now is the time. Don’t wait to be asked. If you have been serving on one level, challenge yourself to serve on the next level. If you see someone with great potential encourage them. Yes, even hound them until they say yes, and agree to serve. Tell them how they can “Make the Difference” just as I am telling each of you now, how you can make the difference.

Let your nominating committee know that you want to run for that office. No it is not too late. Nominations are always available from the floor. I am sure that there is a spot just waiting to be filed by you. Remember no position where elected or appointed is less important than another. ESA is a TEAM. It takes all of us to be successful; all of us to continue our work at St. Jude; all of us to continue our work in our communities; all of us to serve so that ESA can continue for years into the future.

So step up to the plate. Raise your hand and let your Chapter, District, State, Region, ESA Foundation, and International Council know that you are willing to be a part of ESA’s future. You are the reason the ESA...Makes the Difference.

*Rose Pasillas
IC President*



“What you put into the lives of others comes back into your own.”



ESA... Helps Fight Loneliness

February was designated as “ESA... Helps Fight Loneliness Month.” I hope that you were able to bring some joy into someone’s life last month. Let’s keep this campaign going. It’s easy. And each and every ESA member can participate

Last month I offered the following suggestions:

- Visit someone in the hospital, prison, or in a nursing home
- Offer a listening ear to a troubled teen or a friend going through a hard time
- Bake some cookies with the kids and take them to that elderly neighbor and stay a few minutes just to talk

On your visits, I am sure that you Made the Difference in someone’s life who needed a bright spot in their day. Don’t forget them now. Continue to show them that you are still thinking about them. Each time they hear your voice they will smile.

Now is a perfect time to share what ESA has done with them. They would love to hear all about it. Yes, **Celebrate ESA** with them by sharing your excitement about our ESA accomplishments – 40 years of working for the kids of St. Jude Children’s Research Hospital. Tell them about all that we have done and what we plan on doing in the future not only for the kids as St. Jude Children’s Research Hospital but for the many others that we serve. Invite them to come to one of your Celebrate ESA events or promise to bring them photos of one of the events on your next visit. You can find celebrate resources here:

<http://www.epsilonsigmaalpha.org/member-center/chapter-management/Celebrate-ESA>

Wear your ESA gear on your visit. Bring ESA information with you that they can share with their families and friends. Invite them to become a part of ESA as a member or as a supporter. ESA has something to offer everyone. They will be so proud that you thought enough of them to share your excitement with them.

I look forward to hearing your stories of how you Helped Fight Loneliness and Celebrated ESA at the same time. Let me hear from you. My email address is rose_pasillas@hotmail.com. Don't forget to share this information with your chapter members as well. Together we are reason that ESA...Makes the Difference.

Rose Pasillas
IC President



Chapter Chatter



Beta Iota #4283 McAlester

Hello Spring! As I write this on Leap Year Day, February 29 the sun is shining; it is 65 degrees outside; and the jonquils are blooming....did we really ever have winter??? Beta Iota ladies are still out there doing good work to help people in our community and other ESA projects. Our own Lori Few hosted a Miss America Watch Party which was great fun. There was a marvelous cake in the shape of the Miss America Crown. At our Beta Iota meetings we had educationals by the Extension Educator from OSU Pittsburg Count regarding Obesity and Related Health Problems and in February Lori & Jennifer gave us new insight into our own Miss McAlester Scholarship Pageant and the Outstanding Teen Pageant.

Here are the causes and events we have participated in January and February.

- CASA fundraiser: Basketball game –Harlem Ambassadors – Prepared & served food after event.
- Hope House (local women’s shelter) – gave donation
- Oklahoma Mission of Mercy – six of us volunteered in different capacities in this two day event.
- Tina McKamie, 2nd VP, visited Alpha Theta, Muskogee and presented an educational program.
- Tina McKamie went to the IC Leadership Seminar in Denver, CO.
- Good Samaritan Outreach (local men’s shelter) – gave donation
- Shared Blessings – gave donation
- Mercy Clinic – gave donation
- Parent’s Club – gave donation
- Mt. Triumph Food Closet – gave donation
- First Freewill Baptist Church Food Closet—gave donation
- OSB Tour & District V meeting – Amber Alexander installed as District V Coordinator, Brenda Beed as Vice Coordinator, and Margaret Kramer as Secretary.

See you all soon at the STATE CONVENTION!

June Miller



Beta Iota member June Miller uses her salesmanship skills with Beta Gamma member Peggie Sprinkle at the bake sale at OSB



Delta Lambda member Jeanne Meyers at the bake sale during the District III and District V meeting at OSB.



**Delta Chi #1637
Midwest City**

Laura Robinson and Maxine Wheelan will both be attending the State and IC Conventions this year in Norman. This past year they have adopted 3 children at the School for the Deaf and participated in the St. Jude Radiothon. They are looking forward to working the Dream Home in Edmond during May and June. They are still collecting pull tabs for the Ronald McDonald House as well as used medicine bottles for the Healing Hearts Free Clinic, cutting coupons and knitting Hats for the troops in Afghanistan. Though we are a small chapter we work hard to make things a little easier for those less fortunate.

Maxine Wheelan



District IV meeting and Installation



District IV meeting



District IV meeting



*Team ESA for Oklahoma: Past Oklahoma State Presidents:
Judi York, Rosalie Griffith, Deb Hughes, Aletha Bolt*



**Delta Kappa # 3538
Norman**

Wrapping another busy year here at DK. We had a wonderful *Toys for Tots* campaign, Valentine Party at the Vet center and Among Friends. Great socials and meetings.

Getting ready for State convention and IC. Selecting new officers for next year.

What a GREAT WINTER WE HAD!!! We enjoyed being out and having fun. We are healthy for once. See you all at CONVENTION

Linda Leveridge



Delta Kappa members Joyce Gibson and Vivian Gibson enjoy shopping for treats at the District III and District IV meeting at OSB.



**Gamma Delta ##0702
Tulsa**

Our Chapter had a very busy year complete with meaningful events and great fellowship. We had a wonderful Christmas dinner and secret Santa gift exchange at the Celebrity Restaurant. Donna, Charlene and I attended along with Byrdie, who brought a guest, Mara. We celebrated Brydie's December birthday, surprising her with a cake...another year young! In January we had our first social of the year. We put our "artistic" selves to work at the Purple Glaze studio where painted and glazed ceramics. Yes, we definitely have some talented artists among us! Afterwards, we walked across the street to Wolfgang Puck's Bistro where we enjoyed a delicious late brunch. In February, we again put our creative talents to work at Donna's house, where we made beautiful bookmarks to distribute at the libraries around Tulsa. Rosemary, Donna, Charlene, Byrdie and I attended the Oklahoma School for the Blind. District 3 had a 50/50 jar and we raised money for this great cause. We were impressed with the student's jazz band and singers; what a special treat for us! Afterwards they provided us with a delicious lunch and manicure gift sets! We also visited their student store where we were able to purchase Easter Baskets!

Gamma Delta is looking to a busy and productive year ahead of us. We're looking forward to working the dream home and can't wait to see the finished product. I don't know how they do it, but every year they out-do themselves!

With ESA Sisterly Love,
Dawn Haley



Gamma Delta members enjoy the meeting at OSB: Byrdie Emanuel, Dawn Haley, Rosemary Benning, Charlene Law, Donna McCandless



Gamma Pi #5091 Inola

Gamma Pi got off to a running start in 2012 with a Bingo January 28th at the Round-Up Club. The proceeds went to Inola Special Needs Students to help with the expenses of the students participating in the Special Olympics. The students and parents helped set up and enjoyed playing bingo.

Gertrude Riddle, Bobbie Martin, Sue Johnston, Janie Stevens and Mary Adams attended the District III meeting at the Oklahoma School for the Blind February 25th. Besides having the opportunity to fellowship with our sisters in District III and V and catch up on District activities we enjoyed the musical program provided by the students. What a treat!!

Gamma Pi's annual March Bingo was last Saturday, March 10th. Proceeds from this bingo go to the Inola Ministry House, which provides a wonderful service to the community. Members were able to wear their new polo style shirts. They are royal blue with Gamma Pi and a jonquil embroidered in yellow.

We are gearing up for our Easter Egg Hunt at the Elementary School April 5th, the Spring Patio Sale May 4th and 5th, our annual Tea for the Inola High School Senior Girls April 22nd and Installation of Officers April 23. Several of our members are planning to attend the State Convention. We will definitely be busy and enjoying working together to make these events successful.

See you at convention.

Mary Adams



Members of Gamma Pi enjoy the meeting and entertainment at OSB



**Gamma Zeta #3464
Edmond**

Edmond's Gamma Zeta of Epsilon Sigma Alpha donated \$1,000.00 dollars each to Orvis Risner, Ida Freeman and Sunset Elementary Schools in Edmond, Ok. The money will help with their incentive programs for rewarding good behavior and the resulting positive effects. Money will also be used for playground equipment, clothing or shoes for their closet and food for the backpacks that are sent home every Friday with nutritious snacks

since some children would go hungry all weekend. Members feel that helping 500-800 kids in each school was a good investment to help with these elementarys' character building programs and other needs.



Check Presentation on March 16. Pictured left to right: Annamaria Martucci, Carol Banbridge, principal Penny Dilg, Gamma Zeta's president Pat Strickland, Bev Hanna, Jo Rott and counselor Kimberly Parker.



Omega Pi 3832 Tulsa

Since I missed the January issue deadline I will start with November. Omega Pi participated with TAC in the Veterans Day Parade in downtown Tulsa. We had a great float that had a sign on the side that says "ESA Supports our Troops". A few of us walked and a few rode on the float. Those walking passed out little American flags to people on the parade route. The parade was well attended in spite of the rainy weather. We also participated in the St. Jude Give Thanks Walk on November 20th at Woodland Hills Mall.

We were the hostesses for the December TAC meeting at Clare House. Then on December the 4th we put on our party dresses for our Candlelight Dinner and installation of new officers at Freddie's Steak House. Our own Jenny was installed as treasurer and since she couldn't attend Cindy stood in for her. On December 16th we met at Anne Jones' home for our Christmas party. Everyone brought some wonderful food to go along with the ham and our secret sisters were revealed to us as we opened gifts. The

evening wasn't just about our gifts as we put together packages for our nursery home's recipients for their Christmas Party. We also brought food for a basket for a lady that was listed in the Tulsa World Neediest Family list. We hope we made a better Christmas for her and her family. We missed our president, Marge Goodno as she had to go to Houston with Citgo for the month of November and part of December. Glad to have her back from Houston and fully retired now.

January started off cold, but we had a great educational at our business meeting. Since our educational theme for the year is "Approaching the Years with Grace in ESA", each member chose a lady of grace and had to tell why we chose her. Some of those chosen were Mary Smith and Helen Taylor who were both past members of ESA, Laura Bush, Grace Kelley and Jenny's grandmother, and Anne Jones' second grandmother. Our social was at our "hostess with the mostess" Marge Goodno for a movie party and excellent food. We watched Saving Grace, an English flick.

Then came the blizzard of February and we didn't meet until February 23rd again at Marge's for our combined business and social meeting. Everyone had a story to tell about how they survived the big snow and their experiences. Some are working on decorations and making plans for Convention in April. Also we are looking forward to warmer weather and an early spring as our ground hog predicted.

Joan Nightingale



Nu Delta #5244
Muskogee

Nu Delta Chapter in Muskogee, OK reported last fall that we rented a booth at a local consignment shop. All revenues (less rent) are ear-marked for St. Jude Hospital. We are happy to report that we have made \$768 for St. Jude since August. This has definitely been the least labor intensive fund raiser ever! All we have to do is pass along items we are tired of and no longer use.

Our president, Francie Wright, recently retired and has a secret yearning to have her own store, so she likes to rearrange items, making our display always look new. Plus, the terrific ladies that own the shop help with pricing and layout, AND direct shoppers to our booth.

Our chapter has really enjoyed this endeavor.

If you visit Muskogee, please make a point to see our booth at Two Friends on S. Main Street.

Respectfully submitted,
Lisa William
Publicity Chair



"Jewels of ESA"



2012-2013
Oklahoma State
Council
President
Joyce Gibson

Delta Kappa Chapter
#3538, Norman



Corresponding
Secretary
Vivian Y. Gibson

Delta Kappa Chapter
#3538, Norman

1st Vice President
Tina Davenport-McKamie



Beta Iota Chapter #4283, McAlester

It is with great honor that I accept the nomination of First Vice-President for the Oklahoma State Council of Epsilon Sigma Alpha International. Thank you for allowing me to utilize my talents and strengths for the Oklahoma State Council. I pledged the Beta Iota Chapter of ESA in September 2000 and have received the First Pearl Award along with the 1st, 2nd, 3rd, 4th and 5th Degree Pallas Athene Awards and the Outstanding Eagle Award. I have pledged five members. And, I have attended ten Oklahoma State Council Conventions as well as two International Council Conventions. I have also coordinated successful fundraisers on the state and local levels. I graduated from Southeastern Oklahoma State University in May 1986 with a Bachelor of Science double major in accounting and computer science programming and again in May 1993 with a Bachelors in Business Education and Mathematics. I have 30 years of accounting and business experience. I have been employed with Regier, Carr & Monroe, LLP (Jimmy J. Williams & Co., P.C.) in McAlester for fifteen years as a Senior Accountant and Firm manager. I also taught business and computer applications for 10 years at Kiamichi Technology Center in McAlester. Carlis and I have been married since December 2003. We both share a love for the outdoors. My hobbies include a strong passion for horses, riding 4-wheelers through the mountains, fishing, and any other outdoor activity as well as sewing, crafts and photography.

Offices: State First Vice-President \ State Educational Director, State Treasurer, State Corresponding Secretary, State Project Director, Petticoat Journal Editor, Circle of Life Coordinator, Give Thanks Walk for St. Jude Chairman (2 years), District Vice-Coordinator, District Secretary, Chapter President (2 separate years), Chapter Treasurer (5 years), Chapter Parliamentarian (2 separate years)

Committee Chair: Yearbook Chair, Ways & Means Chair for Convention 2006, Chapter By-Laws, Chapter Jonquil Girl, Chapter Philanthropic, Chapter Ways & Means, Miss McAlester Pageant Producer (3 years), Miss McAlester Program Book Chair (4 years), Miss McAlester Treasurer (3 years), Beta Iota Christmas Tour of Homes Chair

Committee Member: Diana, Outstanding Youth, Philanthropic, Publicity, Scrapbook, Ways & Means, Yearbook, Miss McAlester Judge's Committee, Miss McAlester Publicity

2nd Vice President
Linda Southerland



Beta Psi Chapter #0498, Clinton

If elected, I will carry out the duties of that office to the best of my ability. I worked for Clinton Public Schools for 38 years prior to my retirement in June 2007 and I understand the need to carry out duties and obligations in a correct and timely manner. I have been a member of Beta Psi #0498 since February 1987.

Offices held:

Chapter: All offices including President (4), Treasurer (3), Yearbook Chairperson (15)

District: District II Coordinator, District II Parliamentarian, Secretary (2), Treasurer (2)

State General Board: Auditor, Directory Chairman, Outstanding Youth Chairman and Secret Sister Coordinator.

State Elected: Petticoat Journal Editor in 2006, Parliamentarian in 2009, Recording Secretary 2010 and State Treasurer in 2011.

I ask for your support and thank you in advance.

Recording Secretary
Mary Adams



Gamma Pi Chapter #5091, Inola

My involvement in ESA continues to be one of my most growing and rewarding experiences. I joined Gamma Pi Chapter in Inola in December 2005. Serving on the State Council as well as working on Gamma Pi projects that benefit my community have helped me to grow personally get to know some very special ladies and many members of my community. I attended my first ESA District meeting in 2007, State Council meeting in 2008 and Convention 2009. I have continued to attend District and State Council meetings and State Conventions each year since then.

My working career was in banking for approximately 40 years. During that time I held positions from secretary to officer and was involved in a number of banking organizations, It would be an honor and privilege to continue to be involved in ESA at the State Level.

The offices I have held to date are:

Chapter: President, Vice President, Secretary, Treasurer, Awards, Parliamentarian, Philanthropic

State Appointed: Directory Chairman

State Elected: PJ Editor

Treasurer
Billye Peterson



Gamma Zeta Chapter #3464, Edmond

I have been a member of Gamma Zeta Chapter #3464 for 40 years. In that time, I have become a Life Active Member of ESA and an ESA Foundation Member. I have attended 16 Oklahoma State conventions and 7 International conventions. I have chaired the St. Jude Dream House Ticket Pick-up Teams, and Dream Home Open House for 3 years, and the St. Jude Radio-thon for 1 year. My accomplishments include Woman of the Year, First Pearl, Jonquil Society for 1 year, and 4th Degree Pallas Athene. I will achieve my 5th Degree this year.

My qualifications for this office are:

Chapter: President (2 times), Vice President, Parliamentarian, Recording Secretary, Yearbook (10 years), DIANA, Awards (3 years), Ways & Means (7 years), Nominating Committee, Budget Committee

District II: Coordinator, Vice-Coordinator, Recording Secretary, Parliamentarian

State Committees: Nominating, Convention,

State Appointed Board: Outstanding Youth, DIANA, Contest, ESA Million Dollar Bike Ride Chair

State Elected: Secretary

International: 1st Million Dollar Bike Ride Chair for St. Jude Children's Research Hospital; conducted hands-on workshop at San Antonio, TX, IC convention

On a personal level, I taught secretarial subjects for 13 years at Rose State College and business communications and report writing for 19 years at the University of Central Oklahoma. I have also been an office manager for Louis M. Ford LLC for 20 years.

Parliamentarian
Nancy Baucom



Beta Mu Chapter #0606, Lawton

I have been in ESA for 12 years and these are the offices I have held:

CHAPTER: President, Treasurer, Parliamentarian, Philanthropic and Craft Show Chairman

DISTRICT: Coordinator, Vice-Coordinator, Treasurer and Parliamentarian

STATE: District IV Coordinator, Association of the Arts, Jr. Circle of Life and Care Connection

Outside of ESA, I work as an accountant for over 20 years, 25 to be exact in May 2012. I've been married for 20 years to my wonderful husband, Russell and we have two beautiful daughters, Kara, 17 and Kaydi, 11. We attend a local church where I am a choir member, nursery worker and music coordinator for VBS. In past years, I was also the VBS Coordinator and Awana's secretary.

When I think about holding an office, I have to remember my dear mother-in-law, Elinor and what an honor it is to be walking in her footsteps.

State Project Director
Jo Ann Rott



Gamma Zeta Chapter #3464, Edmond

I am accepting my chapter's nomination for State Project for the Oklahoma State Council. I am entering my third year as a member of Gamma Zeta Chapter, #3464. I have attended one State Convention and have plans to attend the 2012 State and International Conventions to be held in Norman. I have received my First Pearl and will become a member of the Jonquil Society later this year. I placed first in the "What ESA Means to Me" contest at the 2011 State Convention. I also assisted with the silent auction at the 2011 Convention.

My qualifications are as follows:

Chapter: President 2012-2013, Vice President 2011-2012, Ways and Means Committee, Budget Committee, Nominating Committee, Co-chair for St. Jude Bunco fund raising event 2011.

State: Co-chair 2012 St. Jude Radiothon, participated in St. Jude Dream House, 2009-2011, St. Jude Give Thanks Walk 2010-2011, St Jude Radiothon 2011-2012, sponsor 4 children at the School for the Deaf.

State Appointed Board: 2011-2012 Easter Seal Chairman, Organized 1st tour of Easter Seals facility in Oklahoma City.

Other Civic Organizations:

AAUW

State: Program Vice President: 2008-2010, President-elect 2010-2011, Co-chairman for 5 state regional convention 2010-2012, Chairman for state convention 2010

Branch: Program Vice President 2007-2009, Scholarship Selection Committee Chairman 2008-2010, OETA Telethon 2006-2012, Member 2005-2012

Edmond Newcomers: President 2011-2012, Parliamentarian 2012-2013

Kiwanis International: Member Downtown Oklahoma City 2008-2012, Head Start Reading program 2008-2012 (intercity school in Oklahoma City School District)

I retired from the Hertz Corporation in 2008 after 35 years of service. I have my degrees from the University of Oklahoma.

In my short time as a member of ESA, I have grown to love this organization, its members and what this organization stands for. I deem it an honor to wear the Jewel Pin and I will always strive to uphold the values of ESA. Children hold a special place in my heart; I would love to serve them and ESA at State Project Director. Thank you for considering my nomination for State Project.

Petticoat Journal Editor
Donna Shook



Theta Tau #4563, Kingfisher

I accept the nomination for Petticoat Journal Editor. Previously, I held this position (appointed by President Ramona Paine-Means) and received the 2nd place award for a state newsletter. As a former teacher of English and Speech, this background gives me a better understanding of what is needed to get this job done. I have attended many State Conventions, District Meetings, and three International Meetings.

My qualifications for Epsilon Sigma Alpha are the following:

Local: President, Vice-president, Secretary, Parliamentarian, Nomination Committee, Scrapbook Chairman, Social Chairman, and Education Director (Most have been held more than once)

State Appointed Board: Awards, Auditor

State Elected Board: Petticoat Journal Editor

Recommended by-Law amendments.

ARTICLE III – MEMBERSHIP AND CLASSIFICATION - Now Reads

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2012 Oklahoma State Convention
 "ESA in the Country"
 April 27- 29, 2012
 Holiday Inn, Norman, OK

Tentative Agenda

Friday, April 27, 2012

12 pm - 6 pm	Office/Storage Area	<u>Board - 2nd floor</u>
12 pm - 4 pm	Exhibits - Association of the Arts check-in	<u>2nd floor - Room A & B</u>
12:00 pm - 6 pm	Registration	<u>2nd floor - Foyer</u>
12 pm - 4 pm	Charms, PJ sales, Credentials	<u>First floor Main Lobby</u>
	Directory, Easter Seals, ESA Foundation Credentials	
12 pm - 4 pm	Silent Auction check in	<u>Emerald Room 1 & 2</u>
2:00 pm - 4:00 pm	Workshops	<u>Diamond/Sapphire Emerald Room</u>
5:00 pm - 7:00 pm	E-Board Dinner	<u>3</u>
7:45 pm - ???	Candidates Mixer/Silent & Live Auction	<u>Emerald 1 & 2</u>
1 pm - 6 pm	Hospitality	<u>3rd floor - Suite 318</u>
9:30 - Midnight		

Saturday, April 28, 2012

8 am - 11:15 am	Office/Storage Area	<u>Board - 2nd floor</u>
8 am - 11:15 am & 4:30 pm - 5 pm	Exhibits - Association of the Arts	<u>2nd floor - Room A & B</u>
8 am - 11:15 am & 4:30 pm - 6 pm	Registration	<u>2nd floor - Foyer</u>
9:30 pm - Midnight	Hospitality	<u>3rd floor - Suite 318</u>
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	Directory, Easter Seals, ESA Foundation Credentials	<u>Restaurant Area</u>
7:00 am - 9:00 am	Complimentary Breakfast	<u>President's Room 218</u>
8:30 am - 9:00 am	1st Timers/New Pledges Reception	<u>Diamond Room</u>
9:15 am - 10:20 am	IC Leadership Workshop	
	IC 2nd Vice President, Vicky Jones	<u>Sapphire Room</u>
10: 30 am - 11:20 am	Workshops	<u>Emerald Room 1 & 2</u>
11:30 am - 1:15 pm	Awards Brunch	
1:45 pm -2:20 pm	Doors Close at 1:45 pm for Flag Ceremony	<u>Emerald 1, 2, 3</u>
	(Chapter representatives line up in hall)	
2:20 pm - 4:20 pm	1st General Assembly	<u>Emerald 1, 2, 3</u>
5:00 pm - 5:30 pm	Candidates Reception	<u>Room 218</u>
5:40 pm - 6:15 pm	Practice Installation	<u>Emerald 1, 2, 3</u>
6:25 pm- 6:30 pm	DOORS CLOSE at 6:25 pm NO ONE WILL BE ALLOWED IN UNTIL AFTER INSTALLATION, approximately 7:00 pm	

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9:15 pm - 9:30 pm	Receiving Line	<u>Lobby</u> - Cash
9:30 pm - Midnight	Hospitality	bar
Sunday - April 29, 2012		<u>3rd floor - Suite 318</u>
8 am - Noon	Office/Storage Area	<u>Board Room - 2nd floor</u>
8:00 am - 1:00 pm	Convention Photo	<u>Hotel Lobby</u>
8 am - 8:45 am	Display	<u>Diamond Room</u>
	Incoming/Outgoing Board Meeting	
	(Officers & Chairmen)	
9 am - 9:30 am	Memorial Service	<u>Sapphire Room</u>
9:45 am - 12 pm	Brunch/Second General Assembly	<u>Emerald 1, 2, 3</u>

Oklahoma State Council of ESA
Executive/General Board Meeting Minutes
March 17, 2012

The Executive and General meeting of the Board of Oklahoma State Council of ESA was called to order by the president, Gwynn Nell Swanson, at 9:46 a.m. on Saturday, March 17, 2012, at the Goodrich Methodist Church, Norman, Oklahoma. Dr. Billye Peterson, recording secretary, was present.

Nancy Buck, Chair to read the minutes of the November Oklahoma State Council Meeting, reported the minutes will be placed on file as printed.

Gwynn Nell announced the following appointments: Committee to read the minutes of this meeting: Vivian Gibson, Chair; Glenda Petty, Judy Montgomery

First Vice President/Nominating Chair Joyce Gibson had no report.

Second Vice President/Educational Director Tina McKamie had no report.

Linda Southerland gave the treasurer's report. Balance forward from November 11, 2011, was \$6,053.37. Income was \$1,712.70; expenses \$936.26, leaving a balance as of March 15, 2012, of \$6,829.81. Also in the Speaker's Fund is \$1,107.33; the IC Campaign Fund has \$219.36; and the Doer's Fund has \$172.25. The CD as of 3-15-12 is \$4,040.26. Linda also reminded everyone if they have expenses to fill out a voucher and have it to her by April 1.

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Petticoat Journal Editor Rita Hains was not present.

Sr. Past President/Workshop Coordinator/IC Jr. State President Chair Deb Hughes had no report.

Auditor Donna Shook had no report.

Directory Chair Mary Adams reported to date 101 directories had been sold, 98 at full \$8 price and 3 at ½ price with total sales of \$806. Mary moved the price of the State Directory remain at \$8 each. Margaret Kramer seconded. Motion carried.

Leslie Farabee, Publicity Chair, no report.

Judi York, St. Jude Chair, no report.

Mary Johnson, Membership Chair, no report.

Jo Rott, Easter Seals Chair, encouraged everyone to buy a raffle ticket.

Peggie Sprinkle, Care Connection Coordinator, encouraged everyone to buy a raffle ticket with proceeds going to The Hugs Project for soldier care packages.

Joyce Lacey-Kenney, Credentials Chair, no report.

New Business: Connie Johnson, Parliamentarian, recommended a by-law amendment to:

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Reason for Amending:

The amendment clarifies the deadline for dues that must be paid in order to qualify for contests. A new Section 3 has been added and the old Section 3 changed to Section 4.

Connie Johnson moved that Article III, Membership and Classification Section 2 be accepted as proposed. Linda Southerland seconded. Motion carried.

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Connie Johnson moved that Article XII – Voting, Section 3 be accepted as proposed. Nellrita Barrick seconded. After discussion and clarification by Aletha Bolt, motion carried.

Gwynn Nell announced there are several items for sale at various tables.

Billye Peterson announced the dates of the St Jude Dream Home open house in Edmond and invited everyone to Gamma Zeta’s Bunco Bash for St. Jude on March 25.

Gwynn Nell announced The Oklahoma State Council meeting would begin about 10:30 a.m. Meeting adjourned at 10:16 a.m.

Dr. Billye Peterson
Recording Secretary

Oklahoma State Council of ESA
State Council Meeting Minutes
March 17, 2012

The State Council meeting was called to order by the president, Gwynn Nell Swanson, at 10:35 a.m. on Saturday, March 17, 2012, at the Goodrich Methodist Church, Norman, Oklahoma. Dr. Billye Peterson, recording secretary, was present.

Gwynn Nell welcomed everyone to her last State Council meeting. After the opening ritual, Ellen Clark led the Pledge of Allegiance and Chaplain Linda Leveridge gave a Thought for the Day. Gwynn Nell recognized Zeta Gamma for being hostesses for today's meeting and District V for furnishing the door prizes.

Gwynn Nell recognized 1 DESA, 1 guest, the Sooner Senioresses, and the Executive and General Board.

Gwynn Nell announced the following appointments: Committee to read the minutes of this meeting: Vivian Gibson, Chair; Glenda Petty, Judy Montgomery

Nancy Buck, Chair to read the minutes of the November Oklahoma State Council Meeting, reported the minutes were correct as printed

Corresponding Secretary Sue Knight had no report.

First Vice President/Nominating Chair Joyce Gibson introduced nominating committee members Nellrita Barrick, Lola Jaegers, Peggy Pate, Peggie Sprinkle, and Jacque Edwards. The following slate of officers for the 2012-2013 Executive Board were introduced and those present came forward: District II Coordinator Joyce Lacey-Kenney, District III Coordinator Peggie Sprinkle, District IV Coordinator Kay Brader, District V Coordinator Amber Alexander, Sr. Past President Jacque Edwards, Jr. Past President Gwynn Nell Swanson, PJ Editor Donna Shook, State Project Director Jo Ann Rott, Parliamentarian Nancy Baucom, Treasurer Billye Peterson, Recording Secretary Mary Adams, 2nd Vice President Linda Southerland, and 1st Vice President Tina Davenport-McKamie. Joyce Gibson, 2012-2013 President, introduced her Corresponding Secretary, Vivian Gibson.

Second Vice President/Educational Director Tina McKamie gave a mini-educational on using weights while exercising. Everyone participated by doing arm exercises.

Linda Southerland gave the treasurer's report. Balance forward from November 11, 2011, was \$6,053.37. Income was \$1,712.70; expenses \$936.26, leaving a balance as of March 15, 2012, of \$6,829.81. Also in the Speaker's Fund is \$1,107.33; the IC Campaign Fund has \$219.36; and the Doer's Fund has \$172.25. The CD as of 3-15-12 is \$4,040.26. Linda also reminded everyone if they have expenses to fill out a voucher and have it to her by April 1 as no checks can be written during convention. The treasurer's report will be filed for audit.

Parliamentarian Connie Johnson announced there will be 2 proposed by-law amendments voted on at State Convention. She urged everyone to bring the by-law pages from the April/May PJ to convention.

Project Director, Margaret Kramer, reported all children at OSB and OSD each had a Christmas gift thanks to ESA's generosity. The OSB tour on February 25, 2012, was well attended with the

school's jazz band entertaining everyone. As of March 16, 13 chapters have donated \$1,950. Last year \$3,450 was distributed, so all chapters were encouraged to send money. She reminded everyone the State Project Service Reports are due April 1; only 6 chapters have reported so far.

Petticoat Journal Editor Rita Hains was not present. Gwynn Nell answered questions about the number of issues being mailed. Gwynn Nell moved the price of the PJ for first class remain at \$15. Motion carried. Donna Shook reported that next year's copies that are mailed will be black & white only due to the cost of color printing.

Because Jr. Past President/Disaster Fund Chair Jacque Edwards was absent, Gwynn Nell gave her report. As of today, 19 out of 41 chapters have contributed \$3,000. This is not enough to pay the one Oklahoma claim that has been filed (claims are maxed at \$5,000). Jacque urged chapters to make a contribution or give more if they've already given and make checks out to Disaster Fund and send to her. Emails were sent reminding chapters that April 1 is the Oklahoma contest deadline; however, technically contributions to IC can be made as late as May 31.

Sr. Past President/Workshop Coordinator Deb Hughes invited everyone to participate in the hands-on workshops she has planned for convention.

Joyce Gibson and Tina McKamie gave a report on the Leadership Seminar they attended February 9 to 11 in Denver. They shared the story of the ESA Foundation and the Celebrate ESA Campaign.

Chaplain Linda Leveridge gave the Invocation.

District II Coordinator Sylvia Ochs invited everyone to installation of officers on March 24 at Kingfisher at the InterBank at 9:30 a.m. She gave a report on Libby Zaage, Vice Coordinator, who is extremely ill.

District II Coordinator Peggy Hughes, District IV Coordinator Ellen Clark, and District V Coordinator Ruth Thompson had no reports.

District III Coordinator Peggie Sprinkle told everyone to put September 15 on their calendar for her Leadership Seminar to be held in Broken Arrow.

Cathy Holsted, 2013 State Convention Chair, announced a meeting during lunch in the parlor of all hostess chapters.

Association of the Arts Chair Nancy Baucom announced the entry deadline was 2 weeks away, and she has only received two entries.

Auditor, Donna Shook, has audited the State Project Director and District IV's books, and has received Linda Southerland's State Treasurer books and books from State Convention Treasurer Lola Jaegers and will be auditing those. If you have books that need auditing, please mail to her. She would like to do them before convention.

Care Connection/Hope for Heroes Chair Peggie Sprinkle announced she had placed a copy of the Care Connection directory information on the tables. Care Connection links ESA members who might need assistance. She also urged everyone to send in reports by April 1 of any donations and events the chapter or members have done in the past year to support military personnel. This will be included in a book she is making for Gwynn Nell; however, information will be accepted until July 1 for reporting to the IC Hope for Heroes Chair.

Awards Chair, Judy Cravens, encouraged everyone to participate in writing an essay due April 1 on What ESA Means to Me. Chapters also need to send in Pallas Athene degrees. Years of service will also be recognized at convention with special recognition for those having 25 years and up, but she needs names by April 1.

Chaplain Linda Leveridge needs names of those who have passed away in your chapter: member, spouse, daughter, son, etc., for the convention memorial service. She also needs the name of your chapter representative for that service. She gave a report on the cards she had sent since last report.

Connie Johnson gave an update on District II Vice Coordinator Libby Zaage, who is still very ill.

Contest Chair Sue Patterson reminded members that contests can be postmarked April 1 and that each individual contest needs to go to that respective chair. Also each chair was reminded to get their information to Outstanding Chapter Chair Joy Agan as soon as possible after April 1. If you have any concerns about any contest, get these to Sue so they can be presented at the June meeting.

Credentials Chair Joyce Lacey-Kenney reported 28 chapters are eligible to vote at State Convention according to the Treasurer's report. Please check with Joyce when you arrive at convention to sign for chapter ballots, and also delegate or proxy for IC convention. She will use the April 1st printout from IC for the final number of chapters eligible.

Janice Shockley, 2012 Convention Chair, announced the person who sells the most ads for the most money will receive \$100. Sue Knight only has 7 ads so far.

Robbin Brown reported 69 had registered for state convention along with 4 guests. Please get registration in as soon as possible.

In Libby Zaage's absence, Nancy Buck has taken over DIANA. She stated there were 4 entries and 5 judges were used. There was a tie, so more judges were brought in.

Directory Chair Mary Adams reported to date 101 directories had been sold, 98 at full \$8 price and 3 at ½ price with total sales of \$806. Upon recommendation of the Executive & General Board, Mary moved the price of the State Directory remain at \$8 each. Motion carried.

Judi York, St. Jude Chair, reported it had been a great year for Oklahoma and St. Jude. There have been radio-thons, runs, Saddle up for St. Jude, mall walks, the Memphis Marathon, and other events. The Oklahoma Dream homes are coming along with tickets going on sale in Tulsa March 2 and in Oklahoma City March 15. The IC Challenge for St. Jude is the ESA Hope Hop at IC. Initial fee is \$200 and will take place Friday evening with lots of dancing and fun. Chapters also need to donate silent auction items for the Friday evening state convention with funds going to St. Jude, Easter Seals, and the ESA Foundation. The Thank You ESA will be in Nashville April 14. If you are mailing your report, do it BEFORE April 1 as she will be out of town; but reports can be e-mailed by April 1.

Jo Rott, Easter Seals Chair, encouraged everyone to buy a raffle ticket and send her reports by April 1.

ESA Foundation Chair Ramona Means processed 421 scholarship applications and is now waiting to hear which Oklahoma students will receive Foundation scholarships, which should be either late April or May. At the beginning of the Foundation year, we had 116 members, which is down. Please see Ramona at State Convention to sign the IC Credentials form and get a proxy if not attending IC.

Membership Chair Mary Johnson reported 41 new pledges will be recognized at convention.

Outstanding Chapter Chair Joy Agan asked contest chairs to send their results to her before April 10 to ejaj1116@prodigy.net

Outstanding Youth Chair Nellrita Barrick has received both Outstanding Junior High and Senior High applications by the March 1 deadline. They are being judged.

Philanthropic Chair Darla Barton asked that when anyone is e-mailing her to please put a subject line that she will recognize so she won't delete the message. Philanthropic reports are due April 1 with mileage rates being calculated at 55.5 cents.

Sooner Seniorette President Robbin Brown had no report.

Webmaster Aletha Bolt reminded everyone to send her things that need to be uploaded to the www.oklaesa.org website. The password to get into emails is "esa2008" unless changed by the previous officer.

2012 IC Convention Chair Cathy Holsted urged everyone to stay at the hotel and that only 2 people from Oklahoma had registered for convention and only 20 total people. Deadline is April 1 before a penalty is assessed. Immediately after today's meeting, there will be a meeting of all IC convention chapter hostesses.

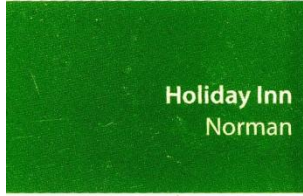
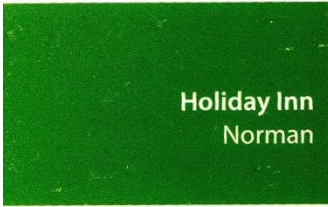
Publicity Chair Leslie Farabee reminded chapters wanting to compete to compile a Presentation Book of published articles, then download and fill out a Publicity Contest Entry Form and mail all to her by April 1. If you have articles to be placed in Gwynn Nell's News Folder to be presented to her at convention, get them to Leslie as soon as possible. These will not be judged. Leslie's cell phone is 918.808.6085.

Gwynn Nell asked for any new business. Linda Leveridge said she had received an email about Bunnie Sullins who is having kidney problems and her husband, who fell and was severely injured and is in the Pawnee Rehab Center now unable to work. Connie Johnson reported that Libby Zaage had been moved out of ICU to Room 601 at Baptist Hospital, and they had removed the tube from her brain. Louise Malloy invited everyone to Arapaho Friday March 30 for their Bunco Bash for St. Jude. Billye Peterson announced Edmond's Bunco Bash will be Sunday afternoon, March 25. Joyce Gibson announced there would be a State Board meeting May 19.

Gwynn Nell reminded all board members to report what they had done for the year in their notebooks to be passed on at convention in lieu of the annual reports previously used. All Chapter Presidents are urged to bring their chapter roster forms with new chapter officers marked to give to the new Directory Chair and also the list of people who want the Petticoat Journal mailed to them given to the new PJ editor.

Gwynn Nell urged everyone to get convention registration in before the April 13 deadline. Meeting adjourned at 1:39 p.m.

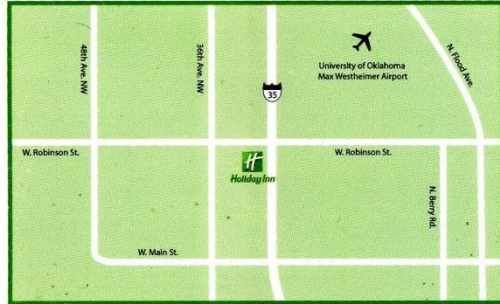
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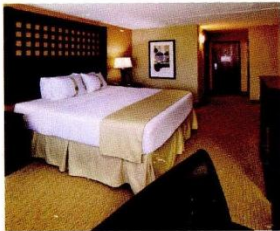
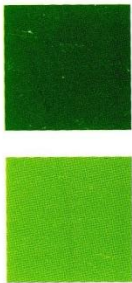
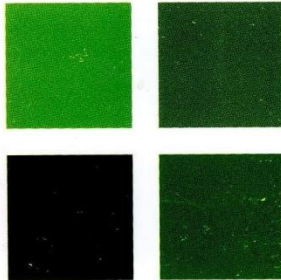
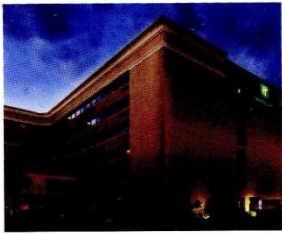
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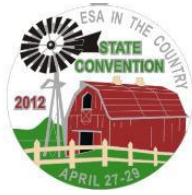
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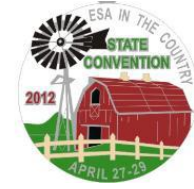
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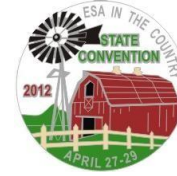
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