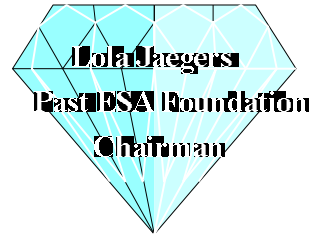
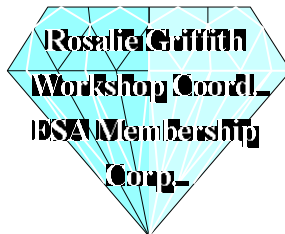
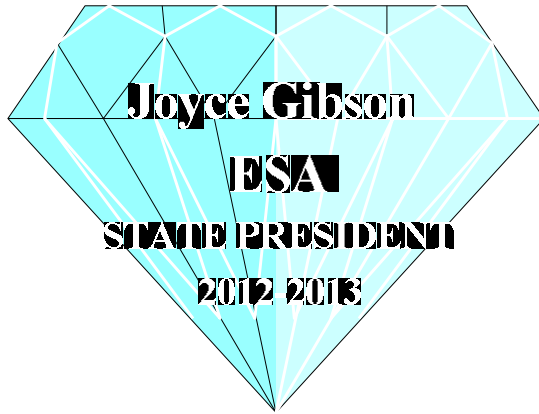


# Jewels of ESA



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In order to be a really good Corresponding Secretary, one must have these distinguishing qualities: Be an exceptionally wonderfully loving and patient grandmother, be an artistically talented dancer, and be exceptionally motivated to wear costumes when necessary. If one can pass these test, then she could run for that so important job of Corresponding Secretary. Oh, by the way, it helps if you are related to the president and can’t say “No?”



## HAPPY 2013!

Please continue to keep State Project Director, Jo Rott in your prayers. Her stand in, Margaret Kramer, has been working really hard to get all chapters and individuals taken care of. Remember to send all State Project donations to me. So far, I have received donations from Zeta Gamma Shawnee, Eta Epsilon Skiatook, Alpha Sigma Vinita and Delta Epsilon Del City. Thank you so much for your donations. We definitely understand the inconvenience but if you have donated to the State Project and I did not list your name, please resend your check to me. We want to be sure that your chapter receives the credit. We sincerely appreciate your patience during this process.



**Pres. Joyce Gibson**

If you have any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to ask.

A very special "thank you" to Beta Zeta, Oklahoma City for stepping forward and agreeing to pay the tuition for an OSB student taking college level courses. You are wonderful!! Thank you to all of you that donated to OSD and OSB at the November meeting. That money will be used to provide a Christmas gift, from ESA, for those children that have not been adopted. We delivered \$100.00 to each school.

I am ready and waiting to give out more "Jewel Awards" at the March meeting. Please take the opportunity to write a brief story and brag on your sisters and brothers about the things they have done above and beyond expectation for you or other members.

"Make Me Pay" update. The color was blue for the November meeting. I paid Linda Leveridge for Easter Seals. Remember you are welcome to match my donation or add to it as little or as much as you would like to. So, put on the color, load up your car, come to the next State Council meeting on March 16, 2013 in Norman at the Holiday Inn and "Make me pay"!! Finally, I would also like to ask for any and all pictures and event information that you are willing to share about your chapter be sent to Scrapbook Chairman, Nellrita Barrick. I would love to have a book filled with the activities of the chapters from around the state. Hope all of you had a wonderful holiday season and please continue to love each other. "Every 60 seconds you spend angry, mad or upset is a full minute of happiness you will never get back".

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## ESA Helping Women in Crisis – Be an ESA Saint

I hope that you were able to attend IC Convention; it was a wonderful week. I think I had the most beautiful installation ever held; but, of course, I am just a little biased. If you missed it, I want to take a few moments of your time to tell you a story.

This year, we have a special opportunity to shed some light on the lives of victims of domestic violence. Domestic violence causes victims, as well as witnesses, to suffer pain and loss. I know that you realize that women of all ages are at risk for domestic and sexual violence, but are you aware that those aged 20 to 24 are at the greatest risk of experiencing violence from their intimate partner? In 1964, Haven House, the first “modern” women’s shelter in the world, opened in California.

There is a very personal story about my family that began in 1961—three years before the very first women’s shelter opened. A six-year old little girl never wore dresses to school in 1961; she always wore slacks. So think about how embarrassing and heartbreaking this can be for a small little girl. No child should be forced to wear slacks to school because she was beaten so hard on the back of her legs with a flyswatter by her father that it drew blood and took a week for the scars to heal. No nine-year old child should have to witness that same father throw her pregnant mother across the room during a drunken, angry moment. No 13-year old girl should have to protect her little sister from a father who confined her outside in a dog pen because she wouldn’t stop crying. I am that little girl, and in 1961, we simply had nowhere to go.

When women leave their homes, it is often in the middle of the night, or they sneak away during the day when their abusers are away at work, that they often leave with nothing but the clothing on their backs. Children may have to leave behind their blanky or their favorite stuffed top. I challenge us to revitalize the Warm Welcome Home program with this slightly different focus. Make your blankets for the children or send new stuffed animals to crisis centers, so that the kids have something to cuddle up with when they are in strange surroundings and scared. Mothers can also feel the comforting warmth folding around her from a special prayer shawl made by one of us that will maybe give her the inner strength to stay away from her abuser one more night, one more day until she can get back on her feet.

I received a prayer shawl when my husband was on life support at Mayo Clinic; you cannot imagine the comfort I felt knowing that the person who make this shawl had knitted or crocheted it with love in her heart and a prayer on her mind that it would help the recipient find some solace in the turmoil around her. You can find information, patterns, and more ideas in the ESA Member Center>Make a Difference>International Council Annual Project, so please join me in this very special challenge this year.

- Suzy Winters, 2012-2013 International Council President

## Linda Southerland 2nd VP/Educational Chair

I hope that this article will be of interest to each of you... I have had so much fun looking into the rituals, legends and cultural beliefs of the Oklahoma Native American Tribes. If you are looking for something to do on a rainy afternoon, get on the Internet, type in any Native American tribe name and you will be amazed at the information it brings forth.



**Linda Southerland**

The Cherokee wedding ceremony is a very beautiful event, whether it is the old fashioned or 'ancient' ceremony or a modern one. The original ceremony differed from clan to clan and community to community, but basically used the same ritual elements.

Because clanship is matrilineal in the Cherokee society, it is forbidden to marry within one's own clan. Because the woman holds the family clan, she is represented at the ceremony by both her mother (or clan mother) and oldest brother. The brother stands with her as his vow to take the responsibility of teaching the children in spiritual and religious matters, as that is the traditional role of the uncle (e-du-tsi).

In ancient times, they would meet at the center of the townhouse, and the groom gave the bride a ham of venison while she gave an ear of corn to him, and then the wedding party danced and feasted for hours on end. Venison symbolized his intention to keep meat in the household and her corn symbolized her willing to be a good Cherokee housewife. The groom is accompanied by his mother.

After the sacred spot for the ceremony has been blessed for seven consecutive days, it is time for the ceremony. The bride and groom approach the sacred fire, and are blessed by the priest and/or priestess. All participants of the wedding, including guests are also blessed. Songs are sung in Cherokee, and those conducting the ceremony bless the couple. Both the Bride and Groom are covered in a blue blanket. At the right point of the ceremony, the priest or priestess removes each blue blanket, and covers the couple together with one white blanket, indicating the beginning of their new life together.

Instead of exchanging rings, in the old times the couple exchanged food. The groom brought ham of venison, or some other meat, to indicate his intention to provide for the household. The bride provided corn, or bean bread to symbolize her willingness to care for and provide nourishment for her household. This is interesting when noting that when a baby is born, the traditional question is "Is it a bow, or a sifter?" Even at birth, the male is associated with hunting and providing, and the female with nourishing and giving life.

The gifts of meat and corn also honor the fact that traditionally, Cherokee men hunted for the household, while women tended the farms. It also reflects the roles of Kanati (first man) and Selu (first woman).

The couple drank together from a Cherokee Wedding Vase. The vessel held one drink, but had two openings for the couple to drink from at the same time. Following the ceremony, the town, community or clans provided a wedding feast, and the dancing and celebrating often times continued all night. Today, some Cherokee traditionalists still observe portions of these wedding rituals. The vows of today's ceremony reflect the Cherokee culture and belief system, but are in other ways similar to wedding ceremonies of other cultures and denominations.

Today's dress can be in a tear dress and ribbon shirt, a wedding gown, or normal attire worn at a Ceremonial Ground. The Cherokee Nation has a marriage law, and Cherokee couples are allowed to marry under this law instead of the State marriage laws. This is because Cherokee Nation is a sovereign government. The couple is not required to obtain a license; however, the person(s) conducting the ceremony must be licensed by the Cherokee Nation in order to do so. On June 14, 2004, the Cherokee Nation Tribal Council voted to officially define marriage as a union between a woman and man, thereby outlawing same-sex marriage. The decision kept Cherokee law in line with Oklahoma state law, which in 2004 passed a referendum on a constitutional amendment excluding gay marriage as legal. After the religious leader contacts the Cherokee Nation District Court, the court clerk will prepare a certificate. This paper shows that the couple was indeed married in a ceremony by a religious or spiritual leader licensed to do so. The certificate is returned to the Cherokee Nation District Court after all parties have signed it, and filed in the official records.

## **Oklahoma State Council of ESA Executive/General Board Meeting Minutes November 3, 2012 Minutes**

The meeting of the Executive and General Board of the Oklahoma State Council of ESA was called to order by President, Joyce Gibson at 10:00 a.m. on Saturday, November 3, 2012, at the Holiday Inn, Norman, Oklahoma.

President Joyce Gibson introduced Aletha Bolt, Webmaster and Sooner Seniorette, who led a discussion on the Blue Book. Although some find the Blue Book helpful others expressed concerns regarding inaccuracies or lack of information contained in sections for their position.

Aletha asked everyone to read the section for their position, the convention section and the contest section several times and recommend any changes they feel, need to be made. Bounce ideas off of others. Some of the ideas discussed were setting up a calendar format for some positions with timing issues, setting up spreadsheets on line for some positions, the need for a hard copy for all offices, timing of revisions and the position responsible for the revisions. She emphasized that each officer and chairman should be responsible for their position. Gwynn Nell Swanson, Junior Past President and Sooner Seniorette, is working on the revisions this year. Joyce Whitewing Slate stated that she, Gladys Murphy and Carolyn Slate put together the first Blue Book shortly before Joyce served as Oklahoma State President.



**Mary Adams**

Dr. Billye Peterson, Treasurer, read a letter she received from Sue Cole at Oklahoma School for the Deaf regarding a student that needs assistance. His name is Andy Lobaugh and he is taking college classes while he is attending OSD and needs assistance with his college tuition and books. Sue asked, in her letter, if anyone had a resource that might be able to help. Billye

is going to get specific information on the amount he needs and will put out a general email to all the chapters and get the information in the next PJ.

Dr. Billye Peterson stated that a friend who is a retired VP at the University of Central Oklahoma has written a book. She loves ESA and all that it does for others and has offered to donate to ESA all of her royalties on the hard copies that are sold by members of ESA. Her friend is Evelyn Wilson but writes under her maiden name which Billye doesn't know. Billye will get her pen name. The title of the book is Missing Emily and is the story about a young girl that goes missing. The author recommends selling the book for \$15.00, \$11.00 of which is her cost and the remaining \$4.00 would go back to ESA.

Mary Johnson made the motion and seconded that we accept the offer from Evelyn Wilson to help sell her book Missing Emily and receive the \$4.00 profit per hard copy book sold. Motion carried. It was determined that proceeds would go into an earmarked fund and the use of the funds would be determined later.

Linda Southerland, Second Vice President, asked if we are bonded. Billye Peterson confirmed that we are covered by a \$10,000 Blanket Bond. There was some concern that the company would not honor the three year term that was paid for last year. Billye has received verbal confirmation that the company will honor the three year term.

President Joyce announced that the Oklahoma State Council meeting would begin after a short break and declared the meeting adjourned at 10:45 a.m.

Mary Adams - State Recording Secretary - 2012-13

## **Oklahoma State Council of ESA State Council Meeting Minutes November 3, 2012 Minutes**

The State Council meeting was called to order by president, Joyce Gibson at 11:05 a.m. on Saturday, November 3, 2012, at the Holiday Inn, Norman, Oklahoma. Members stood for the opening ritual led by President Joyce Gibson. Pledge of Allegiance was led by Gwen Beasley, President, Zeta Gamma, Shawnee. In the absence of Robbin Brown, Chaplain, Gwen Beasley gave two readings for the devotional "Mom's Prank Backfires" and "God's Own Son." President Joyce had Christmas baggies containing assorted candies for everyone at the meeting.

President Joyce Gibson asked the following to stand and be recognized: Ramona Paine, IC Bylaw Committee, ESA Foundation Counselor and Sooner Seniorette, Cathy Holsted, Past IC President, Past ESA Foundation Chairman, ESA Foundation Director, 2012 IC Local Convention Chairman, 2013 State Convention Chairman and Sooner Seniorette, Lola Jaegers, Past ESA Foundation Chairman and Sooner Seniorette, Vivian Gibson, Past ESA Foundation Director, Corresponding Secretary and Sooner Seniorette, Dixie Palmer Founders, Billie Fritch (Joyce Whitewing had to leave early) Dixie Palmer Recipients, Vivian Gibson, Cathy Holsted, and Lola Jaegers Sooner Senioresses. There were no first time State Council meeting attendees. There were 0 guests, 0 New Pledges, 1 DESA/Elan, Olivia Simmons.

President Joyce Gibson announced the following appointments: Committee to read the minutes of today's meeting: Ramona Paine Chairman, Synovia Lemmings and Bunnie Sullins. Chairman Aletha Bolt; Linda Leveridge and Lora Thompson were the committee to read the

minutes of the August Leadership meeting. Aletha Bolt reported that the minutes were correct as printed and will be placed on file.

President Joyce asked everyone to make sure they have a copy of the Agenda with the following attachments: "Information For You" listing meeting and due dates etc.; information sheet on the Distinguished Achievement Award from Lora Thompson and a list of students at OSB and OSD that are not sponsored from Margaret Kramer. She also asked that any gift cards or donations brought to the meeting in lieu of a Christmas Party be given to Vivian Gibson. They will be distributed to the schools for use in providing gifts for the children who do not have sponsors.

Mary Johnson, Care Connection Coordinator/Hope for Heroes, displayed a queen size quilt made and donated by the ladies quilting group at the First Baptist Church, Cleveland, OK for "Hope for Heroes." Chances are \$5.00 each or five for \$20.00. Proceeds of ticket sales will be donated to a military service project to be determined later. The drawing will be April 27th at the State Convention. She will put information in the Jonquil and PJ. The trifold brochure has been updated and is on the website. She also has VFW cookbooks for sale for \$15.00.

Tina Davenport McKamie, First Vice President, asked members to consider running for an office or chair a committee. We have a room full of talent here today and we need you to step forward. Nominating committee members are Joyce Whitewing Slate, Deb Hughes, Margaret Kramer and Gwen Beasley.

Linda Southerland, Second Vice President, presented an informative Educational on the Cherokee Nation and its traditional belief system in keeping with this year's Educational theme of "Oklahoma Native American Culture".

Dr. Billye Peterson, Treasurer, reported 27 chapters have not paid their dues and several chapters paid the incorrect amount of dues and still owe the balance. Dues must be paid by January 1st for chapters to be eligible for contests. She provided a Treasurer's Report showing a Balance Forward as of August 18, 2012 of \$5,200.95; Income \$3,492.99; Expenses \$1,536.66; General Fund balance as of November 3,



**Mary Johnson holds up the quilt**  
2012 \$7,157.40. Fund and CD Balance are: Speakers Fund \$1,107.33; IC Campaign Fund \$219.36; Doer's Fund \$172.25; Certificate of Deposit \$4,056.42. Interest earned on the CD is deposited into the Speakers fund. Billye also provided a handout "The Cost of Delay or Two Ways to Become a Millionaire" and explained the example of the cost of delaying savings.

Gwen Beasley read the blessing. The meeting adjourned for lunch at 12:00 p.m. The meeting reconvened at 1:05 and President Joyce asked members present to reveal their Secret Sister gifts.



Dr. Billye Peterson moved upon recommendation of the Executive and General Board, that we accept the offer from Evelyn Wilson to help sell her book Missing Emily and receive the \$4.00 profit per hard copy book sold. Motion carried.

Cathy Holsted, 2013 State Convention Chair, asked everyone to mark April 26/27/28 on their calendars and plan to be at the Holiday Inn for the 2013 State Convention. She also reported that as of yesterday we should have a contract with the Holiday Inn for the convention. There were several problems which have now been resolved.

Jessilyn Perrin, Delta Kappa, passed the Easter Seals donation jar for Linda Leveridge, Easter Seals Chair who was unable to attend. Ramona Paine, ESA



**Jessilyn Perrin**

Foundation Counselor, gave an informative presentation on the ESA Foundation Stewardship Award. This recognition was established to honor those who have gone beyond the call of duty and assisted or helped in all areas of concern throughout the USA and the World. Ramona also asked members to make a donation to the Fantasy Ball. Texas is on our heels and we want to win again.

Vivian Gibson, Corresponding Secretary, gave a very informative presentation on the main functions of the American Red Cross. She pointed out the three areas of service the Red Cross offers: Blood Bank; Disaster Relief; and Service to the Military. She emphasized the steps we personally need to take to be disaster ready and provided information brochures.

Aletha Bolt, Webmaster, presented information on reorganizing the contest and forms sections. She would like to combine these two sections and list all information by category. It was recommended the section be named Contests/Forms. Aletha also gave information on the Oklahoma City area "Give Thanks Walk" and asked for volunteers. The Oklahoma City 2013 Dream Home will be in Edmond in the Fall Brook addition. They have a new TV partner – Channel 4. Ticket sales start in June, open house starts in July and the giveaway date will be on Thursday August 22nd at 6:30 p.m.

Mary Johnson, Hope for Heroes/Care Connection Chair, asked Gwen Beasley to make her presentation on the history of Veterans Day.

President Joyce Gibson announced that the "Make Me Pay" color for this meeting was blue. The color was included in the meeting notice. Vivian Gibson explained the reason she does not wear the color is because she prepares the meeting notice and therefore knows the color. President Joyce asked everyone wearing blue to stand. There were 27 wearing blue making the "Make Me Pay" total \$135.00. Joyce will donate that amount to Easter Seals.

President Joyce Gibson read letters nominating two members for the Jewel Award this month. She presented the award to Glenda Petty, Delta Epsilon, Del City and Jennifer Stewart, Beta Iota, McAlester.

President Joyce Gibson announced that Margaret Kramer is helping with the projects during the illness of Jo Ann Rott, Project Chairman. There are 140+ students at the Oklahoma School for the Deaf and 86 students at the Oklahoma School for the Blind. Please notify Margaret if you want to sponsor a child. A list of students that do not have sponsors is included with your agenda today. The total amount of donations and gift cards received today in lieu of a Christmas party is \$185.00. Announcements:

- Peggy Sprinkle, District III Coordinator, thanked all who attended District III Leadership. She also announced the Tulsa Area Council will have a float in the Tulsa Veterans Day Parade November 12th. Peggy also announced that the annual Tulsa Area Council Candlelight Dinner is December 1st at Freddie's in Sapulpa.
- Nellrita Barrick announced that she has completed her Chemo and is now cancer free.
- Kay Brader, District IV Coordinator, announced that Beta Rho is selling pecans.
- June Miller, Beta Iota, McAlester, announced that they will have cookbooks available for \$15.00.
- Winner of the drawing today was Nancy Buck

President Joyce Gibson led the members in the Closing Ritual. The meeting adjourned at 2:30 p.m.

Mary Adams - State Recording Secretary - 2012/13

## **DON'T LET YOUR DUES LAPSE!**

### **State Council Treasurer**

### **Dr. Billye Peterson**

Please study the 2012-2013 State Dues Paid Chart (which also contains information about IC Dues being paid). If there is a \* under the column PD IN FULL by your chapter's name—you are in good standing with the state and eligible to participate in contests. If there is a \* under the column IC PD by your chapter's name—you are in good standing with IC.

As you can see, some chapters have paid IC, but have not paid state dues or vice versa. Why pay dues? Paying IC and State dues allows your chapter to be affiliated with the greatest international service organization comprised of members just like you – busy people who share a passion for community service. You immediately receive the support you need to accomplish your service goals. But you're also getting much more. ESA gives you the opportunity to meet new people, grow as a person, and make a difference in the lives of others. Alone we are nothing—together we are a force to be reckoned with! Not a member? When your chapter has fundraising activities raised for charitable purposes, you are NOT exempt from paying Federal Income Taxes on those monies! So join today! You'd be surprised at what you'd learn by coming to a State meeting. They are fun and educational! At our last state meeting, a few things we learned were how to be prepared in case of an emergency (what do you grab when you only have seconds?) and how to teach your grandchildren two ways to become millionaires. Curious? Then don't miss another meeting! Dues forms can be found at [www.oklaesa.org](http://www.oklaesa.org) Contact me if you have any questions!



**Dr Billye Peterson**

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| CHAP.         | NUM. | BEGIN | COUNT | CHAP DUES | \$5 X MEM. | AMT DUE | PD CK      | AMT PD   | DATE PD       | PD IN FULL | IC PD |
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| Alpha Epsilon | 175  | 2     |       | \$30      | \$10       | \$40    | 8262       | \$40     | 10/1/2012     | *          | *     |
| Alpha Kappa   | 1005 | 7     |       | \$30      | \$35       | \$65    | \$652      | \$60     | 11/20/2012    |            |       |
| Alpha Nu      | 5425 | 17    |       | \$30      | \$85       | \$115   | \$100      | \$10     | \$5 10/13/12" | *          | *     |
| Alpha Omega   | 5110 | 3     |       | \$30      | \$15       | \$45    | 1995       | \$45     | 12/6/2012     | *          |       |
| Alpha Rho     | 4350 | 23    |       | \$30      | \$115      | \$145   | \$140      | \$5      | 9/18/12       | *          | *     |
| Alpha Sigma   | 3085 | 9     |       | \$30      | \$45       | \$75    | 731        | \$75     | 10/1/2012     | *          | *     |
| Alpha Theta   | 1038 | 18    |       | \$30      | \$90       | \$120   |            |          |               |            |       |
| Alpha Zeta    | 3067 | 17    |       | \$30      | \$85       | \$115   | 2738       | \$115    | 9/12/2012     | *          | *     |
| Beta Beta     | 404  | 12    |       | \$30      | \$60       | \$90    |            |          |               |            |       |
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| Beta Eta      | 3262 | 2     |       | \$30      | \$10       | \$40    |            |          |               |            |       |
| Beta Gamma    | 391  | 14    |       | \$30      | \$70       | \$100   | 6146       | \$100    | 9/14/2012     | *          | *     |
| Beta Iota     | 4283 | 19    |       | \$30      | \$95       | \$125   | 2869       | \$125    | 11/14/2012    | *          | *     |
| Beta Mu       | 606  | 11    |       | \$30      | \$55       | \$85    | "\$80      | \$5      | 9/12/12       | *          | *     |
| Beta Phi      | 485  | 28    |       | \$30      | \$140      | \$170   |            |          |               | *          |       |
| Beta Psi498   | 25   | \$30  | \$125 | \$155     | \$150      | \$5"    | "9/6/12    | 10/1/12" |               | *          | *     |
| Beta Rho      | 1270 | 13    |       | \$30      | \$65       | \$95    | 1079       | \$95     | 10/6/2012     | *          | *     |
| Beta Zeta     | 3158 | 7     |       | \$30      | \$35       | \$65    | 573        | \$65     | 9/18/2012     | *          | *     |
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| Delta Chi     | 1637 | 4     |       | \$30      | \$20       | \$50    | 1348       | \$50     | 9/10/2012     | *          | *     |
| Delta Delta   | 1809 | 4     |       | \$30      | \$20       | \$50    |            |          |               |            |       |
| Delta Epsilon | 2091 | 7     |       | \$30      | \$35       | \$65    | 1213       | \$60 \$5 | 8/20/2012     | *          | *     |
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| Delta Mu      | 1120 | 17    |       | \$30      | \$85       | \$115   |            |          |               |            |       |
| Delta Sigma   | 3913 | 3     |       | \$30      | \$15       | \$45    |            |          |               |            |       |
| Epsilon Kappa | 1945 | 14    |       | \$30      | \$70       | \$100   | 3118       | \$100    | 8/28/2012     | *          | *     |
| Eta Epsilon   | 2840 | 20    |       | \$30      | \$100      | \$130   | 1945       | \$135    | 8/22/2012     | *          | *     |
| Eta Mu 2877   | 17   | \$30  | \$85  | \$115     | 1567       | \$100   | 10/12/2012 |          |               | *          |       |
| Eta Omega     | 3022 | 14    |       | \$30      | \$70       | \$100   |            |          |               | *          |       |
| Gamma Delta   | 702  | 9     |       | \$30      | \$45       | \$75    | \$30 \$35  | 9/12/12  | 10/10/12"     |            | *     |
| Gamma Kappa   | 4018 | 8     |       | \$30      | \$40       | \$70    | 416        | \$75     | 10/21/2012    | *          | *     |
| Gamma Phi     | 827  | 4     |       | \$30      | \$20       | \$50    |            |          |               |            |       |
| Gamma Pi      | 5091 | 21    |       | \$30      | \$105      | \$135   | 1298       | \$135    | 10/13/2012    | *          | *     |
| Gamma Theta   | 3102 | 25    |       | \$30      | \$125      | \$155   |            |          |               |            |       |
| Gamma Zeta    | 3464 | 23    |       | \$30      | \$115      | \$145   | 2287       | \$145    | 9/12/2012     | *          | *     |
| Kappa Alpha   | 5393 | 9     |       | \$30      | \$45       | \$75    |            |          |               | *          |       |
| Kappa Theta   | 5414 | 3     |       | \$30      | \$15       | \$45    | 10584      | \$45     | 12/6/2012     | *          |       |
| Nu Beta       | 4475 | 2     |       | \$30      | \$10       | \$40    |            |          |               |            |       |
| Nu Delta      | 5244 | 12    |       | \$30      | \$60       | \$90    |            |          |               | *          |       |
| Omega Pi      | 3832 | 14    |       | \$30      | \$70       | \$100   | \$70 \$30  |          | 11/6/2012     | *          |       |
| Omicron Kappa | 5011 | 1     |       | \$30      | \$5        | \$35    |            |          |               |            |       |
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| Theta Tau    | 4563 | 22 | \$30 | \$110 | \$140 | 3552 | \$140 | 8/28/2012    | * | * |
| Zeta Alpha   | 2292 | 32 | \$30 | \$160 | \$190 |      |       |              | * |   |
| Zeta Delta   | 2312 | 3  | \$30 | \$15  | \$45  |      |       |              |   |   |
| Zeta Epsilon | 4614 | 14 | \$30 | \$70  | \$100 | \$30 | \$10  | \$60 10/4/12 | * | * |
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| Zeta Gamma   | 4253 | 11 | \$30 | \$55  | \$85  | 3978 | \$85  | 6/26/2012    | * | * |

(EDITOR’S NOTE: The check numbers were messing up the list, so I have taken those out for some of the chapters.)

## STATE PROJECT Substitute Chair – Margaret Kramer

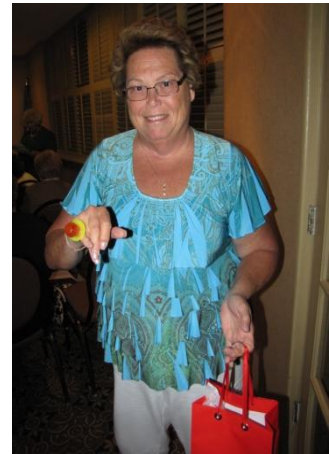
I would like to sincerely thank all the chapter members and their officers for their patience in getting the Student Sponsor Sheets. It has been shared with me that Jo Rott is recovering from her heart surgery slowly; she is gaining strength daily. I further want to take this opportunity to express my gratitude for your generosity to the students at both OSB and OSD. There only remains a short list of students who have not been adopted by a chapter or an individual chapter member. If anyone is interested in sponsoring a child please notify Joyce or myself. .

The remaining students do not need monthly support only remembrances on special occasions and words of encouragement. Our President and several chapters have stepped up to the plate and have made cash donations to both schools so that each child will receive a Christmas gift. I hope that you all have a Happy, Memorable and Blessed Holiday Season and may 2013 bring you the health and energy necessary to carry on the good works you all do in the name of ESA.



Mark your calendars for Saturday February 23, 2013 for the OSB Tour, District III and V meeting and installation of officers.

**Jo Rott**



**Margaret Kramer**

From the Desk of Margaret Kramer - Awards Chair

April 1, 2013 will be here before you realize. Just a reminder that at Convention 2013 I want to be able to recognize all the members for their YEARS OF SERVICE and DEGREE'S EARNED. It is not too early to get the information to me. It is also time to be preparing your “WHAT ESA MEANS TO ME”. There are 2 categories, one for members less than one year and one for members over one year. If you have any questions feel free to e-mail me at [mghnurseok@aol.com](mailto:mghnurseok@aol.com) or given me a call (918) 617-3130. I wish you all a Blessed Holiday Season and look forward to 2013 and our continued celebration of ESA Oklahoma.

Margaret Kramer RR 6 Box 6131 Eufaula, OK 74432

**District II Leadership Seminar**  
**United Methodist Church- Fellowship Hall – Clinton, OK**  
**August 25, 2012**  
**“Enthusiasm for ESA”**

Meeting was called to order at 10 a.m. by District II Coordinator, Joyce Lacey-Kenney. She welcomed everyone and members stood for the opening ritual. The Pledge of Allegiance and the Oklahoma Flag Salute were led by Beta Psi chapter's president Catherine Poe. Joy Agan, Beta Psi, Clinton, gave an inspirational relating to Coordinator Joyce's theme of "Enthusiasm".

Joyce then introduced, Mr. L. R. Sights, Immediate Past President of the Clinton Chamber of Commerce who gave a short talk concerning Clinton and our growth. He remembered when



**Joyce Lacey-Kenney**

Clinton had a new young recording artist perform for the Home and Garden show some years previously, Garth Brooks. He also talked about the Frisco Center and invited those present to tour Clinton's new indoor water park, the only one in Oklahoma.

Korbett Moore was introduced and he gave a short power point presentation of his trip to West Point. Questions and answers followed. He then sang "Ain't in No Hurry" before leaving to appear on 'Rodeo Opry'. It was a very interesting and enjoyable presentation.

Introduction was made of District II Officers: Joyce Lacey-Kenney; Coordinator; Kathy Shurigar, Vice Coordinator; (absent) Cathy Holsted, Treasurer; Linda Southerland, Secretary; Sylvia Ochs, Parliamentarian/Nominating Committee and Joy Agan, Chaplain. Roll call was taken. There were 4 new attendees to

District II, 5 from outside District II, 8 Sooner Senioresses, 12 State Board members and 4 guests. Total present was 30.

Beta Psi members were hostesses for the meeting and were in charge of Silent Auction items and Door prizes. Vicki Donley, Beta Psi, gave a short presentation on Joyce's theme: Enthusiasm and Lightning.

Joyce introduced the Leadership speaker, Kay Stout. She gave an inspiring presentation on the use of technology in today life. She mentioned some of the Websites in business today. (Skype, Hole in the Wall, Pinit, Linkdin, Facebook) She stated that technology in the world today is how business will be conducted now and in the future.

A short break was taken so those present could bid on silent auction items. A few door prizes were given. Regrets and correspondence were read.

Linda Southerland, Secretary, reported that the minutes of the March 24, 2012 meeting were mailed to all District II Chapter presidents, District II Officers and appropriate State Board members and she made a motion that we dispense with the reading of the minutes. Motion was seconded by Dr. Billye Peterson, Gamma Zeta, Edmond. Vote was called on the motion. MOTION CARRIED. Minutes will be placed on file.

Cathy Holsted, Treasurer, presented the Treasurer Report. This report will be placed on file for audit. She then presented the 2012-2013 District II Budget. She made a motion that the budget be accepted as presented. Coming from a committee, no second is required. She then reported on the District II Scholarship. The membership expressed thanks to Cathy for keeping the District informed and for overseeing the Scholarship Fund.

Following lunch the State Officers were introduced and reports were given. State Officer reports: Joyce Gibson, State President, gave a short presentation on the new reporting at State Meeting and asked that everyone attend. Linda Southerland, State 2nd VP/ Educational chair, reminded everyone to report their educationals. Billye Peterson, State Treasurer, reminded everyone to send in the Tax Facts and pay dues. JoAnn Rott, State Project Director, reminded everyone to send in their adoption papers and to remember the OSB Tour on September 29, 2012. Joy Agan, Outstanding Chapter chair, made a plea for attendance reports from all District Meetings.

Cathy Holsted, State Convention chair, told everyone to get started on registering for State Convention in April. Ramona Paine, convention registrar, reminded everyone a convention registration form is on the Website. Ramona, also ESA Foundation Chair, reminded everyone that ESA Foundation dues need to be paid.

A short break was held to bid on silent auction items, to stretch our legs and visit with guests. It was announced that the next District II Meeting will be March 30, 2013. This was later changed to March 23, 2013 due to the Easter holiday on March 31, 2013.

Silent Auction closed. Winning bids were announced and \$290.00 was raised. Door prizes were presented by Beta Psi. It was announced that the proceeds from Lunch registration totaled \$290 and was presented to Cathy Holsted for the District II treasury.

Closing thoughts on "Enthusiasm" was given by the coordinator, Joyce Lacey-Kenney and the closing ritual was recited.

Submitted by:  
Linda Southerland,  
District II Secretary



(Editor's Note: I had the privilege of attending the Tulsa Area Council 2012 Candlelight Dinner at Freddie's in Sapulpa. So the following pictures were taken at the dinner as Joyce Whitewing-Slate installed the new 2013 Officers. Outgoing President Connie Bartlett turned over her gavel to incoming President Peggie Sprinkle.)

**2012 TAC OFFICERS AND  
INSTALLATION OF 2013  
OFFICERS**



**2012 TAC PRESIDENT  
CONNIE BARTLETT**

**INCOMING NEW PRES.  
PEGGIE SPRINKLE (R) AND JOYCE WHITEWING-  
SLATE (L) WHO DID THE INSTALLATION**



**TAC CHARITIES ARE TULSA COMMUNITY  
COLLEGE, FOOD BANK OF EASTERN OKLAHOMA,  
AND CLAREHOUSE (this picture is Connie  
along with representatives of these organiza-  
tions and charities project chair, Charlene Law**



**THE ABOVE TWO PICTURES ARE SOME OF THE  
CHAPTERS REPRESENTED AT THE INSTALATION.**



**THE NEW OFFICERS FOR TAC 2013 ARE THE FOLLOWING: (L TO R) CONNIE BARTLETT, JUNIOR PAST  
PRESIDENT/PARLIAMNETARIAN; DONNA MCCANDLESS, TREASURER; PEGGIE SPRINKLE, PRESIDENT;  
CHARLENE LAW, SECRETARY; AND JUDY YORK, VICE PRESIDENT (NOT PICTURED)**

## **"TREASURES EVERTDAY IN ESA"**

### **Kay Brader – District IV Coordinator**

Thanks to all who attended the Oklahoma School for the Deaf Tour and the District IV Meeting? Sue Cole did a marvelous job of presenting us with lots of information on OSD and an opportunity to meet the new superintendent and teachers as well as visit with our adopted children. Despite the rain which made driving to and from difficult, all gained knowledge, food, love, and even inspiration as a student recited a dramatic reading at the lunch. A special thanks to KaAnn Varner, Superintendent; Traci Prince, Student Assessment Center Director; Thomas Thompson, Dean of Students, for informing us of needs and changes, and to Denise Henry for the Art Show display of student works.

District IV had a fun Treasure Chest Auction, and those winning the chests found many treasures hidden inside the lovely chests, an inventive and successful fund-raiser - thanks, Gwen!

Just a few reminders: Make sure your chapter has the District Chapter dues of \$10 turned in to Treasurer Linda Leveridge: 228 Atterberry Dr., Norman, OK 73701.

Turn in Suggested By-Law Changes to Glenda Petty, 4321 SE 16th St., Del City, OK 73115.

Send Nominations for District IV Officers to Nancy Baucom: 138 SE Surrey Lane; Lawton, OK 73020.

Be willing and happy to serve as an elective or appointed officer.

The next District IV Meeting is scheduled to be on March 9, 2013. It will be a business meeting and Installation. At this time it is scheduled to be at SLUMC in Del City, but if Greiner School has all changes completed, it may be there. Watch for the announcement in 2013 and come and celebrate installation with Robbin.

God bless you all during this season of thanks and Christmas celebration.

Kay Brader  
District IV Coordinator  
5516 Woodmont Dr.  
Oklahoma City, Oklahoma 73135

(Editor's note: The next page of pictures are of District V's meeting which was held at McAlester this fall at the home extension building.)







**DISTRICT V MEETING  
McALESTER**

**Coordinator for Dist. V  
Amber Alexander**



**Alexander, and Margaret Kramer**

**Officers for Dist. V: Brenda Beed, Amber  
Two speakers at the meeting  
were Justin Few, McAlaster Recycling Center  
Employee, and David Cantrell, employee of the  
McAlaster Home Extension Office**

**Justin showed pictures of what tampering with the  
environment does to animals and the land**



**Deb Hughes talks about  
St. Jude Walk in Memphis**



**© Tina Davenport-  
McKamie and Donna  
Shook model sweatshirts purchased at ESA Headquarters**



**Justin Few, McAlester Recycling  
Center Employee**



**Ladies who  
attended  
the  
meeting**



## **DISTRICT V LEADERSHIP MEETING**

### **Amber Alexander - Coordinator**

Amber welcomed everyone to the District V Leadership meeting. The theme this year was "Look Out World...ESA is Going Green!" Amber told the members that we do so much for our communities. We give to charities and volunteer; but, there is one part of our communities that is equally as important...the environment. In today's meeting, we will learn how we can all do things cleaner and greener. Then she introduced the first speaker, Justin Few.

Justin Few is from McAlester Oklahoma and a graduate of Haileyville High School. Justin currently resides in McAlester where he has worked as the Operations Manager for Mac Oil and Gas Incorporated for the last 9 years. Justin is a graduate of Eastern Oklahoma State College with an Associate's Degree in Computer Science and Southeastern Oklahoma State University where he holds a Bachelor's degree in Communication. He has served as the President of Pride in McAlester for the last two years. Justin serves as the Coordinator for the McAlester Recycling Center. Justin is a member of the Tulsa Association of Petroleum Landmen, Rotary International, and McAlester Young Professionals. He has been married to his college sweetheart Lori (the lovely President of Beta Iota) for 8 years and they have one three year old son, Noah.

David Cantrell was the next speaker who was employed by the Home Extension Officer where the meeting was held. He told about the extension office, all the improvements, and the types of plants grown there.

The last speaker for the day was Deb Hughes who gave information about the Give Thanks Walk in Tulsa on Nov. 17 and the Walk A Thon at St. Jude. She also told everyone there what to do and where to go if someone wanted to donate. She also told about the food bank in Tulsa and about its reach to other communities such as McAlester.

**(St Jude Tour in Memphis - Feb 28 - Mar 2, 2013. Thu, Feb 28: Car pool to Memphis, stay in hotel. Fri, Mar 1: Tour of Hospital @ 9:30 a.m. followed by shopping at the St Jude gift shop. We can do a tour of Graceland after the tour of St Jude or just go shopping. Friday evening, dinner on Beal St. Sat, Mar 2: Drive back to Oklahoma. Please contact Judi York by Oct 31, 2012 if you are interested in going. Phone: 918-605-2860. Email: [judikay@cox.net](mailto:judikay@cox.net).)**

Amber Alexander  
District V Coordinator  
P.O. Box 35  
Kiowa, OK 74553

**Amber is pictured here with David Cantrell**



## HOPE FOR HEROES

### Mary Johnson, Chairman



**Mary Johnson**

This time of year all of us seem to be affected by the epidemic of too much to do and too little time to do it, but let us not get so busy that we forget our men and women now serving or who have once served in the United States Armed Forces.

Here are a few ideas to "Help A Hero!"

Energize soldiers with candy. Hard candies with sugar that come in individual rolls-like Lifesavers and Werther's Originals-are the perfect size to fit in a soldier's pocket. That's the key since sugary candy gives a quick boost in blood sugar, helping troops stay alert and energized between meals and during long patrols. To share

your sweets, send them to: Military Connections Corporation, 312 Auburn St., Pittsburg, PA, 15235 (Military Connections.org).

Got socks? Socks wear out fast on the frontline and soldiers often wear 2 to 3 pairs at a time, making them one of the top requested items requested among servicemen and women stationed overseas. So, if you've got extra new tube or crew socks, send them to the HUGS Project, 7000 Crossroads Blvd., Suite 1048, Oklahoma City, OK, 73149. They will be included in the thousands of care packages they send to soldiers serving in the Middle East.

Say "thank you" to a soldier! During the holiday lull between the Fourth of July and Thanksgiving, military personnel stationed overseas receive fewer letters than usual thanking them for their service. That's why dashing off a heartfelt note now to tell them how much you appreciate what they're doing can be a powerful morale booster. Just fill out an online Form at [ForgottenSoldiers.org/write-a-soldier!](http://ForgottenSoldiers.org/write-a-soldier)

Build relationships with your local veterans' organizations by joining them in their projects to help our veterans. As a Hope for Heroes project, ESA is assisting The Ladies Auxiliary VFW Tulsa Post 577 with selling a Recipe Book compiled by the ladies auxiliary and their friends. The book is titled *Serving from the Heart Recipes*. The cookbook sells for \$15.00 and proceeds from the sale fund projects such as the Christmas program for veterans living at the Claremore Veterans Center and awards for the local Patriot Pen and Voice for Democracy winners. The cookbooks are the perfect Christmas gift! If you would like to order a cookbook, send a check in the amount of \$15.00, payable to The Ladies Auxiliary VFW Tulsa Post 577 to me at the address shown below and I will mail the book to you.

Remember to report all of your Chapter's Hope for Heroes projects and if possible record them on video and send them to Mary Johnson at 210 So. Sloan Ave., Cleveland, OK 74020. I would like to take excerpts from all of the videos that you send and compile a Message of Support and Gratitude DVD to distribute to our nation's heroes from Epsilon Sigma Alpha-Oklahoma. See you in November at the state meeting in Norman where I will unveil a surprise Hope for Heroes fundraiser! Bring items to send to the troops and don't forget the contests for Care Connect and Hope for Heroes. The District or Districts that have the most participation and documentation in these programs will receive \$100.00 for the District project. The contests will end March 1, 2013. Remember, WE ARE ESA PROUD!

## **CHAPLAIN'S REPORT**

### **Robbin Brown**

“When you ask God for a gift,  
Be thankful if he sends,  
Not diamonds, pearls, or riches,  
But the love of real true friends.”

-Helen Steiner Rice

The following cards were sent: Get Well - Carolyn Morris, Beta Psi, Clinton; fall  
Lora Thompson, Zeta Gamma, Shawnee; fall Linda Voss, Zeta Gamma, Shawnee; back  
Mary Toole, Zeta Gamma, Shawnee; knee surgery Janet Kight, Gamma Pi, Inola; surgery  
Donna McCandless, Delta Gamma, Tulsa; surgery

Sympathy – Nancy Buck, Delta Kappa, Norman; death of mother  
Joyce Whitewing-Slate, Epsilon Kappa, Hominy; death of great nephew  
Lynda Price, Theta Tau, Kingfisher; death of father  
Peggy Schoenhals, Alpha Rho, Broken Arrow; death of brother  
Betsy Standridge, death of lifelong member of Alpha Theta, Muskogee

I wish all my Oklahoma sisters a very Merry Christmas and a safe and healthy New Year for 2013.

Robbin Brown Oklahoma State Chaplain PO Box 946 Choctaw, OK 72020



## **CONTEST CHAIRMAN**

### **Joyce Whitewing**

I hope that all of you are planning to enter our contests, because they aren't hard to enter, and it's a great way to share your expertise with your ESA sisters across the state. The rules for all contests are published on the Oklahoma website, so try to take a few minutes and look them

over. Remember that your chapter dues and individual dues must be made by January 1, 2013, to be eligible to enter contests.

By the time you receive this news article, you'll probably be busy with all the fun of the holidays, so take time to enjoy and have a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year!

Joyce Whitewing-Slate 571 Tee Pee Road Hominy, OK 74035

## **DISTINGUISHED ACHIEVEMENT AWARD**

### **Lora Thompson - Chairman**

I wish everyone a very Merry Christmas and a wonderful New Year.

The Distinguished Achievement Award program is a great way to start your new year, by showing a very deserving person in your community how much ESA appreciates the unselfish service they do for others in need.

The Distinguished Achievement Award recipient can be a man or a woman. They can have the honor of being recognized at your chapter level and one of the local winners will be honored at the Oklahoma State Convention in April.

All the guide lines and entry forms are posted on the Oklahoma Web site or you can contact me, Lora Thompson, and I will send you the forms. One thing to keep in mind is the deadline for the state entries are March 1, 2013.

Lora Thompson, Chairman - Distinguished Achievement Award  
2312 Lakeside Circle Shawnee, OK 74801 405-273-7706 loraonthelake@aol.com



**Lora Thompson**

## **STATE EASTER SEAL CHAIRMAN**

### **Linda Leveridge**

I went out to the farm to see Harold, the pig, and broke the bad news to him. I had to tell him that it looks like his big moment at the State Convention will not happen. I told him too that I was very disappointed as well. It seems that Easter Seals is going to fall way short of my 2000.000 goal. Out of the 37 chapters in the STATE of Oklahoma only 10, **THAT IS RIGHT ONLY 10** have sent a donation to Easter Seals. That breaks my heart. It is a very worthwhile organization. It is not too late to send in your donation. I will still take anything I get. My address is 228 Atterberry Drive; Norman, Oklahoma.

Please help by sending a donation of fifty dollars or any other amount, it will be cheerfully accepted. Linda Leveridge State Easter Seals Chair

## **ESA FOUNDATION**

### **Ramona Paine - Chairman**

**DID YOU KNOW?** In order to have voting right at the 2013 IC Convention, dues must be received by ESA Headquarters by March 1, 2013. Please pay your dues now so the Foundation doesn't have to send out a dues notice. You can pay online!

The online scholarship program is up and running. I have had several inquiries about this new way of doing the applications.

#### **NEW MEMBERSHIP**

New member dues are \$25.00 Congratulations to two new members: JoAnn Rott, Gamma Zeta, Edmond and Rhonda Smith, Beta Psi, Clinton.

**TURN-A-ROUND FUND** this was the educational report at August Leadership. Any member may use it. Check out the website for those charities that may be used.



**Ramona Paine**

**LAM "Life Active Membership"** Pay once \$500.00 or two payments of \$250.00. The LIFE Grant was established in 2001 from the "LAM" fund. This grant was established for the purpose of helping those with special needs in three different areas.

- **Career opportunities** – continued training for all ages Assistance to persons who seek to further their study/training usually not associated with a college or university. This assistance may also provide opportunities for attending workshops, seminars, intern training, etc. for the development of skills that enhance the environment or contribute to community improvements.
- **Parent Training**-for parents/guardians of children with special needs. Assistance to someone who is in need of parenting skill training. To a new parent, a prospective parent; a teen-age mother without family support, a person who is in a guardianship position of a child. Said child must have been diagnosed with a chronic or life threatening illness or handicap....
- **Training for individuals "at risk"**: Assistance to support educational programs or materials that assist the disadvantaged or individual "at risk" in society.

This is basically a one-time grant. This is a grant for individuals. This grant doesn't cover personal costs such as food.

Two Hundred Dollars was collected at the August Leadership for the Foundation per making President Joyce Gibson pay for wearing her Color of the Day.

This is a public foundation and anyone can become a member. Encourage your employer, friends, and families to join.

Ramona Paine

ESA Foundation Counselor

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## Sponsor an Outstanding Youth for IC Youth Award

One Junior High student (grades 7-9) and one Senior High student is recognized each year with the IC Youth Award. The Jr. High Award winner receives a \$500 savings bond and a plaque and the Sr. High Award winner receives a \$1,000 towards the college tuition, fees or academic expenses and a plaque.

The winner could be from your community or state. However, you must let that outstanding student in your community know of the award and application form. Plus, an ESA member and/or chapter must sponsor the student's application.

Contact your State Youth Award Chairman or Awards Chairman if you do not have a Youth Award chairman for information on any state competition in your state. Your chairman has the Application forms and guidelines and they are also available on the ESA website. The application must be postmarked by March 1, 2013 and sent to **Margene Holtze, IC Awards Chairman, PO Box 164, Cambridge, NE 69022.**

### PHILANTHROPIC CHAIRMAN

#### Darla Barton

Merry Christmas & Happy New Year Sisters!!!

As our year is drawing to a close, I just want to remind you of the revised Service Reports that can be found on our state website. You should begin using them. The biggest difference is the St. Jude section. The designers included a section for ALSAC sponsored events (Dream Home, Radiothon, and Give Thanks Walk). There is also a separate section for other St. Jude fundraisers (garage sales, bake sales, etc.). This will hopefully make keeping a tally easier for all of us.

I would like to give a special "Thank You Very Much" shout out to Delta Epsilon, Del City and Kappa Alpha, Tulsa, for sending in your philanthropic reports. These are the first I have received. I love it! I am looking forward to more reports flowing in. Keep up the awesome work ladies!

May you all be blessed to abundance this holiday season, as we celebrate our Savior's birth. See you next year!

Darla Barton

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**Darla Barton**

**SCRAPBOOK CHAIRMAN**  
**Nellrita Barrick**

Ladies, this is a reminder to be saving photos of your activities and events for 1-2 pages in President Joyce's Scrapbook. It would be nice if you could have them forwarded to me by late February or early March. Please label or list the occasion and identify the chapter members. My address is the following: 119 The Hills, Clinton, OK 73601



**Nellrita Barrick**

# Chapter Chatter

## **BETA RHO #1270**

Beta Rho, #1270, has been busy as usual. We have had some interesting educationals as we hop on our imaginary cycles and join President Barbara in her theme of "Sisters Riding Together in ESA."

We visited Barbara's work at Maxey's Cycles where we actually got on the real cycles for some photo ops - getting on and off those cycles was not as easy as in our younger years! Most of us looked different in our leathers, dew rags, and helmets. Good thing our trips will be through our minds in our educationals.

Dan Maxey shared not only his place of business but an interesting Oklahoma family history of the good and bad times and how his business has survived. He is a true Oklahoma who believes the character of business is how they overcome adversity. Our guys also enjoyed this educational and asked more technical questions than we did. We ended the evening by going out to eat Chicken Fried Steak at Annie's next door to the cycle shop. It was fun, too.

At an earlier meeting, Chuck Emmerling shared a demonstration with us on MRE's; that's Meals Ready Eat that our military eat when out on duty in the field. Chuck made comparisons to the MRE's in the 1950's in preparation, quantity, quality, and taste. Our senses came alive as the chemicals instantly boiled the stew, and we were amazed at the full courses and variety



they now have. We had wondered what our military were getting for nourishment as they go through those mountainous areas in Afghanistan. Chuck helped us understand better.

Beta Rho's fund-raiser will once more be pecan sales. A one pound bag of fresh pecan halves will sell for \$10 a bag. We will have them ready for sale from November 9 on, so if you need some for holiday cooking or just good eating, contact a Beta Rho member by phone or e-mail. We will get them to you.

We will be eating "Stone Soup" as all share in putting the meal together for our Thanksgiving celebration. The children's book, "Stone Soup" tells the story of how everything is better when we share our blessings with one another. We may think we have little to offer until it is put with what others have to share. ESA is good at that!

Kay Brader

Beta Zeta #3158 Oklahoma City PJ article Oct./Nov.



## **GAMMA DELTA**

We've had a busy fall and are now preparing for the holidays; wow, is it that time of year already! We had our annual Garage Sale (\$\$\$\$), went to Chili's for our Social (for their St. Jude day), and had our Chotober meeting/social (yummy!).

For one of our educationals Charlene found a seminar at OU in Tulsa about Wills & Trusts. Donna, Charlene, Rosemary, Byrdie and Pat attended and they found it extremely informative.

We had a Halloween Party at John Stapleton's (costumes were optional) where we all brought treats to share (no tricks). We enjoyed watching the OU vs. Notre Dame game as we yelled, screamed, cheered and cried (well, not really cried... it wasn't that bad) for our favorite teams.

Judi and Steve York and Dawn and Bob Haley and St. Jude patient Isaac and his parents were at Woodland Hills Mall in October where we registered Walkers for the St. Jude Give Thanks Walk on November 17th. We also went to every store in the mall asking them to advertise the Walk. Kay Jewelers has St. Jude Bears for sale where the proceeds from the bears are donated to St. Jude. We're going to have a great event on November 17th and hope everyone (friends & family) will join us; we have bands, cheerleaders, mascots and even a photo booth!

The Candlelight Dinner is coming up and we look forward to this every year. It's fun to dress up, visit with everyone and enjoy a delicious meal!  
Hope everyone stays warm and safe and has a wonderful holiday season!

With ESA Sisterly Love,  
Dawn Haley

## **BETA IOTA #4283**

**Beta Iota's new cookbooks have arrived! The cookbook is made up of our favorite recipes with additional recipes from friends, family and ESA sisters across the state. Proceeds from sales will benefit our Philanthropic projects locally and on State and International level. Your purchase will be greatly appreciated. The books are \$15.00. To purchase, please call or e-mail or ask us at state/district meetings.**

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## **BETA IOTA #4283**

### **McAlester**

BETA IOTA, McAlester, continued its "SWEET SISTERHOOD" trek in September/October with Tina McKamie, Margaret Kramer, and June Miller attending Peggie Sprinkle's District III Leadership meeting in Broken Arrow. It was a day filled with terrific speakers giving good information about their particular organizations and the food provided by Alpha Rho was delicious. Back home again, the Beta Iota gang decided it was time to finally complete our new Cookbook, "THE MANY FLAVORS OF ESA". We ended up with 390+ recipes (many of which were contributed by Oklahoma ESAers....Thank you!). ..And Thanks, Tina, for coordinating the actual sending of all those recipes to the printer. It will be back to us before Thanksgiving. We hope you all will want to buy one.

Then Beta Iota hosted the District V Leadership Seminar on October 20. We were educated by Justin Few from the Pride in McAlester Org. on the benefits of Recycling in our community and our world. Then the OSU Extension agent taught us how to compost. To top it all off Deb Hughes talked to us about the Food Bank of Southeast Oklahoma. Amber Alexander, District V Coordinator and Beta Iota member, did a great job in planning the meeting. Then, just a few days later on the 25th Sherrol Ledbetter hosted (along with Tawanna Cathey) our CHOCTOBER MEMBERSHIP EVENT! So much fun and we will be telling you how many new members we recruited in our next report. We are looking forward to going off to November State Council Meeting and then the GIVE THANKS WALK in the coming weeks.....SEE YOU THERE!

June Miller - Reporting

## DELTA KAPPA

Hi Everyone,

Sorry I missed the last P.J. I just had way too much on my plate at that time, but life goes on and so here I am again. Delta Kappa just never rests...they just keep going and going and going. We have already begun wrapping Christmas packages for the McGuire's Store for the needy.

We also have a new addition to Delta Kappa besides Arin (Joyce's baby). Our new member is Jesslyn Perrin. She recently moved to Norman from Noble where she just happened to have lived across the street from my in-laws. So I have known Jesslyn almost 45yrs! She is a real 'jewel' for ESA. Welcome Jesslyn!

On October 22nd, Delta Kappa had a snack supper and movie night at Jesslyn's new 'digs' in Norman. We watched the movie Brides Maids, very enlightening movie for everyone. (LOL) We also had our first Educational for the year in October. Our educationals are about the 'Eaterys' in Oklahoma and their history. The first one was all about The Mont on the OU Campus. After Janice presented a very in-depth history of The Mont, we sat out on their patio and had special beverages with chips & dip. Yum!

On Halloween, several members helped our recent 'Diana' with a party for her special group, Among Friends. It is so very encouraging to see how much these young adults enjoy themselves despite their disabilities.

Some of us attended the State Meeting Nov. 3rd and seems Joyce is doing a great job leading the pack! Delta Kappa is also planning another 'Closet Sale' in February next year. Those of you who came last year know what a Closet Sale is, but for those who don't...A Closet Sale is only clothes!

They have to be clean, on hangers and in exceptional good condition. There will be other items from closets; purses, shoes, jewelry & accessories. Maybe even hats too. So come one come all! Feb. 16th, 2013 to the Goodrich Methodist Church in Norman (on Robinson), 8am - 4pm.

We, the members of Delta Kappa, want to wish each of you a Very Special Holiday Season and Successful New Year!

Sincerely one "Jewel of ESA",  
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Billie Fritch, Reporter



## GAMMA PI #5091 INOLA

Gamma Pi had their fifth annual Bunco August 25th and it was a huge success. We were planning for 150 players and had 172 players. Luckily we had extra supplies and enough room to get all players set up. There were lots of door prizes and Bunco prizes and everyone seemed to have a great time. Proceeds went to the Inola Volunteer Fire Department and the Inola Food 4 Kids program.

The fall patio sale is September 14th and 15th. Members will be busy setting up the week before. Funds go to community needs. October is also a busy month for Gamma Pi members with the Elementary School Carnival October 27th.

There is a King and Queen determined by the students that sell the most raffle tickets on a \$100 Wal-Mart Gift Card and a Savings Bond. There are prizes for best costume for various age categories,



**Full House @ Gamma Pi Bunco Bunco**

Bingo, games geared to the students, and of course, a concession. Proceeds go to the Elementary Teachers to be used for whatever is needed for their classes.

Gamma Pi has a booth at the annual Craft Fair at the Inola Round-Up Club the Saturday after Thanksgiving. Members will have craft and food items for sale. We are looking forward to all our activities this fall and being able to contribute to our community.

Mary Adams - Reporting



MC Karla Applegate



Carol Applegate & Janie Stevens  
selling raffle tickets

## Beta Rho #1270

Beta Rho has been busy as usual. We have had some interesting educationals as we hop on our imaginary cycles and join President Barbara in her theme of "Sisters Riding Together in ESA."

We visited Barbara's work at Maxey's Cycles where we actually got on the real cycles for some photo ops - getting on and off those cycles was not as easy as in our younger years! Most of us looked different in our leathers, dew rags, and helmets. Good thing our trips will be through our minds in our educationals.

Dan Maxey shared not only his place of business but an interesting Oklahoma family history of the good and bad times and how his business has survived. He is a true Oklahoma who believes the character of business is how they overcome adversity. Our guys also enjoyed this educational and asked more technical questions than we did. We ended the evening by going out to eat Chicken Fried Steak at Annie's next door to the cycle shop. It was fun, too.

At an earlier meeting, Chuck Emmerling shared a demonstration with us on MRE's; that's Meals Ready Eat that our military eat when out on duty in the field. Chuck made comparisons to the MRE's in the 1950's in both preparation, quantity, quality, and taste. Our senses came alive as the chemicals instantly boiled the stew, and we were amazed at the full courses and variety they now have. We had wondered what our military were getting for nourishment as they go through those mountainous areas in Afghanistan. Chuck helped us understand better.

Beta Rho's fund-raiser will once more be pecan sales. A one pound bag of fresh pecan halves will sell for \$10 a bag. We will have them ready for sale from November 9 on, so if you need some for holiday cooking or just good eating, contact a Beta Rho member by phone or e-mail. We will get them to you.

We will be eating "Stone Soup" as all share in putting the meal together for our Thanksgiving celebration. The children's book, "Stone Soup" tells the story of how everything is better when we share our blessings with one another. We may think we have little to offer until it is put with what others have to share. ESA is good at that!

Kay Brader – Reporting



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## **A Choctober Message from Susan Winters, IC President**

During October we concentrated on starting new chapters and inviting new members to our chapter meetings. This was a great way to make new friends by taking them a Friendship Chocolate Cake. This special cake is made from the Amish Friendship Starter. The reason that it is so special is because you should always deliver the cake with a bag of the "starter" so they can pass it along to another friend—get the idea? One good friend leads to another good friend OR one good member leads to another good member! Remember the old saying "In order to have a friend . . . you have to be a friend!" Now, there is just one more thing—when you deliver your beautiful Friendship Chocolate Cake, invite them to your next chapter meeting! Pass it on!

### **FRIENDSHIP CHOCOLATE CAKE**

1 3/4 c. all-purpose flour

1 tsp. baking soda

1/2 tsp. salt

1 1/2 sticks (3/4 c.) butter  
1 c. sugar  
2 eggs  
3 oz. unsweetened chocolate, melted  
1 c. Friendship Starter  
3/4 c. milk  
1 tsp. vanilla  
Confectioners' sugar

See the recipe for Amish Friendship Starter. Preheat oven to 350 degrees. Grease a 9"x13" baking pan. Sift flour, baking soda and salt into a bowl or onto a piece of wax paper. In larger mixer bowl, beat butter and sugar until light and fluffy. Add eggs and mix well. Slowly add chocolate, starter, milk and vanilla; mix well. Beat in dry ingredients and pour batter into prepared pan. Bake 30 minutes or until a toothpick inserted in the center comes out clean. Cool in pan on rack. Sprinkle with confectioners' sugar just before serving. (Cake can also be frosted.)  
12 servings

#### **AMISH FRIENDSHIP STARTER**

1 c. flour    1 c. sugar    1 c. milk

Day 1: Stir (do not refrigerate mix).

Day 2: Stir.

Day 3: Stir.

Day 4: Stir.

Day 5: Add 1 cup flour, 1 cup sugar, 1 cup milk and stir.

Day 6: Stir.

Day 7: Stir.



(Editor's Note: My apologies to the chapters for which I did not put in their articles for Sept-Oct. issue. They have been included this time.)

#### **THETA TAU #4563**

Hello to all my OK Sisters:

I hope everyone is enjoying the fall weather and your chapters are back in full swing after a very hot, hot summer.



In June we met at Cynthia Eaton's home to work on IC projects to help our very own Cathy out with some last minute projects. We also worked on our Route 66 decorations as we hosted that event on Friday night. Those working were Delores Armstrong, Misty Blundell, Ramona Paine, Cathy, Donna McPherson and Cynthia. We enjoyed grilled hamburgers, hot dogs and fixing's compliments of Doc Holsted, our chef.

Several of our members attended IC Convention and they were Ramona, Delores, Misty, Debi Trout, Terri Stake, Dana Terrel, Stormy Simmons, Doc, Donna Shook, Olivia and Declan Simmons and our wonderful IC Convention Chairman, Cathy.

Ramona was the ESA Foundation hostesses and Stormy was in charge of AV. Ramona, Cathy and Donna Shook attended the June State Council meeting and August Leadership in July held in Norman.

At the August Leadership Cathy Holsted was recognized by Rep. Anastasia Pittman, House District 99, with a citation for distinguished work as the IC Convention Chairman. Also Joyce Gibson was also recognized for being the State President.

Cathy and Ramona attended the District II Leadership meeting in Clinton on August 25th.

Ramona Paine  
Publicity Chairman

## **Beta Iota #4283 McAlester**

BETA IOTA, McAlester, continued its "SWEET SISTERHOOD" trek in September/October with Tina McKamie, Margaret Kramer, and June Miller attending Peggie Sprinkle's District III Leadership meeting in Broken Arrow. It was a day filled with terrific speakers giving good information about their particular organizations and the food provided by Alpha Rho was delicious.

Back home again, the Beta Iota gang decided it was time to finally complete our new Cookbook, "THE MANY FLAVORS OF ESA". We ended up with 390+ recipes (many of which were contributed by Oklahoma ESAers....Thank you!). And thanks to Tina, for coordinating the actual sending of all those recipes to the printer. It will be back to us before Thanksgiving. We hope you all will want to buy one.

Then Beta Iota hosted the District V Leadership Seminar on October 20. We were educated by Justin Few from the Pride in McAlester Org. on the benefits of Recycling in our community and our world. Then the OSU Extension agent taught us how to compost. To top it all off Deb Hughes talked to us about the Food Bank of Southeast Oklahoma. Amber Alexander, District V Coordinator and Beta Iota member did a great job in planning the meeting.

Just a few days later on the 25th Sherrol Ledbetter hosted (along with Tawanna Cathey) our CHOCTOBER MEMBERSHIP EVENT! So much fun and we will be telling you how many new members we recruited in our next report. We are looking forward to going off to November

State Council Meeting and then the GIVE THANKS WALK in the coming weeks.....SEE YOU THERE!

June Miller – Reporting



## Theta Tau #4563

Theta Tau is off to a good start. We had had two meetings. During our first meeting we had a lot of business to do – receive our new yearbooks and Cathy Holsted did an outstanding job on the cover design, planned our Ways and Means projects for the year. Our “big event” will be the Amish bread, Aunt Bill’s candy, turtles, Winterfest (arts and crafts show) and Tour of Homes.

Our educationals are going to be really fun as we will be learning about the language of flowers. Our two educationals have been on travels and flowers. Our October Hope for Heroes project will be bringing individual packets of hot chocolate mix. For Choctober we pledged one new member, had a Candy Bar Trivia contest and chocolate dessert.

Ramona Paine  
Publicity Chairman

Connie Bartlett told of how the Beta Gamma - Tulsa - is sponsoring a web site for shopping on the web for ESA members. She gave these two web sites for reference and her own web site, too.

<http://www.fundinco.org/orghome.php?orgid=226>

<http://www.esabetagammatusa.org/>

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## The Magic of ESA & St. Jude

September 24, 2012

November 2, 2012

November 17, 2012

December 1, 2012

July 19, 2013

What do these four dates have in common? Well as you can see from the pictures at the right, they are related to St. Jude Events that are near and dear to the hearts of many ESA members! How many of these events have your chapter participated in this fall?



ESA Magic & St. Jude kicked off the year going out to eat at Chili's with family and friends on September 24. Did you get to create a pepper? Each year in September Chili's donates 100% of its profits to St. Jude. Guests are invited to design a custom pepper and made an individual donation to St. Jude. Chili's is in the midst of their 10-year goal \$50 million campaign of donations to St. Jude. Although ESA is not "formally" a part of this campaign, I have lots of pictures of members who made the effort to eat out at Chili's that day doing their part to help Chili's and St. Jude. You can see our own Charlotte Carloni from ESA HQ, promoting the event.

Then, of course, this year is a special year of magic for St. Jude and ESA! We are celebrating 40 years of service and \$165 million of giving! Everyone knows that ESA was recently honored with a special dedication ceremony at St. Jude on November 2. The ribbon cutting ceremony was such an honor and you can see from the picture just how proud we were. Representatives from St. Jude, including little Corbin a St. Jude patient and Rick Shadyack, two members each from ESAMC, ESAF, ESAHQ, ESAIC, as well as the Sr. & Jr. ESA for St. Jude coordinators were invited to the ribbon cutting held in front of the murals on the ground floor of the hospital. The ground floor was selected as the location for our murals because ESA has been involved with St. Jude almost from the beginning. It Magic when you see over 300 ESA members gather together in the St. Jude Pavilion to celebrate the 40 years of ESA service for St. Jude. Sharing this event with so many of our members is a day I will cherish serving as your IC President! ESA was "Welcomed Home" by St Jude with a wonderful reception. Everyone participated in another group photo on a beautiful day full of sunshine and the promise of hope that ESA and St. Jude Hospital provides to all who enter there.

The magic continues with the Give Thanks Walks held in over 90 communities across the nation on November 17. The final totals aren't posted on the Give Thanks Walk website at this writing, but a rough estimate of totals donated was well over \$3 Million! The majority of the states listing walk locations have an ESA presence and I am willing to bet that you were out there in full force! This weekend marks the beginning of the Thanksgiving holiday. Were you able to catch any of the special St. Jude segments on the Today show daily throughout the holiday week? If you missed them, you can still see them on the St. Jude website. They are all wonderful stories of the magic St. Jude performs each and every day helping children fight this deadly disease.

More ESA Magic will be coming up December 1 will be the annual Memphis Marathon! Over 30 members of Team ESA have promised to gather and walk or run in their choice of the 5K, half or full marathon. We have more than surpassed our goal of \$37,000 with donations now totaling over \$38,500! Way to go Team ESA and everyone who has contributed to this cause! We will be strolling proudly in Memphis! Last year's Team ESA picture tells the story!

The year of ESA Magic & St. Jude wouldn't be complete without participating in the IC Challenge at convention on July 19! This event is a favorite of ESA members each year and this year will be no exception. This year's event will feature my favorite thing—chocolate! Everything will be chocolate! The tee shirt is chocolate in color and the fun events will feature chocolate too. I will ruin the magic if I let you in on all the secrets so make your pledge now to raise \$200 so you won't miss out! Contact Charlotte Carloni or visit our website for registration forms!

The Magic of ESA & St. Jude—what could be a better combination?

## **Zeta Gamma Chapter Shawnee**

Greetings from Zeta Gamma chapter in Shawnee. Several of the Zeta Gamma sisters went to the state convention and had a wonderful time. Congrats to our chapter for winning 1st place in Outstanding Chapter (15 & under), 3rd place for the D.I.A.N.A., and Lora Thompson won the Distinguished Athenian Award for her educational on S.E.A. – Sports, Exercise & Athletes.

Robbin Brown was also honored along with the Delta Kappa chapter for the President's Award. Great job Zeta Gamma sisters! The officers for the upcoming 2012-2013 year are Patty Heer, President; Peggy Campbell, Vice President; Gwen Beasley, Recording Secretary; Lola Laegers, Treasurer, Robbin Brown, Educational Director; MaryAnn Jones, Philanthropic, and Linda Voss, Parliamentarian.

Even though we took off most of the summer, several of our sisters worked at the Dream Home and went to the IC Convention. Even though we were busy, we had a great time. Way to go Oklahoma sisters! We are all rested up and ready to find new treasurers with Joyce Gibson as out State President.

Robbin Brown  
Publicity

