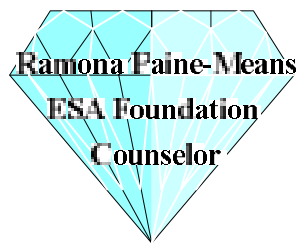
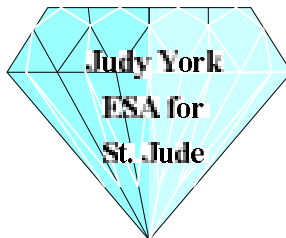
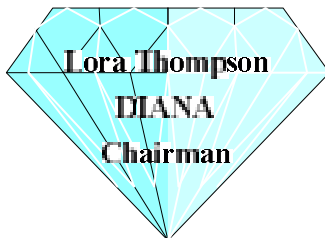
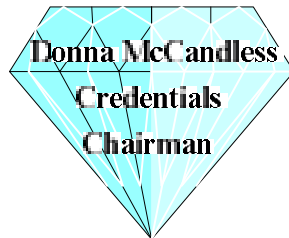
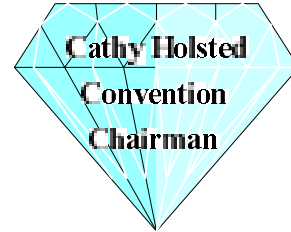
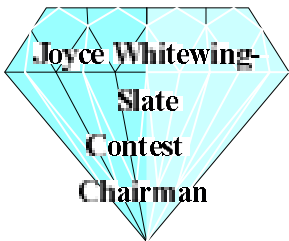


Jewels of ESA



EPSILON SIGMA ALPHA NATIONAL CONVENTION –JULY 2012

The national convention of ESA convened in Norman, Oklahoma, with Oklahoma sisters hosting the long-awaited convention. This story started over two years ago when the Oklahoma delegation put in their bid for the yearly convention to be held in Norman at the newly built Embassy Suites Hotel and Conference Center. When Oklahoma was picked, Cathy Holsted and Aletha Bolt went to work. Together with their crew of many helpers (too many to name), the themes, events, host chapters, meals, and all those extras came to fruition. (It is amazing how those two years can be summed up in one short paragraph.) On the Saturday before the convention was to begin, the chapter hosts assembled a few at a time to ready the hotel for guests. The RED DIRT RENDEZVOUS had begun.

(pictured back: Rosalie Griffith, Tina Davenport-MCKamie, Judi York and Vivian Gibson, front: Cathy Holsted-co-chairman, Joyce Gibson-Oklahoma President and Aletha Bolt – co chairman)



Registration opened on Sunday, as the states representativea began drifting in to enjoy the hospitality of Oklahoma's best. The guests had the choice of attending a Red Hawks Baseball Game, Tours of the Braum's Ice Cream Factory and Farm, the OKC Memorial, or the new Indian Cultural Center. Others went to play at the casinos, or went on the chocolate or wine tours had a really good time. Hopefully, no one went home without being impressed by what Oklahoma has to offer.



Registration was headed by Rosalie Griffith as she had help from Mary Adams, Margaret Krammer, and June Miller

The first general assembly came on Thursday as the opening ceremonies with the presentation of the flags was an impressive sight. (Thanks Doc Holsted for making the new stands.) The delegates saw their International President Rose Pasillas in action, many for the first time. Everyone was excited by Rose and her officers as they presented what was to happen during the convention. The convention kick off speaker was Jim Ryser who knew the importance of understanding people's differences. He was born with spina bifida and has lived a life of conquering the havoc of chronic pain. New is is a recording artist, speaker, and counselor for inspiring and helping people through songs and story to find hope.

(Jim Ryser talks to the audience and a sister ESA member)

His talk had the audience rolling in the aisles with laughter or crying tears. Jim's inspirational speech was a wonderful beginning to a great convention. Many of the Oklahoma delegation did not get to hear the next speaker as we were decorating for the next item on the agenda. However, a few of us (including me) did slip in to hear the next speaker, our own BJ Clark. She helped us to explore some interest possibilities as she delighted us with her humor, knowledge, and insight into the challenges of today's world. She also introduced three ladies whom she had asked to decorate an umbrella with (objects) which represented challenges in their lives. These ladies were remarkable with their stories which included wonderful events but



challenging times.

BJ Clark (on left)



The convention was loads of fun; however, the coordinators worked everyone who volunteered. No job was too small, and everyone helped when they could on the big jobs. Here are some of the pictures of the helpers and their jobs.



(Marci Ellington who was hospitality room chairman and her mom, Wanda Lucas who was in charge of PICPA events)

(Bottom left is Misty Bundell and Stormy Simmons who were the “goffers” for the convention chairmen plus being in charge of Mystery Night and the sound and lighting-Bottom right Linda Southerland-Okla. 2nd V. Pres. and welcome party

chairman, and Joyce Lacey-Kenny, Dist IV Coordinator.





Other jobs included helping the ESA merchandise handlers (www.greek-marketplace.net) with putting out their merchandise. The ladies who were in charge of the Association of the Arts display, convention office, workshops, decorations, credentials, programs, advertising, seating, hostesses were phenomenal. The convention could not have been a success without them. Here are some of those pict.



More pictures will be displayed next issue



Holidays are quickly approaching!! Are you ready??

As many of you know, our State Project Director Jo Ann Rott, has been extremely ill. Please keep her in your prayers as she pushes through this serious time in her life. As a result, we are going to give her a bit of break, so she can focus on getting better. Please send all State Project correspondence (i.e. checks, adoption forms, questions, etc.) to me. If you have not turned in an adoption form for this year, please do. A copy of this form can be found on line or in this edition of the PJ. We are working to try to make sure that the chapters and individuals receive the children they request. Please be patient with us as we work to do



this. If you have any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to ask. We will be sending out a list shortly of the children that have graduated from the schools. If you have a child that is no longer attending, please consider adopting another one.

International Convention was a huge success! So many people told me what a wonderful time they had and how awesome the Oklahoma members were to them. I was extremely proud and honored to carry the Oklahoma State flag during the ceremony. Thank you to all of you for your hard work. Very special thank you to the convention committee, Cathy Holsted, Aletha Bolt, Rosalie Griffith, Judi York, Vivian Gibson and Tina Davenport–McKamie!! Congratulations to all of the IC Award recipients!

Thank you again to the wonderful people who attended the August Leadership!! There was a situation with the noise level being such that we couldn't enjoy the presentations. We adapted and overcame, despite the attempts to keep us from having a good time. Your patience and understanding was much needed and appreciated. Representative Anastasia Pittman really enjoyed meeting everyone and spoke highly of our organization and all that we do!

I am ready and waiting to hear about the wonderful "Jewels" we have among us. This is just a quick reminder about my desire to give out the "Jewel Award". Please take the opportunity to brag on your sisters and brothers about the things they have done above and beyond expectation for you or other members. Please write a brief story about what they did and send it to me.

And now for the "Make Me Pay" update. The color of the day was green at Leadership. I paid \$100.00. The members donated another \$100.00. Ramona Paine received the \$200.00 for the Foundation! Thank you so much for participating! Remember you are welcome to match my donation or add to it as little or as much as you would like to. Every penny counts! So, put on the color, load up your car, come to

the next State Council meeting on November 3 in Norman at the Holiday Inn and “Make me pay”!

I would love to know what you are doing to celebrate “Hope for Heroes” in November or anytime. Please share your chapters’ plans for upcoming events. 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.

By the time you receive this, the New Year will be so close we can touch it. Hope all of you have a wonderful holiday season and please remember to love each other. It takes many more muscles to frown than it does to smile.

Joyce Gibson
2012-2013 State President

2ND Vice President Educations On Website

Linda Southerland – 2nd Vice President

Oklahoma’s rich Native American heritage is famously diverse, with 39 federally recognized tribes headquartered in Oklahoma. As fall ushers in cooler temperatures, gorgeous foliage and a vibrant event season, you can experience Oklahoma’s diversity firsthand by attending a number of time-honored Native American events held throughout the state.

These events, which range from single tribe celebrations to large intertribal powwows, are key to keeping the traditions of Oklahoma’s Native American ancestors alive. Tap into the spirit of the powwow by witnessing Native dancing, singing and artistry.

Mesmerizing colors captivate and soulful sounds resonate during these activities, where customs are preserved for the future. For example:

Choctaw Nation Labor Day Festival & Powwow – Tuskahoma

An incredibly popular send-off to summer in early September, the Choctaw Nation Labor Day Festival & Powwow is an impressive showcase of Choctaw Nation traditions.

Standing Bear Powwow - Ponca City

The renowned Standing Bear Powwow, one of the most significant, long-standing Native American events in the country, brings together the six north-central tribes of Oklahoma for displays of spectacular regalia and intertribal dancing in late September.

Powwow of Champions - Tulsa

Make your way to Tulsa to see the powerful sights and sounds of Native dancers overtake the Mabee Center during the annual Powwow of Champions event. A major intertribal competition, the Powwow of Champions celebrates the artistry of traditional dancers as they stomp and twirl around the arena to the intoxicating beat of drums.

Cherokee National Holiday - Tahlequah

Immerse yourself in Cherokee heritage at the Cherokee National Holiday in Tahlequah. This event, a gathering of Native American families and communities, commemorates the signing of the Cherokee Constitution in 1839 following the Cherokee removal to Oklahoma.



Oklahoma Indian Summer - Bartlesville

Oklahoma Indian Summer, is a world-class Native American event that has been hosted by Bartlesville for over 20 years, brings creativity center stage. Craft and cultural demonstrations, along with Native American storytelling, enrich this festival and make it as educational as it is entertaining

Chickasaw Annual Meeting & Festival - Tishomingo

The culture of the Chickasaw Nation comes alive during the Chickasaw Annual Meeting & Festival, a week-long event held in south-central Oklahoma's Chickasaw Country. Activities are scheduled throughout the week. In nearby Sulphur, tour the Chickasaw Cultural Center.

Comanche Nation Fair - Lawton

Visitors to the Comanche Nation Fair in Lawton will enjoy an array of festivities, from archery competitions and art shows, to bull riding and a rodeo. Children will have a blast at the free kid's carnival, while adults can check out classic hot rods in the car show.

Kiowa Black Leggings Warrior Society Ceremonial - Anadarko

In honor of warriors and veterans, the Kiowa Black Leggings Warrior Society Ceremonial in Anadarko focuses on Native Americans in the military and their sacrifices, both for their tribe and country.

Miami NOW: Native Oklahoma Weekend - Miami

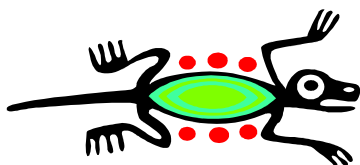
Held at the Miami County Fairgrounds, all ages will have a great time at the activity-packed

Washita Battlefield National Historic Site, Cheyenne

Nestled beneath beautiful red hills near Cheyenne in western Oklahoma, the Washita Battlefield National Historic Site is one of three sites in Oklahoma administered by the National Park Service. The visitor center, with its striking and symbolic construction, interprets the tragic circumstances of Lt. Col. George Armstrong Custer's surprise dawn attack against the Southern Cheyenne village of Peace Chief Black Kettle on November 27, 1868. An impressive film, "**Destiny at Dawn – Loss and Victory on the Washita**," along with exhibits and an interpretative walking trail not far from the visitor center, commemorate one of the most significant events in the tragic clash of cultures during the Indian Wars era. As Lisa Conard Frost, Washita Battlefield superintendent explains "Our national parks belong to all of us. They teach us much about who we are and how events shape us. What we learn here can take us into the future."

These are just a few of the Traditional Powwows and Festivals you can find information about on the travelok.com Website. Check one of them out on the computer and learn a little more about our Oklahoma Native American Cultures. Remember to follow along with one of these educational themes throughout the year and send me at least six (6) educational reports before April 1, 2013.

(2nd Vice President, Linda Southerland has placed her educational on the web site. The theme of this year is to make Oklahoma ESA members aware of our Indian Heritage. Linda's great-grandmother was of Indian descent, and her family did not pass down the information about Linda's heritage, so she decided to make this her educational for this year. Thus, we are benefiting from the research of her Indian heritage. So with her research of Indian Culture, we (her ESA sisters) can learn about the Indian culture in Oklahoma.)



Chapter Dues are Due NOW!

IC Dues – for Chapters and Councils/Districts.....\$40

Send to: Rickie Brown
(Due by 5032 Covered Bridge Way
June 1) El Dorado Hills, CA 95762
916.761.7121

FEDERAL TAX FACTS Financial ReportDue September 15

This MUST be sent in by each Chapter/Council in order to be exempt from paying Federal Income Tax on the fundraising monies raised for charitable purposes. Each Chapter/Council must have an Employer Identification Number. To apply for the ID Number, contact ESA Headquarters. Send Federal Tax Facts Financial Report to Headquarters (address on form).

Get the above forms online at: www.epsilonsigmaalpha.org Log in to Member Center.

Click on Chapter/Council Mgt.

Click (left margin) Tax Information and Chapter Treasurer's Reports

Click on (blue link) ESA Tax Facts Form

Click on (blue link) Paying IC Chapter Dues and arrow down to 2012-2013 Treasurer Dues Form under Dues heading

STATE DUES\$30 + \$5 per member as of April 1

Send to: Dr. Billye Peterson
(Due by 19513 Fieldshire Dr.
Jan. 1) Edmond, OK 73012-3579
405.812.0138

DISTRICT DUES (Due by January 1)

District II\$10

Optional: \$50 for District II project (scholarship endowment)

Send to: Cathy Holsted
3 Woodbridge Dr.
Bella Vista, AR 72714

District III.....\$20

Send to: Sandy Saunders
7905 N 144 E. Ave.
Owasso, OK 74055

District IV.....\$10

Send to: Linda Leveridge
228 Atterberry Dr.
Norman, OK 73071

District V.....\$10

Send to: Ruth Jo Carnagey
PO Box 340
Ft. Gibson, OK 74434

ESA FOUNDATION DUES.....\$15

(Dues are \$25 first year and \$15 per year thereafter)

Send to: ESA Foundation
(Due by PO Box 270517

Jan. 1) Fort Collins, CO 80527
 Individual Dues
 IC Dues\$49
 (Due according to Pledge Date)
 Send to: Epsilon Sigma Alpha International
 363 West Drake Rd.
 Fort Collins, CO 80526
 ESA FOUNDATION DUES.....\$15
 (Dues are \$25 first year and \$15 per year thereafter)
 Send to: ESA Foundation
 (Due by PO Box 270517
 March 1) Fort Collins, CO 80527



Oklahoma State Council of ESA Leadership Seminar Minutes August 18, 2012

The Oklahoma State Council of ESA Leadership Seminar was called to order by President Joyce Gibson at 10:00 a.m. on Saturday, August 18, 2012, at the Holiday Inn, Norman, Oklahoma.

President Joyce welcomed everyone. Members stood for the opening ritual led by President Joyce Gibson. Chaplain and Sooner Seniorettie Robbin Brown led the membership in the Pledge of Allegiance and presented a devotional titled “Eleven Proven Ways to Get Along Better with Everyone”.

President Joyce announced that her chapter, Delta Kappa Norman, is host for today’s meeting.

The president introduced her Administrative Assistants Mozelle Smith and Virginia Taylor. Her third assistant, Barbara Eck was unable to attend. The president then thanked everyone for the card, personal messages, and gift for Arin and family.

Chair to read the June 9th Executive & General Board meeting minutes, Social Media Chair and Sooner Seniorettie Deb Hughes, reported the minutes will be placed on file as printed.

The president announced the following appointments: Committee to approve minutes of this meeting: Chair, Webmaster and Sooner Seniorettie Aletha Bolt; Easter Seals Chairman Linda Leveridge; and Distinguished Achievement Award Chairman and Sooner Seniorettie Lora Thompson.

Attendance included: two first time Leadership attendees, three guests, no DESA’s, one Elan and one pledge.

ESA Foundation Counselor Ramona Paine announced that Oklahoma won the Foundation Outstanding Achievement Award for the 4th year. Texas was right behind us with only a \$41.00 difference. Ramona passed out “Plateaus of Achievement” certificates for 2011-2012 to the following: Bronze (\$250-\$499) to Joy Carter, Beta Mu Lawton; Joyce Gibson, Delta Kappa Norman; Maribel Moore, Alpha Epsilon Enid Silver (\$500-\$599) to Delores Armstrong, Theta Tau Kingfisher; Felicia Rowe, Epsilon Kappa Hominy; Jane Fleming, Kappa Alpha Tulsa Crystal (\$1,000-\$4,999) to Rosalie Griffith, Sigma Chi Inola; Gamma Delta Tulsa

Junior Past President Gwynn Nell Swanson announced the following IC Awards received by Oklahoma chapters and members: Association of the Arts Division VII Needlework – 3rd Place, Judy Craven Division VIII Holiday – 1st and 2nd Place, Sue Knight 2012 Fantasy Ball Award – 1st Place - \$1,500.00

Outstanding State Web Site – 3rd Place - Oklahoma-Aletha Bolt Top Ten Educational Programs: Kappa Alpha Tulsa – Darlene Cushenberry, Educational Director Marie Wells
Outstanding State Educational Director: Tina McKamie, 2nd Vice President/Educational Director

ESA for St. Jude Chairman Judi York announced she was privileged to represent Oklahoma at the St. Jude Presentation at IC Convention. Oklahoma is in the top ten in the country in St. Jude fundraising raising \$591,122. ESA raised a total of \$11,455,895. Oklahoma received the Danny's Dream Award for raising \$5,000,000. Judi presented the Danny's Dream Award Plaque to Gwynn Nell Swanson since it was given for funds raised during her year as Oklahoma State President.

Treasurer Billye Peterson made a motion to pay the State Council dues to International of \$45.00 instead of the budgeted \$40.00. Motion was seconded by Wanda Lucas, Beta Rho Del City. Motion carried.

Sooner Seniorettte President Wanda Lucas, moved that upon recommendation of the Sooner Senioresses Deb Hughes be nominated for the IC office of her choice. Coming from a committee, no second is required. Motion carried. The following presentations were made:

Second Vice President/Educational Director Linda Southerland, in keeping with her State theme "Native American Culture" presented a history of Jim Thorpe, one of the greatest Native American Athletes.

ESA for St. Jude Chairman Judi York passed out a brainstorming packet and asked everyone to think about St. Jude events that could be combined with other events in their individual chapters. She asked everyone to take the information back to their chapters and see what they could come up with for a St. Jude fundraising event.

Judi reminded everyone of the following St. Jude events that are coming up:

- November 2 -- Unveiling of the Special Wall Plaques at St. Jude in Memphis. Dedication is at 4:00 p.m. This is a special event honoring ESA and she encouraged members to attend.
- November 17 -- Give Thanks Walk at Tulsa Woodland Hills Mall and Oklahoma City Penn Square Mall. Judi encouraged chapters to form teams and name them Team ESA plus the chapter name.
- December 1st – St. Jude Marathon in Memphis – Rosalie Griffith, Judi and Deb Hughes are participating in the 5K.

She then asked if there was any interest in a trip to St. Jude after the 1st of the year, possibly in the spring. Those interested could email her at her new email address judikay@cox.net. She asked members to make a note of this address as it will be her only email after September 30 as she is retiring. Judi also announced that they are already working on the Tulsa and Oklahoma City Dream Homes.

Easter Seals Chair Linda Leveridge, passed around a jar for change donations to Easter Seals. The state has donated \$658 to date to Easter Seals. Linda's goal is to raise \$1,000.00 by April and for state chapters to raise a total of \$2,000 for Easter Seals by state convention. This would be approximately \$50.00 a chapter. Linda promises to kiss a pig at state convention if the goal is met.

Webmaster and Sooner Seniorettte Aletha Bolt asked members if they remembered when the 1st Vice President was in charge of membership. When she was in 1st Vice President and in charge of membership she made up an ESA information brochure. Mary Johnson Care Connection Coordinator, has taken that information and made up an updated information brochure which will be on the website for chapter use. Aletha had some samples of the brochure which she made available and encouraged chapters to make use of this tool when approaching prospective members. Mary is also working on a brochure for Hope for Heroes and it will be on the website when completed.

Treasurer Billye Peterson made the following report: Beginning balance as of June 9, 2012 \$6,201.37; Income \$766.30; Expense \$1,766.72; Balance as of August 28, 2012, \$5,200.95.



(shopping on the mall)

Billye also reported funds in the Speakers Fund \$1,107.33; IC Campaign fund \$219.36; Doer's Fund \$172.25; Certificate of Deposit \$4,050.30. There was a question regarding specific disbursements and Billye reported the following major items although she noted it is not required; Embassy Suites \$942.90 for IC rooms; Presidents pin for Tina McKamie \$20.00, State gavel pin for Joyce Gibson \$20.00, Holiday Inn for Council Meeting Lunches \$633.56; President Joyce's transportation expense \$100.00; flowers \$48.70.

Billye provided a handout detailing chapter and individual dues. She also provided information and forms for filing the Chapter Tax Facts form, which is due at ESA headquarters September 15th.

Corresponding Secretary and Sooner Seniorette Vivian Gibson asked everyone to stand and she demonstrated how to do the Cupid Shuffle. She then led everyone in the Shuffle in an effort to get our blood flowing after sitting for so long.

President Joyce announced the meeting will be moved to the Sapphire Room after lunch to avoid the noise from the adjoining meeting room. Meeting adjourned at approximately 11:30 so members could shop at ESA on the Mall before lunch. The meeting reconvened at 1:05 p.m.

Disaster Fund Chair Gwynn Nell Swanson reported that total donations to the State Disaster fund last year were \$3,575 and one claim in the amount of \$5,000 was paid out. She asked everyone to encourage their chapters to donate to the fund and/or have a special event to raise funds.

President Joyce presented a prize to Margaret Kramer, who found the ring pop she had placed on one of the chairs, just to lighten up everyone after the move to the new meeting room.

The Jeweler Nancy Buck had several jokes for the group to continue to lighten things up.

President Joyce Gibson introduced the speaker Representative Anastasia Pittman. She is a Democratic member of the Oklahoma House of Representatives and has represented the 99th District since 2006. She gave an inspirational message on Leadership. She recommended two books "212" and "God's Love Bank".

(Rep. Anastasia Pittman pictured)



ESA Foundation Counselor Ramona Paine made a presentation on the ESA Foundation Turn Around Fund. She provided information and a partial list of eligible charitable organizations.

Contest Chairman and Sooner Seniorette Joyce Whitewing Slate made a presentation on Robert and Dixie Palmer, the founders of ESA. The Dixie Palmer and Robert Palmer award is a recognition award which can be given to a woman or a man. A Dixie Palmer Founder is a member who takes special training at headquarters to learn how to charter a chapter.

Joyce is one of the three Oklahoma Founders that are available to help members charter a new chapter. 2012 IC Convention Local Co-Chair and Sooner Seniorette Cathy Holsted offered a big thank you to everyone who contributed to the success of the IC Convention in Norman.

She reported that there were 38 states represented and attendance was approximately 500.

Representative Anastasia Pittman presented a commendation from the Legislature of the State of Oklahoma to 2012 IC Convention Local Co-Chair and Sooner Seniorette Cathy Holsted, recognizing ESA and the Oklahoma State Council of ESA for its educational and philanthropic activities to local, state, national and international service projects. President Joyce Gibson announced a 10 minute break for more shopping on the mall.

When the meeting reconvened Convention Chair and Sooner Seniorette Cathy Holsted and members of the convention host chapters performed a short skit and reminded everyone to register for the 2013 State Convention in Norman before November 1st to get their name in the drawing for a free convention registration. Announcements: President Joyce made the following announcements:

- Directories are available from Charlene Law for \$8.00.
- Petticoat Journal Subscriptions can be obtained from Donna Shook for \$15.00.
- Convention charms are on sale for \$5.00
- 2013 Convention Committee has several ongoing fundraisers.

District II Coordinator Joyce Lacey Kenney, announced her leadership is August 25th at the First United Methodist Church, Clinton, OK. Registration starts at 9:30 a.m. Lunch is \$10.00. After the meeting they will tour the new water park, which is the only one of its kind in Oklahoma, if there is enough interest.

District III Coordinator Peggie Sprinkle, announced her leadership is September 15th in Broken Arrow. Registration is 9:30 a.m. and the meeting starts at 10:00 a.m. She will be sending out more specific information.

District IV Vice Coordinator Robbin Brown, announced that leadership is September 8th at Sunny Lane United Methodist Church, Del City. Registration is at 9:30 a.m. There will be a bake sale for Ways and Means. Beta Rho is providing a hot meal and salad lunch for \$10.00.

District V member Tina McKamie, announced that leadership is September 22nd at the First Freewill Baptist Church in McAlester. Registration is at 9:00 a.m., meeting is at 9:30 a.m. The meal is \$10.00. District Coordinator Amber Alexander will be sending out information.



Virginia Taylor announced a preliminary call for help for Easter Seals. Seventy five volunteers are needed for a Bike-A-Thon in Oklahoma City September 22nd. \$20,000 will be donated to Easter Seals for volunteers helping that day. Shifts are 8 a.m.-12:30 p.m. and 12:30 p.m.-5:00 p.m. Two volunteers are needed at each station. She will email particulars when she receives them.

Bunnie Sullins announced that Epsilon Kappa is having its annual fall auction October 6th in Hominy. There will be a rib eye dinner with all the trimmings at 6:00 p.m. She has tickets, which are required, for \$20.00.

(Pict. Vivian Gibson with her parrot costume for the skit)

Billye Peterson announced the Oklahoma School for the Deaf tour September 29th in Sulphur. She also announced the Gamma Zeta silent auction and dinner October 23rd at Holy Trinity Lutheran Church in Edmond. Reservations are required. There is no charge but a donation may be made.



Care Connection Coordinator Mary Johnson, announced that she has VFW cookbooks for sale for \$15.00. She will be selling them at all our functions. This is strictly building bridges for veterans and is done on their behalf.

Chaplain and Sooner Seniorette Robbin Brown reminded members to let her know if any of our sisters need a card.

Sooner Seniorette Jacque Edwards Cantrell informed members that Libby Zaage is making progress after her ordeal. She attended her wedding and did not have to use a walker.

Petticoat Journal Editor Donna Shook reminded members to get their PJ articles to her before the deadline of September 10th.

President Joyce Gibson asked all that were wearing a green shirt or pants to stand. The word in the meeting notice was greenbacks making the Make Me Pay color green. Joyce will pay \$5.00 for each of the seventeen counted wearing green. Delta Kappa donated an additional \$30.00 for their six members wearing green. Additional donations were also accepted. All of the Make Me Pay money will go to the ESA Foundation.

President Joyce Gibson led members in the closing ritual. Meeting adjourned at 2:55 p.m.



Submitted by:
Mary Adams
Recording Secretary 2012-13

DISTRICT II CO-ORDINATOR Joyce Lacey-Kenney

District II meeting in Clinton, was a success. We had two speakers. Korbet Moore, a Clinton High School senior, presented a video of his leadership training that he received with the U.S. Army and U.S. Navy. Kay Stout, Piedmont, Oklahoma, gave an outstanding program. Her skills and expertise are in Marketing Strategy, Career Development, Radio Host and Outplacement. 35 were in attendance. Vicki Donley gave a briefing on my Theme "Enthusiasm" and logo "Lightning Bolt" Our next meeting will be in March, 2013. Here is the presentation on Joyce's Lightning Bolts:



JOYCE'S LIGHTNING BOLTS

As women of a group that makes countless differences in our society, we need to continue focusing on how we can better ourselves and others even more. Leaders in our group strike up ideas that will initiate enthusiasm. Joyce introduced her theme as a lightning bolt, and the key words associated with a bolt are flash, strike, spark, electric, crack, and light. All of these are adjectives describing something magnificent. Lightning symbolizes power and speed. It is a heraldic charge and is high voltage. Good members are positive charges and can have high energy which makes a bright voltage within the group. Using this theme makes me not only think of adjectives and synonyms, but it makes me delve more into what meaning it can have and try to shift myself and others into a better sense of self.

As I researched lightning, I learned that there are many types of it. It is not just a streak or bolt of energy that can be dangerous. In fact, it can be quite beautiful. As members, we contribute sparks of light to embellish our beliefs and ideals. Too, who of us has not experienced a hot flash! These types of lightning contribute as light sources which embellish areas and cause points of energy.

Imagine Joyce, our district leader and others who are chapter presidents, as the base-cloud sources. This is where lightning begins. These individuals lead the formation of clouds and begin the energy to produce the first flash. Flashes return to the cloud as a stroke, and in this instant ideas are born and transferred into other clouds.

As a member, does our brilliance of light enhance the clouds like we see in the distance when a storm approaches? We're are of the base cloud, but can we branch out? Is it, however, at times, okay not to flash, but support the base cloud with our brilliance of flashing lights.

Some members are viewed as cloud to ground lightning. The leader begins the stroke, and from that cloud other strokes move down from the clouds exhibiting flashes that are charged with exuberance. We actually bolt for new beginnings. As members differ with their ways of service, some are known as bead lightning. Bead lightning begins in the cloud, approached the ground and breaks up into a string of short, bright actions. These actions are produced as bright brillances and are seen as magnificent tasks that extend on and on. We electrify ourselves with new enthusiasm.....I leave you with this poem:

My Lightning Bolt



If I were a lightning bolt,
I'd start in the clouds of night wanting my brilliance seen by others.
If I were a lightning bolt,
I'd strike so you could follow and be quicker and brighter than me.
If I were a lightning bolt,
I'd go to the earth and do my job with a flash of force and return to my
base cloud so I
Could recharge my soul.

If I were a lightning bolt,
I'd make my strokes of light continue, and the effects would branch out, dance with my
Friends, and others could view and see our streaks making changes that matter
Around those cherished.

DISTRICT IV COORDINATOR Kay Brader

District IV had a fun and informative Leadership Seminar. Jimmie Nolen, who wears many hats in the Mid-Del area, welcomed all to Del City. Our state leaders provided us with updates and insights, and Linda Southerland shared a mini-educational. Beta Rho was the hostess chapter and provided a wonderful lunch and door prizes; a special thanks to my sisters!



Josh Beasley shared inspiring information about Positive Tomorrows, School for the Homeless in OKC, and the changes and needs that has arisen since it was founded. Schlunda Leslie, the new Director at Greiner, School for the Handicapped in Lawton, shared all she has done in a few months to improve that special school and move it forward through grants and innovative thinking; thus, providing improvement and advancement in both the facility and curriculum. Both these leaders

gave ideas how each of us could assist in their actions for a better world. District IV members gave each school a table full of supplies to take to their respective schools, as our philanthropic project for this meeting.

(below- Schlunda Leslie)

District IV had its Business meeting. Parliamentarian Glenda Petty asked District IV Chapters to read the By-Laws that were included in the Leadership folders and give her any changes needed by the next meeting. Ways and



Means Chair, Gwen Beasley, shared that the Bake Sale was a success and explained the Treasure Chest

Auction which will be at our next meeting. We will be on a treasure hunt as we bid only on clues of what might be in each chest!

Our next meeting will be at Sulphur at the School for the Deaf Tour on Saturday, September 29.

Registration is 9:30 and the meeting is at 10:00. OSD

will provide the program and lunch will be provided by the school for \$8:00. RSVP to Barbara Eck by Wednesday, Sept. 26, so we can provide an accurate number to the school cafeteria. Hope to see you all there, as you meet with some of our kids and enjoy the program and facility.





HOPE FOR HEROES Mary Johnson, Chairman

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 (MilitaryConnections.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 [Forgotten Soldiers.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!

Mary Johnson Care Connection Coordinator/Hope for Heroes
210 S. Sloan Ave.
Cleveland, Ok 74020

**October/November PJ article
Robin Brown - Chaplain**

The following cards were sent:

Thinking of you:

Eva Lee Stewart, Beta Psi Clinton; loss of friend

Get well:

Nellrita Barrick, Beta Psi Clinton; surgery

Joy Agan, Beta Psi Clinton; surgery

Doris Cook, Beta Psi Clinton; having tests

Joyce Lacey-Kinney, Beta Psi Clinton; fall

Byrdie Emanuel, Gamma Delta Tulsa; surgery

Charlene Law, Gamma Delta Tulsa; illness



Sympathy:

Family of Ruth Thompson, Gamma Kappa, Checotah, who passed away

Brenda Evans, Alpha Omega Choctaw; death of Ruth Thompson, aunt

Sandy Montgomery, Alpha Rho Broken Arrow; passing of mother

Sharon Barnett, Kappa Alpha Tulsa, passing of husband

Cheryl Young, Beta Gamma Tulsa; passing of father-in-law

Marla Watson Tyndall, Alpha Theta Muskogee; passing of husband

Billie Lackey, Alpha Theta Muskogee; passing of son-in-law

Bunnie Sullins, Epsilon Kappa Hominy; passing of brother

There is going to be a new addition to the Oklahoma ESA Website. If any of our sisters pass away, please send me, rsbrown@cnpsschools.org or our webmaster, webmaster@oklaesa.org a photo of our sister and a very brief paragraph when they joined and what made ESA so special to her so that we may pay tribute to them. This is something very special we would like to share with all of our Oklahoma sisters.

“There are angels everywhere. They deliver to heaven each heartfelt prayer. They kiss open each rosebud in the spring and inspire the robin to take flight and sing. And they’re always watching over you; no matter what the day brings, they’ll see you through.”

Anonymous

Robbin Brown

State Chaplain

P.O. Box 946

Choctaw, OK 73020

**DISTINGUISHED ACHIEVEMENT
AWARD
(Formerly DIANA Award)
Lora Thompson-Chairman**



OK! The name of the program formerly DIANA has been changed again at the International Council. It is now DISTINGUISHED ACHIEVEMENT AWARD (DAA). The IC Chairman is Margene Holtze, Awards Chairman. The reason for the change is to recognize men as well as women, for their dedicated work.

Anytime there are changes there is a lot of confusion and unanswered questions.

Aletha has done a GREAT job of putting all the information and guidelines on the Oklahoma Website. Those are the rules that we voted for at the June State Council meeting. The only thing changed is the name of the contest. The entries will be judged for the merits of the volunteers and the emphasis we place upon unselfish service to others.

I am very happy that now the male gender is included in the merit awards. I am sure there are men out there who deserve the recognition as well as women for their charitable contributions. If you have any questions or need a contest form, please contact me. I am more than willing to help you in any way I can.

LORA THOMPSON
DISTINGUISHED ACHIEVEMENT AWARD CHAIRMAN
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**EASTER SEAL CHAIRMAN
Linda Leveridge**

Easter Seals Oklahoma is one of our philanthropic charities. This is a challenge to all the chapters in Oklahoma. I want to see OKLAHOMA'S name on the BIG SCREEN next year at IC. If we as a state raise 2,000 dollars I will kiss a pig at State Convention in April. I did some math and it averages out to be about 50.00 per chapter. SO DUST OFF THOSE BRITCHES AND GET BUSY! Send your chapter donations to me I will send it on to Easter Seals. Some ideas to raise funds could be these, but I know you are a creative bunch and can come up with some of your own.

Bake Sales

Garage Sales

Change Jar

50/50 pot

Bean Suppers

Christmas gift wrap

Car wash

Candy sales

Popcorn sales

Change for Charity drive at your local school (St. Jude's & Easter Seals)

Some come on get busy and send me the green bucks. My book is empty so far.

Linda Leveridge
State Easter Seals Chair
228 Atterberry Drive
Norman, Okla 73071

H: 405-364-0721



ESA For St. Jude Judi York - Chairman

It was an honor representing Oklahoma during the St. Jude presentation of dollars at IC Convention in Norman this past July. Oklahoma was one of the top 10 fundraising states. And we reached a milestone of raising \$5 million dollars for St. Jude. All of ESA this past year raised \$11,455,895 for St. Jude.

On November 17 we will be having the Give Thanks Walk in Tulsa at Woodland Hills Mall and in Oklahoma City at Penn Square Mall. We need everyone in Oklahoma to participate in some way. You can go online to www.gtw.stjude.org to register for the event. Each chapter should set up a team, with a team captain. We suggest your Team name be set up as Team ESA – Your Chapter Name (example: Team ESA – Beta Gamma.) This will make it easier to track funds raised by Oklahoma ESA members. If you cannot attend the Walk, then please donate to one of the walkers. You can go to the same website to donate.

We haven't had a St. Jude Tour in a while. Several people have asked about taking a trip to Memphis in the spring. If you would be interested, please email me at judikay@cox.net. The date for the tour is February 28, 2013-March 2, 2013. We will leave on Thursday and carpool to Memphis. On Friday morning we will tour St. Jude, and on Saturday we will head back to Oklahoma. Please let me know by October 31, 2012 if you are interested in going. I will get a room block at a hotel as soon as I have a count for attendance. There is a flyer in this PJ about the tour.

Let me know about your St. Jude events. If you need any help or have questions I am only a phone call away at 918-605-2860. Looking forward to hearing from you.

Judi York
ESA for St. Jude Chair
908 S. Sweet Gum Ave.
Broken Arrow, Ok 74012
H: 918-252-1207

The Jeweler is Nancy Buck from Blanchard, Ok. She supplies light-hearted fun for the state meetings. We know who she is; however, she does not need to write for the PJ. But, I bet you would like to see her picture.



OUTSTANDING YOUTH
Sylvia Ochs-Chairman

Dear Chapter Presidents:

School has started, and it is time to think about honoring an outstanding youth in your community. I suggest you contact your high school principal and start looking for someone who is an outstanding youth in the community.

It you have any questions, please contact me by phone or by email at ochsrealestate@att.net. I will be attending future district meetings if you wish to talk in person.

Sylvia Ochs
PO Box 562
Guthrie, OK 73044
H: 405-282-3325

PHILANTHROPIC
Darla Barton – Chairman

Happy Fall Sisters!

In western Oklahoma, the temps are cooling off some. Hope your place is too. Hopefully we are all off to a good Philanthropic start on our projects and fund raisers. I'm looking forward to receiving your Service Reports.

It's such an awesome feeling to be a part of this amazing organization of ladies that care so much.

Have a safe Halloween and a blessing filled Thanksgiving. May God bless you all!

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ESA Foundation Ramona Paine, Counselor

The 2011-2012 saw Oklahoma and Missouri with the most scholarship applications. There were 8,594 applications received from 50 states as well as from international students. Oklahoma, Washington, Florida and Colorado had the most scholarship winners. \$216,250.00 was awarded in scholarship money from 178 endowments. Congratulations to Maxine Wheelan and Delta Chi for a new endowment that was funded during the IC Convention.

Oklahoma scholarship winners are:

Beta Zeta OKC/Robert Glenn Rapp Foundation Endowment – 4@\$1000

- Angel Boardingham, Anadarko
- Kassy McConnell, Duncan
- Toni Nigro, Miami
- Seth Young, Sapulpa

Rose Pasillas, 2011-12 IC President Extra Boost Honorarium General Endowment - \$1,000

- Angel Boardingham, Anadarko

Hawkins-Tuma Memorial Endowment - \$500

- Caitlin Landers, Arnett

Holsted/Simmons/Haymaker Endowment – 3@\$2000

- Karlee Yeoman, Dover
- Rachel Burford, Ames
- Ashlynn Streck, Hennessey

Mary Louise Smith Memorial Endowment – 5@\$1000

- Angel Boardingham, Anadarko

(only one from OK the rest were out-of-state)

McConnel Family Endowment – 2@\$2500

- Megan Stuart, Eufaula

Myre Starr Honorarium Endowment – \$500

- Kasey McConnell, Duncan

Oklahoma Council District IV Endowment - \$500

- Courtney New, Arnett

Oklahoma Council – District II Endowment - \$1000

- Trey Ruble, Dewey

Oscar and Joyce Whitewing Honorarium Endowment
2@\$500

- Elmer Floyd, Claremore
- Kasey McConnell, Duncan

Tulsa Area Council Endowment - \$500

- Tiffany Cathey, Ada

Worda Russell Memorial Endowment - \$500

- Michaela Zook, Waynoka

York Family Endowment - \$1000

- Rachel Buford, Ames

Joe Jaegers Family Endowment (out of state winner)



The Foundation Plateau/Awards Program certificates were received by Joy Carter, Beta Mu; Joyce Gibson, Delta Kappa and Maribel Moore, Alpha Epsilon for the Bronze-\$250-499. Delores Armstrong, Theta Tau and Jane Fleming, Kappa Alpha received the Silver-\$500-999. Rosalie Griffith, Sigma Chi and Gamma Delta received the Crystal-\$1000-4999 in giving.

Oklahoma received 1st Place in the Fantasy Event. This is the 4th time we have won the award. So please continue to give to this event when you receive the invitation. There was only \$41 separating us from Texas.

Remember to pay your Foundation dues before the first of the year so the Foundation doesn't have to be out the expense of sending out notices. Your dues must be paid by March 1, 2013 in order to have a vote at IC.

2011-2012 we enrolled two new members-Rod Means and Tina McKamie. Please talk up the Foundation at chapter meetings or if you haven't paid dues in a while consider rejoining for \$15.

Ramona Paine-Means 604 W. Wheat Capital Rd. Enid, OK 73701 H: 580-242-0741

Publicity **Leslie Farabee - Chairman**

Hello, Ladies of Oklahoma State Council! I hope this article finds everyone in good health. I know we have been keeping Robbin Brown busy with our concerns and news. And I know the power of your prayers and love and support. Remember, they are heard.

Please keep the communication lines open, when you have participated in an ESA event. I know we all love seeing our names and our wonderful work in print. Remember, the "Publicity" Contest has been deleted, but you may still publish your information and mail them to me, for Joyce's Newsfolder. Your chapter will still receive recognition towards participation, as part of the Outstanding Chapter Award. I look forward to filling the News folder with your publications. Thank you and I hope to see you all real soon.

Leslie Farabee
Publicity Chair 2012-13
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PETTICOAT JOURNAL **Donna Shook-Editor**

This is the 2nd issue of the Petticoat Journal which will be published on line by Oklahoma's web master, Aletha Bolt. Members who receive this issue by mail will be receiving it after it is published which will be from 5-10 days later. I am sorry, but that is the way it goes. If I have left out an article, then please bring it to my attention, and I will put it in the next issue. If anyone has pictures, please send them separately from your article as the pictures are easier to transfer separately. Thanks.

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DISTRICT III LEADERSHIP Peggie Sprinkle - Coordinator

District III leadership meeting was held in Broken Arrow at the Margaret Hudson Building on Sept. 15. The meeting was called to order by coordinator, Peggie Sprinkle who then showed an inspirational



video of a plane flying over American iconic scenes. It was well received by the audience. After the introduction of guests, the business meeting was called to order. Secretary-Dawn Haley, treasurer-Sandy Saunders, and project chair-Donna McCandless all gave reports.



Donna introduced three speakers who were there for the Tulsa Council to hear their projects and make a decision which to support. The speakers were Eileen Bradshaw – Executive Director of the Community Food Bank of Eastern Oklahoma; Debbie

Sledge – Margaret Hudson Program Director; and Mike Douhitt, Support Service Director of Clarehouse. (pictured on left is Debbie Sledge; right is Eileen Bradshaw, Mike Douhitt, and Donna



The Margaret Hudson Programs provides support and education for teenage mothers and a nursery for babies up to two years old. Community Food Bank provides food for shelters and is involved with a new program in giving cooking lessons by a chef. Their philosophy is to help the need with food and to feed neighbors with dignity. Clarehouse is a local association which houses those people who are in their last days. They provide an environment for their families to help them with the member of their family who is terminally ill. The organization provides comfort

and emotional support. The members decided to support all three organizations for the next year. No one could make a decision because all the programs were such a worthy cause.



After the adjournment of the business meeting, Tina Davenport-McKamie, first vice president, led the group in an “Exercise to move your buns!” Then President Joyce Gibson gave a talk about “Leadership.” Deb Hughes, IC Senior State President Chair and OK State Council Social Media Chair gave a talk about “Choctober.” Then Judi York, OK State

Council ESA for ST. Jude, gave an address about “Celebrate ESA.”

(Officers pictured are Donna McCandless-Project Chair, Peggy Hughes – Parliamentarian, Mary Johnson – Hope for Heroes, Dawn Haley-Secretary, Sandy Saunders-Treasurer, and Coordinator Peggie Sprinkle



Members of the Tulsa Area Council who helped with the “HOPE FOR HEROES”

These ladies received a certificate from Peggie Sprinkle



Chapter Chatter

Tulsa Area Council

On September 5, 2012, President Connie Bartlett reconvened our monthly meetings to order. Twenty-three members attended, with Omega Pi hosting our Picnic. Tulsa Area Council chapters are Beta Gamma, Eta Mu, Gamma Delta, Kappa Alpha, & Omega Pi. Many reports were given by the IC, State, District and TAC chairman and/or committee. Highlights included the following:

St. Jude Dream Home Giveaway was drawn on June 17. Prior to drawing, TAC & many Oklahoma State Council chapters helped sell tickets, "secure" the open houses, and promote this event. Judi York mentioned the future plans for 2013; it will include another Dream Home in Owasso. Darlene Cushenberry, Peggie Sprinkle, & Dawn Haley coordinated the volunteers for the Open Houses and we thank you for the commitment of those hours. Thank you also to all that bought tickets and made donations.

On July 27, TAC held our 6th Annual Bunko Bash to benefit Clairehouse Hospice, Eastern Oklahoma Food Bank and Tulsa Community College's Scholarship. Charlene Law & TAC chapters welcomed 51 players, collected \$810 and 132 pounds of non-perishable food items. Thank you for those whom participated and donated to our fundraiser. We look forward to honoring these recipients at the Candlelight Dinner in December.

We are "Soaring to Greater Heights" to our next project and event. Notices to all Oklahoma State Council chapters have been sent for our District III Leadership Meeting on September 15 in Broken Arrow by Coordinator Peggie Sprinkle.

St. Jude & Chili's Day is scheduled for September 24, Nationwide. Tell everyone you know, to help us raise donations, plus enjoy a wonderful meal out.

Peggie Sprinkle will be coordinating the Tulsa Veteran's Day Parade on November 12, with many surrounding chapters. Hope for Heroes is an on-going project for our active Military families, which includes the Thanksgiving Baskets filled with staple and special items. Also, items will be donated for the Military boxes for our active soldier's, abroad. Please submit Soldiers names to TAC members, if you have any.

Dawn Haley, Chairman & her committee members are working on the next St. Jude Give Thanks Walk planned for November 17 at Tulsa's Woodland Hills Mall. More meetings will be conducted until then. Please registrar your chapters' team and support this fabulous event. There are many ways you can participate. Donations and sponsorships are very vital to this event.

Please participant in any of the above events or meetings. Tulsa Area Council Meeting will be October 3. Updates will be in the next PJ.

Leslie Farabee
2012 TAC Publicity

(The following pictures are from the TAC Founders Day which took place in June)



TULSA AREA
COUNCIL
FOUNDERS
DAY

GAMMA DELTA-TULSA #0702

The Bunco Bash that TAC held on July 27th was a great success as we raised a lot of money for our charities! We have a busy fall ahead of us. On September 15th we'll be attending the District III Leadership Meeting at the Margaret Hudson Home. Gamma Delta is holding our Garage Sale (our annual fundraising event); on Saturday, September 29th at Rosemary Benning's home (5326 E. 30th Place, Tulsa), feel free to stop by and do some shopping, or if you'd like to donate items for our Garage Sale, please contact Rosemary. We're planning our Chapter Social at Chili's on September 24th; where all the proceeds that day go to St. Jude Children's Research Hospital! We've made and distributed over 200 bookmarks for various libraries around Tulsa to pass along to their readers. Our next Chapter meeting in will be a "Choc-tober" event (thanks to Deb Hughes for the suggestion). Every member will bring something chocolate for all to enjoy and a special guest so they can see how much fun it is to be in ESA.

Pat Brit was awarded with her 1st Degree, 2nd Degree and 3rd Degree Palace Athene Awards! WOW, that is an awesome accomplishment and we are so proud to have her as a member of our Chapter!

We are also gearing up for the St. Jude Give Thanks Walk in Tulsa at Woodland Hills Mall on Saturday, November 17th. If you'd like to be on the committee, we'd love to have you; just let me know! We're asking each ESA Chapter to register your Chapter on line and form a team, heck, even if you can't walk, you can still raise funds for this great cause. Please register your team as: ESA Team – (then put your chapter name). We are looking for sponsors and anyone willing to donate their time (cheerleaders, face painting, food donations, etc.), if you know of anyone interested in sponsoring, forming a team or donating their time/services, please let me know. The website for the Walk is www.givethankswalk.org

With ESA Sisterly Love,
Dawn Haley

BETA IOTA - McALESTER # 4283

CHAPTER CHATTER

Beta Iota kicked off its new year of "SWEET SISTERHOOD" with an organizational PowWow in August at Lori Few's house (our new president). It was a productive meeting with good refreshments. Our first meeting will be September 20 where we will make final plans for philanthropic projects, fundraisers, educational, and socials. We are hosting the District V Leadership Seminar in a few days. We will have a longer, more in depth report in the next issue of the Petticoat Journal.

June Miller,
Beta Iota #4283, McAlester

Eta Mu – Owasso #2877

Members of Eta Mu, Owasso, are looking forward to another great year ahead. Members and guests received a “coupon” for a ride on the “Carousel of Life”. Judy Kimball, President, has planned a carnival of sorts for us, and some surprises along the way. Suzanne Dossett hosted our annual kick-off Breakfast in her home on September 8. There were so many wonderful and fulfilling dishes made by our members. During the morning, many exciting things occurred. Leslie Farabee installed Tray Kimball, legacy member, into our chapter. Tray has been attending many events, meetings and functions over the year and now is our member!!! Yeah!! She also is the daughter-in-law of Judy. This was a very special moment for us all.

We celebrated Rae McGuire’s Birthday with cake and cards and special tokens of love for her. She has improved greatly since surgeries back in December and the spring, but has a long road to a full recovery. Thank you all for sending cards and visiting and phone calls.

On September 11, Eta Mu will have their first official business and educational meeting. Judy and Tray will host “All Aboard the Carousel”, which will we enjoy the sights and sounds and tastes of a carnival. Rita Hains, Educational, will have a special educational program for us, no telling who or what will be there. Eta Mu meetings will be held at First United Methodist Church in Owasso, 2nd & 4th Tuesday of each month.

In the spring, Eta Mu members volunteered or attended many events. They include: Debby Thompson passed the gavel to Judy Kimball on April 24 in Claremore at Belvedere Mansion (Charlotte Grisham installed Judy); Faye Rikkola, Rita Hains, and Leslie Farabee attended Oklahoma State Convention April 27-29; May 6 Tulsa Area Council Founders Day Tea; Eta Mu’s Outstanding Youth Tea on May 8; June 17 St. Jude Dream Home Drawing and the open houses; TAC Monthly Meetings and Bunko Bash on July 27. An on-going fundraiser is our Garage Sale, which supports are ways and means projects for the year. We will now focus on the upcoming events involving Tulsa Area Council and St. Jude and Hope for Heroes Projects.

Look for us in the next Petticoat Journal. Submitted by Leslie Farabee, Eta Mu Co-Publicity 2012-13



Charlotte, Judy, Debbie, Leslie, Raedell, Rita, & Faye
At Belvedere Mansion April 24, 2012

Zeta Gamma - Shawnee #4253

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 Presidents 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.

Zeta Gamma Sisters are gearing up for the 2012-2013 year. Patty Heer was installed as President and is doing an excellent job. During the summer months plans for the coming year were scheduled.

Lola Jaegers, Robbin Brown and Mary Ann Jones had a great time actively participating in Internatioanl Convention in Norman in July with all of the other Oklahoma sisters. Cathy and Aletha were great Convention Chairs for a highly successful convention.

Lola Jaegers, Robbin Brown, Gwen Beasley, Linda Voss, Lora Thompson, Patty Heer and Mary Ann Jones attended State Leadership led by President Joyce. We learned lots!

Robin Brown, Gwen Beasley, Linda Voss and Patty Heer attended District IV Leadership.

Lora Thompson made news by falling on wet cement and fracturing a bone below her left wrist. She is now in the process of healing and surviving with the use of one arm

Robbin Brown
Publicity

FUTURE DATES TO REMEMBER

SATURDAY – NOVEMBER 3RD - Executive and General Board Meeting in Norman, Oklahoma Holiday Inn

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SATURDAY – February 23 - Oklahoma School for the Blind District III Meeting and Installation District V Meeting and Installation Muskogee