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- Be sure to check out our Officer Reports in this issue
- Read all about the exciting things our local chapters are doing across the state
- Don't forget to register for State Convention
- OSB School Tour is February 22, 2014
- Why wait? Submit your contest entries today!

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High Heels & High Hopes

Tina Davenport McKemie
2013-2014
Oklahoma State President

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HAPPY NEW YEAR!!! I hope everyone had a wonderful holiday season. Can you believe it is now 2014? Where has the time gone?? Spring time means contest deadlines, bylaw changes, meetings and convention. Please check our Oklahoma ESA website for all the contest information, rules and deadlines. Still have questions, I am sure Ms. Jeanne Meyer would love to assist you.

IC President Vickie Jones' platform this year is Literacy. Have you hosted a Literacy project or campaign? If so, please let me know so that we can share this information. What about becoming a tutor for the Literacy Council? Attend the March State Council meeting on March 8th for more information.

We are still very interested in starting 2 new chapters in Yukon and Sulphur. If you know anyone in those areas who would make great ESA members, please contact Rita Hains, Billye Peterson or myself. Or, if you would like to assist with this project, please let us know.

Oklahoma is blessed with many outstanding ESA members - most of whom never receive a "thank you" or any acknowledgement for their good deeds. ESA members give from the heart, not looking for public reward. I want to know about those members who have gone above and beyond expectations for a fellow member. It would be my honor to present them with the "Crystal Slipper Award". Please write a brief story about what they have done and send to me by email at president@oklaesa.org or tinamckemie@gmail.com. Or you can mail to me at 8057 Blocker Road, McAlester, OK 74501.

The 2014 Oklahoma State Convention will be here very soon. I hope you're planning to attend "The Ruby Slipper Ball" on April 25th - 27th. The registration and room information is available in this issue and also on the website. If you need additional information, please contact Ms. June Miller. Hope to see you in Tulsa!

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2013-2014 Oklahoma State President



MEETING NOTICE

Oklahoma State Council of ESA

Saturday, March 8, 2014

Freddie's Restaurant

Sapulpa

**Come spend an Exciting Day with you ESA family
Special Guest Speakers, Great Educational,
Fun and Exciting Activities**

Bring an ESA Pledge, Prospective Member or Friend

EXECUTIVE & GENERAL BOARD MEETING

Registration 8:30 am ~ 9:00 am

Board Meeting 9:00 am ~ 3:00 pm

LUNCH ~ 12:00 noon

\$16 per person Please RSVP by March 4th to

Tina Davenport McKamie, President

tinamckamie@gmail.com

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Oklahoma State Council of ESA
Executive/General Board Meeting Minutes

November 9, 2013

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The Executive and General meeting of the Board of Oklahoma State Council of ESA was called to order by President Tina Davenport McKamie at 9:06 a.m., Saturday, November 9, 2013, at Freddie's Restaurant, Sapulpa, Oklahoma.

President Tina asked the members to turn their cell phones to silent and if everyone enjoyed the Christmas party last night. She then asked if there was anyone in attendance that was not a member of the executive board and thanked them for being there.

She reminded everyone that only executive board members could vote during the executive session. She also reminded everyone if they hadn't registered and paid for lunch to please see our State Treasurer, Margaret Kramer at the end of the executive board meeting since attendance would be taken from the registration.

Tina appointed the committee to read the minutes this meeting Chairman, Mary Adams with members Dawn Haley and Maggie Sellers.

The committee to read the minutes of the August 24th State Council Leadership was Chairman Nancy Buck with members, Louise Maloy and Billie Fritch. Nancy Buck reported that the minutes will be placed on file as printed.

Tina extended a very special thank you to Aletha Bolt for standing in as Recording Secretary at the August State Council Leadership meeting and for always being there to help.

Margaret Kramer was still busy with registration and lunch tickets, so Tina moved on to New Business.

New Business:

This year during IC Convention, Tina along with the presidents from Texas and Kansas discussed forming a council between the three states. Kansas has made the comment that if we don't form a council, they choose to join MARC. Texas has adamantly stated they don't feel the need for a council. Tina has spoken with several Sooner Seniorettas and because we have strong state and district leaderships, some feel that it wouldn't benefit us any greater than what we are already doing. With that being said, Sue Ann Tarleton (Texas State President) and Tina discussed maybe sometime during the first part of 2014 to just have a meeting, kinda like a retreat, to discuss issues that affect both our membership and our states; not be a council just two states getting together as a camaraderie and socialize.

After much discussion, Rosalie Griffith, Sigma Chi, Inola moved that we plan a weekend retreat with Texas to discuss our issues and challenges for the states as well as socialize. It was seconded by Deb Hughes, Beta Gamma, Tulsa. Motion carried and will be presented at the regular state council meeting.

Treasurer: Margaret Kramer presented the Treasurer's report. General Fund beginning balance as of August 24, 2013 was \$5,221.78. Total income of \$3,892.00 and total disbursements of \$2,190.89. General Fund ending balance as of November 9, 2013 is \$7,172.89.

Speaker's Fund beginning balance was \$1,171.96. Total disbursements (Cindy Morrison) of \$250.00. Ending balance is \$921.96.

IC Campaign Fund balance is \$219.36.

Doer's Fund balance is \$172.25.

2012 IC Convention Deposit Balance is \$5,515.14

Certificate of Deposit balance is \$4,002.07

Linda Southerland, Beta Psi, Clinton made a motion to accept the Treasurer's report as presented. It was seconded. Motion carried.

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Margaret also reported that we recently received notice that the Registration Fee for IC Leadership has increased to \$610. When the Budget for this year was approved in June, we based the budgeted amount on last year's registration fee. She moved that the Budget amount for IC Leadership Registration Fee for the First Vice President to increased from \$600 to \$610. It was seconded by Judy York, Beta Gamma, Tulsa. Motion carried.

Margaret said the Council is selling 50/50 raffle tickets and she will be mailing some out to each chapter president.

Unfinished Business: None.

Announcements: President Tina Davenport-McKamie made the following announcements:

Billye Peterson has copies of the second book written by the author that wrote Missing Emma, Evelyn Wilson. The title is Human Gold. Cost is \$15.00. All profits go to ESA.

Judi York has only 12 copies of the directory left to sell.

Hope for Heroes Raffle – see Peggie Sprinkle.

Easter Seals sales and raffle – see Judy Cravens.

Petticoat Journal subscriptions - see Lori Few.

President/Convention charms sales – see June Miller.

Jeanette Murray is selling chances for a free State Convention registration as well as chances for a free night stay at the Doubletree Warren Place plus a \$50.00 gift card. Tickets are \$1.00 each or 6 for \$5.00.

Nominating committee will have a brief meeting in the hallway. Meeting adjourned at 9:36am.

Submitted by:
Nancy Baucom
State Recording Secretary
2013-14

NEWS THAT YOU CAN USE

Did you know that Epsilon Sigma Alpha International is on Pinterest?

Follow this link to check out all the great boards and pins that ESA has to offer.

You can find some neat, creative, and fun ideas to take back to your chapter.

The Pinterest logo is displayed in a large, red, cursive font. It features a stylized 'P' with a circular swirl at the top, followed by the word 'interest' in a similar cursive script.

**Oklahoma State Council of ESA
State Council Meeting
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The Oklahoma State Council meeting was called to order at 9:51 a.m. by State President Tina Davenport McKamie. Tina led members in the opening ritual. Schlunda Leslie led us in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Lora Thompson, for Chaplain Nellrita Barrick, gave the devotional for the day which was about Love and wished everyone a very Wonderful Thanksgiving, a Merry Christmas and a Happy Love-filled New Year.

Nancy Buck reported on how Gwen Nell Swanson was doing after her car accident. Nancy said she has a fractured hip and possibly cracked ribs. She had an MRI but no report on what that showed as of yet. She will be down 4 to 6 weeks, so prayers and cards will be appreciated.

Nancy Baucom gave a health report on Doris Kemp. Doris had strep pneumonia and was home doing better and she thanked everyone for all the cards and well wishes and prayers on Doris' behalf. Nancy also reported that Vivian Gibson was doing good and thanked everyone for all the prayers and cards on her behalf as well.

Tina welcomed everyone to the meeting and thanked them for choosing to spend their day at the meeting. She asked if everyone had registered and paid for lunch and if not, they needed to see the Treasurer, Margaret Kramer. She reminded all that attendance would be taken from registration.

Tina introduced the fabulously adorable, magnificently brilliant Sooner Seniorettes.

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First Vice-President/Nominating Committee Chairman, Linda Southerland reported that she needs officers! They had a nominating committee meeting during the break and they came up with some names and had one turn them down. She said that if they ask any of us it's a compliment. They wouldn't ask if they didn't think our members are able and capable and could do a good job. So, please don't turn them down. She also needs committee chairmen. If anyone wants to be on a committee, please see one of nominating committee members.

Parliamentarian, Robyn Ryan reported that the deadline to submit By-Law Changes is March 1, 2014.

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"There are two things you can never have too many of: good friends and good shoes."

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Tina and the Texas State President, Sue Ann Tarleton have discussed planning a weekend retreat to discuss issues and challenges both states face as well as socializing. It has been suggested that we meet during the first quarter of 2014 probably somewhere around the Red River. Upon recommendation from the executive board it has been moved that we plan such a retreat. Coming from a committee no second is required. Motion carried.

Membership Director, Rita Hains reported that we didn't quite reach our membership goal for November of one new member per chapter, an increase of 5% which would have been 35 members. We made it to 31 new members but we still have time to meet the 10% goal by April of 70 new members. Right now we are sitting at 54 chapters and 718 members. We need more members. She had handouts about membership ideas. There was one new member in attendance and Rita gave her a carrot cake. She also gave sponsors of new members carrot cakes. She then introduced Deb Hughes, Oklahoma Social Media Chair and IC Workshop Coordinator. Deb has a new program to introduce called BOGO. Deb explained that BOGO means Be One Get One. Invite someone to do an activity with you. Peak their interest in ESA. We want to Be a good member to Get a good member. She asked everyone to make a commitment to Be One Get One.

ESA Membership Corp President, Past IC President and "The Energizer", Rosalie Griffith had a small project for everyone. We played Bingo but not the typical kind of Bingo. This Bingo had no free spaces and everyone was up and moving around. To get a Bingo everyone had to find matches to each square by asking questions such as "Have you traveled to more than 25 states?"

State Project Director, Darlene Cushenberry reported that all the students from the Oklahoma School for the Blind and the Oklahoma School for the Deaf are sponsored. Everyone that came to the meeting brought hats and scarves for the students at the OSB. She also had "thank you" door prizes.

Directory Chairman, Judi York said she had ten directories left to sell.

Petticoat Journal Editor, Lori Few said the next deadline for the Dec/Jan issue was Sunday, Nov. 10th. Also, if you'd still like a subscription she will send the back issues as well as the current issue. Cost is \$15.00.

Easter Seals Chairman, Judy Cravens encouraged everyone to have some type of fund raiser for Easter Seals this year. Since the last meeting she has sent Easter Seals an additional \$280 raised through raffles and donations. The total that Judy has sent to Easter Seals so far this year is \$1,441.33. She has copies of the report form needed to send in with any donations and they can also find them on the IC website.

The focus of the current IC President, Vicky Jones' this year is literacy so we've added another position on the board, the Care and Share Coordinator which is Karen Barker. She is going to search for ways or ideas that we can promote literacy. One idea is to learn more about and support the Dolly Parton Imagination Library Project. Another idea is to volunteer to read to kids at local schools, at nursing homes or at hospitals. Other members mentioned some websites and organizations for Karen to check out.

Contest Chairman, Jeanne Meyer said she hoped that we will enter state contests this year so we can share the successes that ESA brings to Oklahoma. The rules are published on the Oklahoma website so please take a few minutes to read over them and remember your state council dues must be paid by January 1, 2014 in order to be eligible to enter the contests. Also keep in mind the contests entries and materials must be postmarked on or before March 1, 2014 to be eligible for the Distinguished Achievement award and Outstanding Youth awards. All other contest entries must be postmarked on or before April 1, 2014. She also reminded the chairmen overseeing contests that your official judging sheets, composite sheets and winner's sheets can be found on the Oklahoma website. All chairmen with information that is to be sent to the Outstanding Chapter Chairman, must do so by April 1, 2014.

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Hope for Heroes Chairman, Peggie Sprinkle read about how November 11th got chosen to be Veteran's day. She also read a poem called Veteran's Day Tribute. If you need ideas for projects just ask her. Peggie also had two special guest speakers. These were two very special ladies that served our country. One veteran, L Pietje, was an immigrant from Holland, a full blooded Dutch and served during World War II. The other, Sergeant Wanda Graham was a Korean War veteran. They had very interesting stories about their life and service in the Marines as well as their lives and families now. They have formed an Oklahoma Women's Chapter in Tulsa for Women veterans.

The meeting adjourned for lunch.

We reconvened at 12:30 p.m. with Ms. Rosalie Griffith having everybody exercising

Ms. Judy Cravens had her drawing from her Easter Seals raffle since she needed to leave.

Tina passed around the Disaster Fund jar for donations since Joyce Gibson was not able to be at the meeting.

Second Vice-President/Educational Director, Billye Peterson educational for the day was making homemade hand cream which she called Essence of ESA. She also shared ideas that you can make out of empty toilet paper rolls such as fire starters and creative Christmas packaging.

President Tina reminded everybody about her Crystal Slipper Award. It goes to an ESA member who we feel has gone the extra mile and beyond for another member or members. If there is someone that any of us think has gone the extra mile please let her know.

2014 Convention Committee performed a skit about the 2014 convention and we all sang the song, "Somewhere over the Rainbow."

ESA for St. Jude Chairman, Ms. Donna Shook had to leave so Ms. Judi York talked about the upcoming St. Jude Walks. One in OKC at Penn Square Mall and the other in Tulsa at the Promenade Mall on November 23rd. The next event is the Memphis St. Jude Marathon and there are three from Oklahoma going, Deb Hughes, Rosalie Griffith and Judi York and they need sponsors. Tulsa will be having another St. Jude Dream home give away in Owasso. OKC is working on their dream home give away.

Ms. Nancy Buck had a special project – She demonstrated several different ways to tie or wear a scarf as well as accessorizing with one.

Unfinished Business: None

New Business: None

Announcements

Ms. June Miller, 2014 Convention Chairman – there are already 26 early registrations for state convention.

Peggie Sprinkle gave away the Patriotic basket to Mary Adams and the Santa Claus figurine went to Linda Leveridge.

Tina presented the Sooner Seniors with Christmas gifts.

Carrie Willingham thanked everybody that came to the District II meeting on Nov. 9th and they collected 61 children's books which will be distributed to a head start program in downtown OKC and one in Guthrie.

Margaret Kramer gave away the 50/50 raffle prize to Deb Hughes.

President Tina then wished everyone "a Very Merry Holiday Season full of special memories with family and friends. May the good Lord bless you abundantly and please have safe travel until we meet again. "

The meeting adjourned at 2:45 p.m. and members recited the closing ritual.

Submitted by:

Nancy Baucom

State Recording Secretary

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By: Linda Southerland

1st Vice President

(580)323-5449

If anyone is even remotely interested in holding a position as a committee chair on my board, the list below show the chairs that have NOT been filled.

Chapter presidents, this is a good time to nominate one of your chapter members for a seat on the board. Let them see what fun we can have.

Please help me complete my board... Send me an email and the chair will be filled. Each committee is important to the State Council.

Chair Positions not taken as of 01/31/14

Auditor Care Connection/Hope for Heroes

Contest Chair ESA for St. Jude

Outstanding Youth

Convention will be here before you know it. Let's make Tina's Convention "The Red Slipper Ball" one to remember.



OKLAHOMA STATE COUNCIL**NOMINATION FORM FOR 2014-2015 OFFICERS**

Please complete the nomination form and submit to the 1st Vice-President before March 1, 2014. All candidates must send their written consent, qualifications and a picture to the 1st Vice- President **BEFORE** March 1, 2014. The candidates for state offices will be presented at the March State Council meeting and their qualifications and picture will be published in the April/May issue of *The Petticoat Journal*.

SECOND VICE PRESIDENT

Name _____ Chapter _____

Town _____ Acceptance Attached _____

Nominee has been notified of nomination _____ Yes _____ No

RECORDING SECRETARY

Name _____ Chapter _____

Town _____ Acceptance Attached _____

Nominee has been notified of nomination _____ Yes _____ No

TREASURER

Name _____ Chapter _____

Town _____ Acceptance Attached _____

Nominee has been notified of nomination _____ Yes _____ No

PARLIAMENTARIAN

Name _____ Chapter _____

Town _____ Acceptance Attached _____

Nominee has been notified of nomination _____ Yes _____ No

PROJECT DIRECTOR

Name _____ Chapter _____

Town _____ Acceptance Attached _____

Nominee has been notified of nomination _____ Yes _____ No

PETTICOAT JOURNAL EDITOR

Name _____ Chapter _____

Town _____ Acceptance Attached _____

Nominee has been notified of nomination _____ Yes _____ No

Nominating Chapter Name & #: _____ City: _____

Contact: _____

Mail to: Linda Southerland
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Clinton, OK 73601

Email: lsoutherland243@gmail.com
or firstvp@oklaesa.org

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I look forward to reading all the educationals you have presented during the year. At convention I'll present you with my **SPECIAL AWARD** if your chapter presented an educational program using my theme, "Take An Idea Home...Pay It Forward." I can hardly wait to see how creative you've been!

Earn a **GOLD LINK AWARD** by sending 6 completed Educational Report Forms, which you can find at www.oklaesa.org clicking on the left side on "Form/Reports;" then clicking on "Educational Report" in the Oklahoma box. Remember, they must be postmarked on or by April 1. You can send all six at once if you wish.

By Dr. Billye Peterson
2nd Vice President/
Educational Director

405-812-0138

Enter a **GOLD SEAL ENTRY** by submitting a folder or notebook made up of your entire chapter educationals for the year. Go to www.oklaesa.org website and study the judging sheet which will be used to judge your entry by clicking on the left side "Contests"; then in the "Judging Sheets" box click on "Gold Seal (Educational)" and "IC Gold Seal (Educational)." These two forms are almost identical, except the Oklahoma form has more room for judges' comments.

Here are some things to keep in mind when submitting an entry:

State dues must have been paid on or before January 1 to be eligible to compete.

A minimum of 6 timely reports are required and points are awarded for a maximum of 9 timely reports.

A completed Educational Report form should precede each program.

Be sure and provide a listing of all the resources used for the presentation.

Make sure your book is well organized and consistent throughout.

Completed entries are due by April 1.

The top three entries will be recognized at State Convention and will be forwarded to the IC Educational Director for IC judging.

Become the **DISTINGUISHED ATHENIAN** for our state! One chapter educational director will be recognized for outstanding educational contributions to her chapter, community, and State Council. You must submit a Gold Seal entry and be nominated by your chapter president. The nomination should include a brief description of your accomplishments and is due April 1.

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SUPER-EASY SPAGHETTI SCARF EDUCATIONAL

One of my neighbors wore this darling scarf made from a t-shirt, and she taught me how to make it. I went on the Internet and got these pictures so you could visualize easier. There are many ideas for different kinds of these t-shirt scarfs on the Internet—just Google t-shirt scarfs. This is a simple jersey scarf made from a plain t-shirt or one with graphics as shown. You can get t-shirts cheap for \$1-\$2 at any thrift store, or \$ Tree or General \$ Stores have them for about \$5.

A t-shirt without a pocket is preferable, but you can even cut below a pocket and make it work. What a terrific, inexpensive gift you can make for your Secret Sister or make for a Ways & Means project! Or make them as a philanthropic project for senior residents—they're warm!

Here's what you need: an old men/women's XL t-shirt (XXL works too), scissors, and a flat space to work. I like to use a foam board to pin my t-shirt onto to help keep it straight.



Step 1. Lay the shirt flat and line up the hem. Cut the hem off as close to the stitching as possible.



Then cut straight across from one armpit to the other (I use a yardstick to help me keep my cutting straight). You can save the cut off scraps for “flowers.”

Step 2. Your tube of fabric should be lying flat in half with a top and bottom fold (the hem area you cut and under the arms you cut should be on the sides). Along the bottom fold, cut with your scissors every inch all the way across. They don't have to be exact



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Step 3. Using the snips you made, cut ALMOST to the other end BUT be sure to leave 1 to 2 inches on the top fold uncut! (about 2 fingers' width) (See the pictures below).



Step 4. Now it's time to lengthen your loops. Hold the uncut edge with one hand while you streeeeetch each loop with your other hand. Your fabric should curl and stretch. Continue until all loops are stretched about the same length.

Step 5 is optional. Cut about a 6-inch piece of the hem. Gather up the fabric where all the loops meet. Tie the 6-inch piece of hem about in the center of this seam. (See picture below)



VOILA! Your Spaghetti Scarf is finished!

“Take An Idea Home...Pay It Forward.”

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Now loop it around your neck (or loop it twice as pictured) or tie the whole length in a knot at the end (see below) and you've got a very stylish, very thrifty scarf!



What do you think? So easy! There are multiple ways to wear these. You can make a "rosette" by cutting 2-3 round pieces of your scraps with pinking shears (I vary the sizes of the circles) and sew a glitzy button in the center.



Then sew a pin clasp, which you can buy at a hobby store, on the back of the rosette so you can pin to your spaghetti scarf for decoration.

Remember to fill up my mailbox by April 1 and Good Luck! And enjoy my Educational on making a t-shirt Spaghetti Scarf in this edition of the PJ. Take An Idea Home...Pay It Forward!



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EDUCATIONAL REPORT FORM

Chapter Name and Number:

State:

City:

Meeting/Presentation Date:

Yearly Theme:

Topic of this Program:

METHOD OF PRESENTATION (Check all that apply):

- Member's Oral Report (name):
- Guest Speaker (who/title):
- Visual Aid Program (kind and type):
- Field Trip (where):
- Reference Listing (book or magazine):
- Other (explain – internet, pamphlets, etc.):

SUMMARY: (Briefly summarize the program and attach a more complete narrative or outline stating all major points emphasized so the program can be fully understood)

COMMENTS BY THE EDUCATIONAL CHAIR: (Value to chapter/community, general comments about the presentation and chapter discussion)

CHAPTER EDUCATIONAL CHAIR:

PLEASE SEND TO:

STATE EDUCATIONAL CHAIR:

Name:

Name: Billye Peterson

Address:

Address: 19513 Fieldshire Drive

City:

City: Edmond

State and Zip Code:

State and Zip Code: OK 73012

Thank You ESA Day!

Hello!

We are delighted to announce that ALSAC will be hosting a “Thank You ESA Day” workshop and training session in St. Louis, MO on Saturday, March 29, 2014. You are invited to this meeting as a member who has helped Epsilon Sigma Alpha raise over 175 million dollars in cash and pledges for St. Jude Children’s Research Hospital.

The session will be held at the Sheraton Clayton Plaza Hotel in St. Louis. The session will begin at 8:30 a.m. and will end by 4:30 p.m. Lunch will be included for the event. This event is being hosted by ALSAC so there will be no cost to you. This is ALSAC’s way of saying “THANK YOU ESA” and also for helping you to be among the first to know what’s happening at the hospital and to let you know how you can continue to help the children of St. Jude.

Please help us to share this news with your chapter and with other members who you think would be interested in attending. We look forward to seeing many of you in St. Louis; however, space at the hotel is limited. Reservations will be taken on a first come, first served basis, so please let us know that you’ll be joining us as soon as possible to reserve your space.

Again, we hope you’ll be able to join us. Room reservations will be available for those of you who may have to travel a distance at a discounted rate of \$99.00 for single and double rooms, \$109 for triple and \$119 for quad (plus applicable taxes). Please contact the Sheraton Clayton Plaza at 888-627-8535 to reserve a room. Discounted rates will be in effect until March 1, 2014. Please be sure to ask for the Thank You ESA Day block.

More information will follow. I just wanted you to know about this exciting event as soon as possible.

If you have questions or want to reserve your place at this event, please e-mail Charlotte Carloni at charlottec@epsilonsigmaalpha.org. Please include your name, address, phone number, email address and chapter name.

We hope we get to see many of you in St. Louis on March 29th. Thanks for ALL you do to create hope for the children and St. Jude Children’s Research Hospital!

Best wishes,

B. J. Clark

Executive Director

Charlotte Carloni

Philanthropic/Communications Coordinator

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By Darlene
Cushenberry

State Project
Director

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I want to thank you all so very much for sponsoring our OSB and OSD students this year. Because of you and your generosity, our students have enjoyed a wonderful holiday.

I also want to thank all of you for your donations to the State Project Fund. I appreciate your chapter donations as well as the individual donations honoring our ESA sisters and loved ones.

And, yes, it is time to plan for Convention. So please remember to send your Service Report Sheets to me by April 1, 2014. This will include the cash, goods, hours, and mileage your chapter donated this past year, and I certainly want to recognize all your hard work. If you need a copy of the Service Report sheet, it is available on our website.

And finally, we have a special day planned for you in February. I want to invite everyone to the Oklahoma School for the Blind Tour on Saturday, February 22nd in Muskogee. We will also have our District III and District V meetings and installation of officers. We are planning a fun day. The students are looking forward to our visit, and I am looking forward to seeing everyone there.

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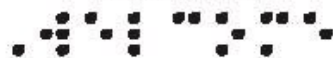
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OKLAHOMA SCHOOL for THE BLIND *Tour*



Welcome



Please join us for a tour of **OSB** and the
DISTRICT III and **DISTRICT V MEETINGS**
and *Installation of Officers*

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 22, 2014

8:30 a.m. Registration & Continental Breakfast

9:00 a.m. Meetings begin (lunch \$10.00)

Silent Auction sponsored by District III

Bake Sale sponsored by District V

Student visits and musical performance following lunch

Please RSVP by February 14, 2014

Darlene Cushenberry: DCushenber@aol.com or 918-459-0563

Oklahoma School for the Blind
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AND THE OUTSTANDING CHAPTER OF THE YEAR AWARD GOES TO

(INSTERT YOUR CHAPTER NAME HERE)!!

It could happen. Just imagine for a moment - you're sitting at the awards luncheon in April at convention - lunch and the late evening before are starting to have their way with your eyelids - your palms are red from the clapping you've been giving the winners all afternoon - the clown in your group can no longer get the spoon to stick to her nose - you're beginning to wonder if your chapter's name will ever be called. And then it happens! At first you look blankly from one face to the other at your table - "Was that our name they just announced?" You notice all eyes are on you - people are cheering and whistling. It registers! "YES! THAT'S US!" Your members start pounding on the table - they're jumping up and down! Somebody grabs you in a hug - OH, WHAT A GREAT CONVENTION THIS IS! Gosh. That feels soooooo good!

Now that you've visualized - motivate! Report on time! Deadline April 1.

Adopt those kids! Give some money! Enter those contests! This is one contest where participation is the key to winning. Familiarize yourself with the judging sheet found on www.oklaesa.org website and like the commercial says, "JUST DO IT!"

Any questions?

Okay. Some of you more observant types may have noticed that some points have been changed and new categories have been added.

Don't wait for the deadline, feel good and get your entries in now!

What a great opportunity to search and recognize an Outstanding Youth in your community. Take applications to the junior high school (grades 7-9) and high school (seniors are eligible) and work with teachers and counselors to find those special students. Lets show them how special they really are.

Deadline for state and international entries is March 1, so make duplicates of everything for entry into both. Outstanding Youth information can be found at oklaesa.org, contest@oklaesa.org, epsilonsigmaalpha.org or outstandingyouth@oklaesa.org.

Oklahoma entries are to be mailed to:

Oklahoma Outstanding Youth Chair

Barbara Childers

9403 E 34th Street

Tulsa, Oklahoma 74145



By Ramona Paine

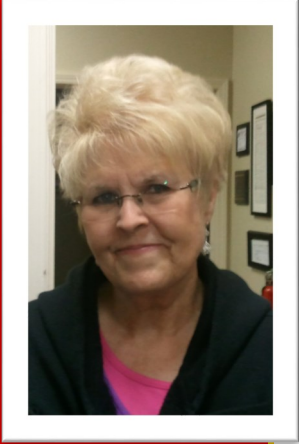
**Outstanding Chapter
Chairman**



By Barbara Childers

**Outstanding Youth
Chairman**

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By Judy Cravens

ESA Easter Seals
Chairman

I want to encourage each Oklahoma chapter to have some type of fund raiser for Easter Seals this year.

So far there has only been six chapters that have sent in a donation. They are:

Zeta Gamma#4253, Shawnee, Delta Chi #1637, Midwest City, Zeta Epsilon #4614, Seminole, Kappa Alpha#5393, Tulsa, Epsilon Kappa #1945, Hominy, Alpha Rho #4350, Broken Arrow and Delta Kappa #3538, Norman

Chapter totals: \$1,176.50

Raffles and donations: \$669.00

2013 State Convention \$911.33

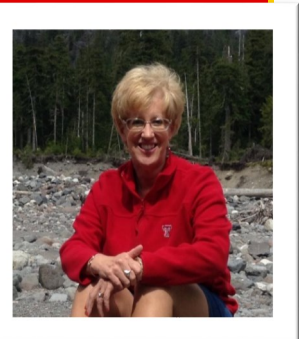
Total sent to Easter Seals as of January 7, 2014: \$2,756.83

Please let's make this a record year!

For our state Easter Seals Project, I have four awesome raffles and winners will be drawn in April, 2014 at our Oklahoma State Convention. They are three beautiful porcelain Boyd's "Yesterdays Child" Dolls, and an Old Fashioned Christmas Caroling Family, Father, Mother, Son and Daughter. We will have fabulous ruffle scarf's for sale, handmade by our Sigma Chi ladies, and other different items at each meeting.

Please try to have Bake sales, walks, garage sales... any type of chapter fundraiser would be great. Please put this on your chapter calendarit is a much needed cause.

FROM YOUR CREDENTIALS CHAIR



By Dawn Haley
Credentials Chair

Dear Sisters,

If you have not already done so, please remember to pay your chapters dues (chapter dues were due by January 1, 2014). I am looking forward to issuing your ballots at convention!

I would like to wish everyone a very happy, healthy and prosperous New Year!

Thank you.

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Everyone has his own little niche no matter how tiny or small, for every life has a purpose or we wouldn't be here at all. — Helen Steiner Rice

Various cards have been sent to the following ESA sisters and chapters in need of love, comfort, prayers and support.

Get Well:

Doris Kemp - Beta Mu, Lawton, hospitalized with pneumonia & congestive heart failure
Carolyn Morris - Beta Psi, Clinton, gallbladder surgery

Gwynn Nell Swanson - Delta Kappa, Norman, auto accident; fractured ribs & hip

B. J. Clark - Executive Director, ESA Hdqrs., Loveland, CO, cancer/chemotherapy

Zenda Bryan - Beta Psi, Clinton, hospitalized/pneumonia

Catherine Westbrook - Beta Gamma, Tulsa, hospitalized/pneumonia

Billie Fritch - Beta Zeta, Oklahoma City, reaction to new medication

Vivian Gibson - Delta Kappa, Norman, AFib problems & internal bleeding

Tammy Bowman - Gamma Zeta, Edmond, knee surgery & broken foot

Deb Hughes - Beta Gamma, Tulsa, abdominal repair surgery

Sue Cole - OSD, Sulphur, OK, knee surgery

Judy Cravens - Sigma Chi, Inola, hand/thumb joint surgery

Ida Kinney - Beta Psi, Clinton, hospitalized in ICU/ complications of liver/auto immune disease

Sympathy:

Mary Stonecipher - Alpha Rho, Broken Arrow, (founding member) death of husband,

David Catherine Westbrook Family - Beta Gamma, Tulsa, death of Catherine Leroy

Slate- Epsilon Kappa, Hominy, death of wife, Joyce Whitewing Slate Dorothy

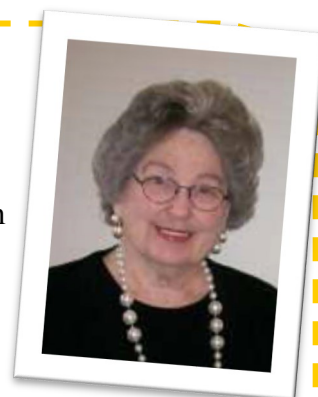
Ramsey Family, Beta Mu, Lawton - death of Dorothy Estaline Jordan Family, Beta

Rho, Del City - death of Estaline

Mary Williams - Beta Rho, Del City - (50, plus member) in death of sister, Estaline

Jorden Ron Langton Family, Delta Kappa, Norman - death of wife & mother, Pat

Langdon



By Nellrita Barrick
State Chaplain

chaplain@oklaesa.org

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Thinking of You:

Nadine Moyer-Rader - Eta Epsilon, Skiatook, health issue, death of brother & home burglarized
 Alpha Rho Chapter- Broken Arrow, love & support of Mary Stoncipher, death of husband, David
 Beta Gamma Chapter Tulsa - death of member, Catherine Westbrook
 Epsilon Kappa, Hominy - death of Catherine Westbrook
 Delores Armstrong -Theta Tau, Kingfisher, hospitalized/mini-stroke
 Billie Linville - Delta Epsilon, Del City, death of grandson-in-law
 Glenda Petty - Delta Epsilon, Del City, death of sister-in-law
 Bernice Smith - Delta Epsilon, Del City, death of sister, Dora Banks
 Joyce Whitewing Slate - Epsilon Kappa, Hominy, lung cancer
 Epsilon Kappa Chapter, Hominy - loss of Joyce Whitewing Slate
 Beta Rho Chapter, Del City - death of 62 year member, Estaline Jorden
 Delta Kappa Chapter, Norman - death of member, Pat Langdon & conducting memorial service
 Tracy Swanson, Membership Director, ESA Headquarters, brother & family, wife/breast cancer

Encouragement:

Mary Ann Jones - Zeta Gamma, Shawnee, diagnosis of Parkinson's Disease Doris Kemp - Beta Mu, Lawton, hospitalized/blood removed from lungs/improving. B.J.Clark -Executive Director, ESA Hdqrs., Loveland, CO, recovering/cancer surgery Peggye Wall - Billye Peterson's sister, Gamma Zeta, Edmond, injuries/golf cart accident

~~Congratulations~~ Congratulations Lucas, Beta Rho, Del City, 60th wedding anniversary

Chaplain Report/Death of Members sent to Tracy Swanson, ESA Hdqrs., Membership Director:
 Catherine Westbrook, Beta Gamma #0391, Tulsa, OK Joyce Whitewing Slate, Epsilon Kappa #1945, Hominy, OK Estaline Jorden, Beta Rho #1270, Del City, OK Pat Langdon, Delta Kappa #3538, Norman, OK

Please forward names of members and/or members' families that need our concern, prayers and support to: Nellrita Barrick, chaplain snbarrick@att.net

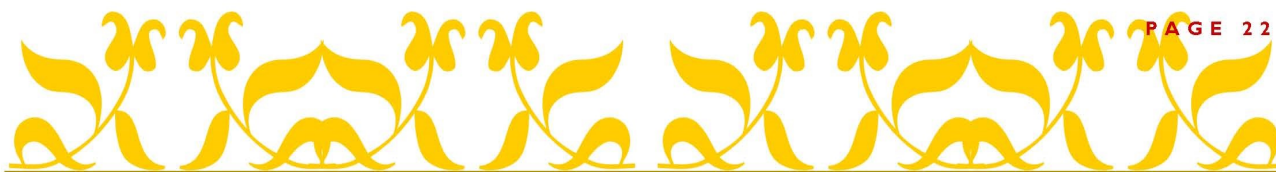
CHECK THIS OUT

Epsilon Sigma Alpha International has a YouTube Channel.

Follow this link to view videos posted by fellow ESA members.

<https://www.youtube.com/user/CollegiateESA>





Chapter Dues are Due NOW!!

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

Send to: Sandy Alexander
 (Due by 6997 S Reed Way Unit A
 June 1, 2014) Littleton, CO 80123
 303-278-7675
s.esa@ecentral.com

FEDERAL TAX FACTS Financial Report.....Due September 15, 2013

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*

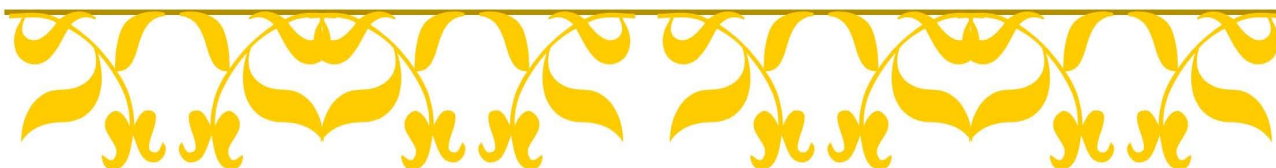
Click on (blue link) *ESA Tax Facts Form*

Click on (blue link) *Paying IC Chapter Dues* and arrow down to *2013-2014 Treasurer Dues Form* under Dues heading

The ESA Tax Facts Form is also available on the OK ESA website: www.oklaesa.org

STATE DUES\$30 + \$5 per member as of April 1, 2013

Send to: **Margaret Kramer**
 (Due by **RR 6 Box 6131**
 Jan. 1, 2014) **Eufaula, OK 74432**
918-617-3130





Have you paid your dues yet ??

Oklahoma State Council

DISTRICT DUES (Due by January 1)

District II\$10

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

Send to: **Cathy Holsted**
3 Woodbridge Drive
Bella Vista, AR. 72714
479-855-2160
Email: Nanakitty22@sbcglobal.net

District III\$20

Send to: **Charlene Law**
25206 S. Shepherd Drive,
Claremore, OK 74019
Phone: 918-266-0185
Cell: 918-629-4990
Email: Cjl41968@yahoo.com

District IV\$10

Send to: **Judy Montgomery**
812 Hidden Lake Dr.
Seminole, OK 74868
405-250-8695
Email: jmsemok@sbcglobal.net

District V\$20

Send to: **Ruth Jo Carnagey**
PO Box 340
Ft. Gibson, OK 74434
918-478-3817
Email: rjcarnagey@gmail.com

ESA FOUNDATION DUES.....\$15

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

Send to: **ESA Foundation**
PO Box 270517
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

Note: A \$5 senior discount is available for members 65 years & older. To receive this discount, contact ESA HQ and provide your date of birth.



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By June Miller

convention@oklaesa.org

2014 Convention Chairman Report



HAVE YOU REGISTERED FOR CONVENTION YET? HAVE YOU RESERVED YOUR ROOMS AT THE DOUBLETREE WARREN PLACE, TULSA? ARE YOU EXCITED ABOUT GOING TO “THE RUBY SLIPPER BALL”? (Convention Registration form and Hotel Convention information is included in this PJ)

IT'S TIME TO MAKE YOUR PLANS FOR APRIL 25, 26, & 27th! YOU DON'T WANT TO MISS THIS ONE! WE HAVE PLANS FOR YOU THAT WEEKEND...FOR GOOD FOOD, GOOD FUN, GOOD MEETINGS, GOOD WORKSHOPS! We are going to give away a FREE CONVENTION REGISTRATION if you buy a chance...only \$1.00 each or 6 for \$5.....AND we are giving away a FREE ONE NIGHT STAY AT THE DOUBLETREE PLUS A \$50 GIFT CARD if you buy a chance....only \$1.00 each or 6 for \$5.... We have a beautiful charm for sale for \$8.00 with the President's charm on one side and the convention charm on the other side!

Friday night is the Silent Auction to raise funds for St. Jude, Easter Seals, and ESA Foundation. The Convention Skits and Mixer will run concurrently with the Silent Auction. The Association of the Arts display will be open for viewing prior to that in the Grand Ballroom Hall (I heard something about a Tea Party going on there). John Stapleton and Dawn and Bob Haley will welcome you at The Penny Loafer Lounge where you can meet old friends and make new ones. Saturday the First General Assembly will open with our very impressive Flag Ceremony lead by Bunnie Sullins. President Tina will conduct an interesting and exciting meeting as she has done all year. There will be two workshops on Saturday. Past State President Gwynn Nell Swanson is planning the workshops so get ready to LEARN & HAVE FUN! The Awards Luncheon is next. You can't miss that excitement! THE FINAL EVENT OF THE DAY is the INSTALLATION BANQUET!

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2014 Convention Chairman Report Continued

So put your HIGH HEELED RUBY SLIPPERS AND YOUR FAVORITE DRESS-UP CLOTHES ON and come watch Linda Southerland and her new officers for 2014-2015 be installed; then eat good food, watch the program and maybe a BIG SURPRISE AS THE FINALE OF THE EVENING. Well, not really the final even....The Penny Loafer Lounge will be open...don't miss what's going on there....SUNDAY MORNING...GET UP EARLY FOR THE "CELEBRATION OF LIFE" where we honor and remember our ESA sisters whom we have lost this year.

Nellrita, our Chaplain, will make this a beautiful memory.....Then the SECOND GENERAL ASSEMBLY where we will have our Brunch and Tina will again conduct the meeting.....BUT SOMEWHERE IN THERE THE FABULOUS AND ALL KNOWING SOONER SENIORETTES WILL MAKE A DECISION AS TO WHETHER TINA CAN BECOME ONE OF US.....everyone loves this and I know Tina is looking forward to it!!!! Then the Flag is retired and meeting is adjourned and we all make a huge circle and join hands and say the CLOSING RITUAL.

CONVENTION HOSTESSES ARE *EPSILON KAPPA-HOMINY, ALPHA ZETA-PAWHUSKA, & BETA IOTA-McALESTER*. DON'T MISS THE FUN! COME BE WITH US AT THE OKLAHOMA STATE COUNCIL 71ST ANNUAL CONVENTION "*THE RUBY SLIPPER BALL*" on APRIL 25, 26, & 27, 2014 AT THE DOUBLETREE WARREN PLACE, TULSA!

"THE RUBY SLIPPER BALL"

Oklahoma State Council 71st Annual Convention

April 25, 26, & 27, 2014

The Doubletree Warren Place

6110 S. Yale,

Tulsa, OK

See Registration form elsewhere in this PJ and in every edition. (Please note there was an error in the earlier Registration form in August/September PJ. The Member's Full Registration Fee must be postmarked by Friday, April 18, 2014.



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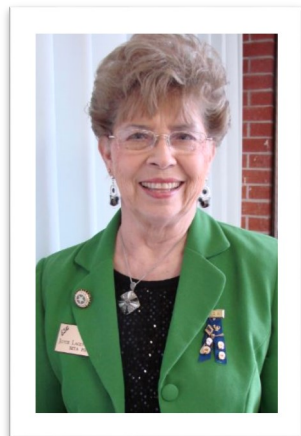
Contests, contests, contests. They're not for everyone, but as you complete your year you just might find you've won. The rules are published on the Oklahoma website so take a few minutes to read over them. Remember that your Oklahoma State Council Chapter dues must be paid by **January 1, 2014** in order to be eligible to enter contests.

By: Jeanne Meyer

Contest Chairman

Jmeyer194@gmail.com

contest@oklaesa.org



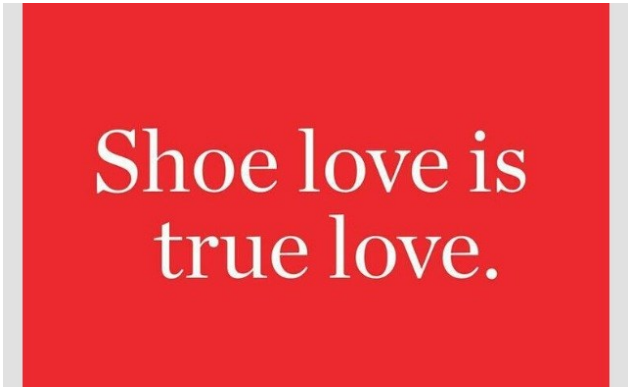
Hope that everyone had a wonderful Christmas and Wishing you a HAPPY NEW YEAR 2014.

Just a reminder for Chapters to start collecting points and send me your Years of Service for Service Awards. Also think about entering the "What ESA Means To Me". You might be surprised because you may be the winner. This is for one year and under and One year and over so talk to you members to get them interested in entering the contest. See you at State Council in March.

By: Joyce Lacey-Kenney

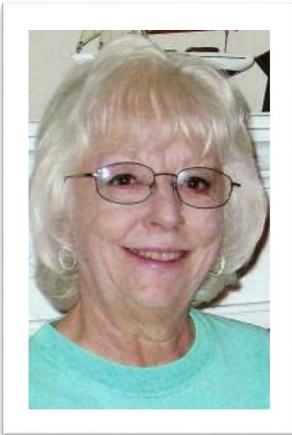
Awards Chairman

awards@oklaesa.org





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By: Peggie Sprinkle

**Care Connection/
Hope for Heroes
Chairman**

Thank you for all you are doing for our military personnel, Veterans and their families!

I want to report some of the amazing projects you have done: Delta Chi Chapter of Midwest City- 1249 hours from knitting hats & clipping coupons; Omega Pi Chapter of Tulsa - pushing wheelchairs in Veteran's Day parade & Thanksgiving baskets; Beta Gamma Chapter of Tulsa - 4th of July bulletin board decoration for Claremore Veteran's Hospital & Thanksgiving basket; Sigma Chi Chapter of Inola - Veteran's Day program at Inola High School with yellow ribbons for attendees and collecting items for Blue Stars Moms; Tulsa Area Council chapters - collecting items for "Boxes for Heroes" (10 sent) & white socks for The Hugs Project; Gamma Delta Chapter of Tulsa - Thanksgiving baskets; Eta Mu Chapter of Owasso - Thanksgiving basket; Kappa Alpha of Tulsa - Thanksgiving basket; Zeta Gamma Chapter of Shawnee - collected items at school in Choctaw for 'Boxes for Heroes' (11 sent); members of the Oklahoma State Council donated white socks for the boxes and The Hugs Project.

I know that many other chapters have done or are doing things for our military/veterans but I have not received many reports of these projects with hours/money/monetary value. Please use the *Hope for Heroes* report form online and let me know before the April 1st deadline to receive 10 points on the Outstanding Chapter contest.

Please remember our military, veterans and their families in your prayers.

'Lord, hold our troops in your loving hands. Protect them as they protect us.

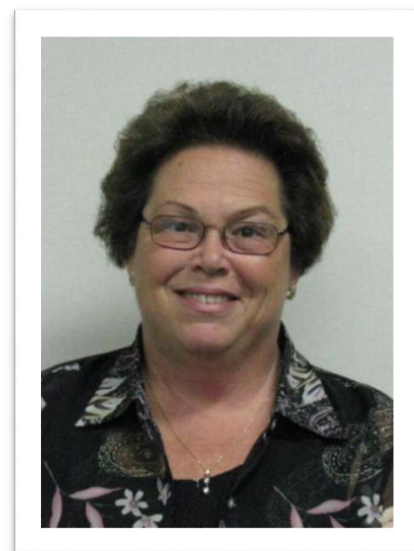
Bless them and their families for the selfless acts they perform to keep America free.

Amen.'



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I hope that you all had a Blessed Christmas



By: Margaret Krammer
State Treasurer

CONGRATULATIONS to the 33 of the 40 **ACTIVE CHAPTERS** who have paid their OK State dues by January 1, 2014, and will be eligible to vote at State Convention and participate in contests:

Alpha Nu – Arapaho

Alpha Rho – Broken Arrow

Alpha Sigma – Vinita

Alpha Theta – Muskogee

Alpha Zeta – Pawhuska

Beta Gamma – Tulsa

Beta Iota – McAlester

Beta Mu – Lawton

Beta Psi – Clinton

Eta Mu – Owasso

Eta Omega – Grove

Gamma Delta – Tulsa

Gamma Kappa – Checotah

Gamma Pi – Inola

Gamma Zeta – Edmond

Kappa Alpha – Tulsa

Kappa Theta – Guthrie

Beta Rho – Del City

Beta Zeta – OKC

Chi Epsilon – Talihina

Delta Chi – Midwest City

Delta Epsilon – Del City

Delta Kappa - Norman

Delta Lambda - Muskogee

Epsilon Kappa – Hominy

Eta Epsilon – Skiatook

Nu Delta – Muskogee

Omega Pi – Tulsa

Sigma Chi – Inola

Theta Tau – Kingfisher

Zeta Alpha – Grove

Zeta Epsilon – Seminole

Zeta Gamma - Shawnee

TREASUER'S REPORT CONTINUED

If your chapter is not listed, you can still pay your dues, you just **WILL NOT** be **ELIGIBLE** to vote at State Convention or enter any of the contests. Chapters who have not paid dues for **3 CONSECUTIVE** years will be dropped from the Oklahoma State Council roster.

If you have expenses for reimbursement you can bring your voucher and receipts to the Oklahoma School for the Blind Tour, February 22, or the March OK State Council meeting on March 8, or mail them to me at RR 6 Box 6131, Eufaula, OK.

No checks will be written after April 1, 2014.

Thanks you all for your continued support of the OK State Council.

Too many of our ESA Sister's and their families have had or are currently facing difficult times, health adversities or devastating loss; lets continue to keep them in our prayers as they cope with their daily challenges. God Bless Us All.

Courage is being afraid but going on anyhow. ~Dan Rather



ATTENTION ALL CHAPTER PRESIDENTS

Please be sure to provide all the necessary information to Bunnie Sullins regarding who will be carrying your chapter flag during the flag ceremony at State Convention in April.

Contact Bunnie at: nsullins@osagetribe.org



OFFICER REPORTS



Vivian Y. Gibson
ESA Foundation State Counselor

Greetings,

You just can't imagine how happy I am to communicate with you at this time. Most of you know I had a stroke 2 months ago (at the time of this writing) and I was hospitalized again about a month later. I am improving each day. Thanks to all of you for your prayers, cards, concerns and your emails. I haven't had the chance to thank Cathy Holsted for taking over my duties at IC Convention and August Leadership. I very much appreciate you Cathy.

The deadline to apply for Foundation scholarships is quickly approaching, it is February 1st. If you know of anyone who wants to apply, please encourage them to do so. You may even want to apply. There's no limit on the number of scholarships that you may apply for. Go to www.epsilonsigmaalpha.org/scholarships-and-grants. Yes there are Grants also.

Do you know about the many programs that the Foundation has, besides scholarships that you can participate in? Do you know about the Humanitarian Award; The Robert and Dixie Palmer Award; and the ESA Foundation Stewardship Award? If not check them out at www.epsilonsigmaalpha.org/about/esa-foundation/recognition.

Please, if you have not paid your dues, do so now. The deadline is March 1. Please do not mail your dues to me, mail your dues to 363 West Drake Rd., Fort Collins, CO 80526

Chapter Presidents, please discuss with your members to consider donating items for the annual auction at convention. The proceeds will be divided between Easter Seals, St. Jude and the ESA Foundation.

If you have any questions or need information about the foundation, please don't hesitate to contact me. (405) 364-0484; 405)229-4731; tigervip60@aol.com.

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DISASTER FUND

ESA members need YOU!

Happy New Year!!

Hope everyone enjoyed the holidays. I also hope that those who were affected by the bad weather were able to make it back to some sense of normalcy.

If you have a need please contact me. So far, two claims in Oklahoma have been filed and paid through the ESA Disaster Fund. We still need your help.

I have included the information explaining the Disaster Fund. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me.

WHAT IS THE PURPOSE:

"ESA International Disaster Fund is to assist an ESA member whose home and/or personal belongings are destroyed or damaged extensively by one of nature's causes – earthquake, fire, flood, tornado, etc.

Assistance may also be given when a member incurs heavy financial responsibility due to a debilitating illness or accident, which involves them or the immediate family who reside in their home and for whom they are legally responsible."

WHO IS ELIGIBLE:

"Active Members, Members-at-Large and Life Active Members are eligible to apply. Other applications that may arise out of special circumstances may be submitted and the determination of the validity of those claims will be determined by the IC Disaster Fund Chair in agreement with the IC President and First Vice-President-President Elect."

FUNDRAISER REMINDER:

Don't forget about the fundraiser involving our State President, Tina Davenport McKamie!! She has agreed to either twirl a baton, hula-hoop while reciting poetry or do an impersonation at the March meeting!! How many of you would like to see her step out of her comfort zone for just a moment? You can place your vote by donating. I take loose change; the money that folds, even checks are accepted. The activity with the most money at the end of February will be the winner. So let's have some fun getting President Tina out of her zone and raise some money for the Disaster Fund.

Thank you for all of your donations!!

Please mail all donations (checks payable to "ESA Disaster Fund") and claims to me:

Joyce Gibson

ESA Oklahoma State Jr. Past President/Disaster Fund Chair

P.O. Box 179, Norman, OK 73070

Email: jrpastpresident@oklaesa.org





Scrapbook Information

Happy New Year to my Sisters of ESA! A Sisterly reminder that all scrapbook pictures are due; postmarked April 1, 2014. Please mail to 807 N. Elm St., Owasso, Ok, 74055.

Please send labeled pictures and flyers of your chapter's or any ESA events. Send at least 2-3 pictures per event with: Who, What, When, Where, and Why. Write this information on a separate piece of paper or sticky note.

Tina's scrapbook is 12x12 and I would like to have at least 2 pages from each chapter. Thank you to the chapters that have already sent in pictures. Tina will be impressed with your continued good work.

If you have any questions or concerns, email at lesliefarabee@cox.net or call my cell 918-808-6085.

JUST FOR LAUGHS





DISTRICT IV NEWS

Robbin Brown-Coordinator

Happy New Year Oklahoma sisters. Our next District IV meeting will be March 1, 2014 at the Goodrich United Methodist Church, 200 West Hayes in Norman. Linda Leveridge will be installed as our new District IV Coordinator. YEA!! Let's show Linda our support. Registration starts at 9:30, meeting at 10:00. Coffee, juice & donuts will be served & then lunch will be served for **\$10.00** Any chapter, especially District IV chapters, who would like to put a picture in my district scrapbook, please send all items to our scrapbook chairman ROBIN COLLINS, 3900 GREENWAY TERRACE, DEL CITY, OK 73115. SEE YOU THERE!!!

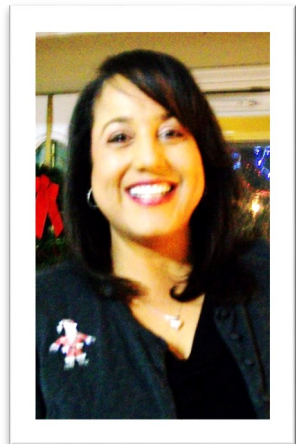
DISTRICT V NEWS

Brenda Beed-Coordinator

You are invited to the District V Meeting and Installation on February 22, 2014, at The Oklahoma School for the Blind, Muskogee. Jane Thomas will be installed as our new Coordinator. We are looking forward to a great year under her leadership!

There is still time to get your suggestions in for By-Law changes. Just get them to Parliamentarian - Jeanne Meyer at 814 N "F" Street; Muskogee, OK 74403. Phone number 918-683-4252. Her email address is: jmeyer194@gmail.com If you are willing to serve as a District V Officer, The District would be delighted to have you to serve.

I am looking forward to seeing you at the next meeting. I also want to thank all of you for being such wonderful "Keys to the Heart of ESA" in my year as District V Coordinator. I have enjoyed working with and getting to know each one of you better.



Chapter Chatter

Eta Mu #2877

Owasso

I hope everyone is surviving this chilling weather that seems to start our 2014. Back on December 14, 2013 some Eta Mu chapter members attended Tulsa Area Councils Annual Candlelight Dinner and Installation Banquet. TAC President Peggie Sprinkle welcomed everyone and shared an overview of what TAC Chapter members did for 2013. Judi York was installed as 2014 President.

On December 17 at the home of Suzanne & Rick Dossett, Eta Mu celebrated Christmas with Potluck dinner and Secret Sister Gift Exchange. Members also bought Christmas presents for the Owasso Baptist Village-Shannon Cottage Foster Family and foster children. Other projects included adoption for a needy family from Barnes Elementary, OBV "socks & others" Christmas tree, all 2013 TAC special projects, and St. Jude Children's Research Radiothon, Dream Home, and Give Thanks Walk.

On January 14, 2014 President Judy Kimball & Eta Mu members will start their year off with the "Flying High into the New Year", hosted by Kathy Curtis & Rita Hains. Then on January 28, our social will be the "Dragonflies by the Fireside." We will be holiday decorating at the Claremore VA Hospital every month.

On February 11, members and special guests will enjoy "The Heart of the Dragonfly" and on February 25, members will enjoy the Italian dining experience with Suzanne & Dora, "My Tia Amos Vola".

We look forward to February 22 when we attend the District III meeting/ installation and OSB tour. Hopefully we'll be able to visit with our ESA statewide sisters and our adoptive child.



Zeta Gamma #4253

Shawnee

Happy 2014 to all our Oklahoma ESA sisters. Let us all start this year off great and continue throughout the entire year. Zeta Gamma sisters had to postpone our Christmas party due to the weather. Robbin opened her house and everyone enjoyed games, food, & fellowship for our Christmas party. It was fun trying to figure out who our secret sisters were. We would like to welcome new member Givoanna MacHugh to our chapter. She was a former ESA member in Texas...WELCOME!

The chapter is back in full force ready to get started on many activities scheduled for the upcoming months. Our Sweetheart Banquet will be February 8 at the First Christian Church in Shawnee. We would love to see many of our sisters there. We will announce our Outstanding Youth and our Distinguished Achievement Award winners. You know what good cooks our sisters are! Of course, we always look forward to the Super Bowl party at the home of Mary Toole.

Several of us will be heading to Muskogee to OSB for the district meetings, then to Norman for District Coordinator Robbins last district meeting on March 1 and then to Freddie's Restaurant for the final state council meeting. We're already exhausted. See you then!

Chapter Chatter

Gamma Delta # 0702

Tulsa

We had a wonderful time at the Candlelight Dinner at Freddie's. As usual, the food was delicious and it was fun to visit with our ESA Sister's and their families while spreading holiday cheer! The Installation Ceremony was beautiful; I'm sure TAC has a great year ahead of us!

We finished large packages of bookmarks and distributed them to numerous libraries around the Tulsa area. The libraries were very excited to receive the bookmarks and pass them out to their customers!

Donna McCandless' son passed away and we were deeply saddened by this news. There was a memorial service for him on December 30th which was well attended by ESA sisters helping to support Donna and her family in their time of need.

Our Gamma Delta Christmas party was postponed and turned into a New Year's Party. We're meeting at Donna's house next week for a pot luck dinner and to exchange secret Santa gifts!

Hope everyone stays warm and safe and has a wonderful New Year!

Beta Iota #4283

McAlester

Our ladies have been busy getting ready and planning for State Convention. We are also working on a chocolate covered strawberry Valentine's Day fundraiser.

Beta Iota is proud to announce that in conjunction with our Miss McAlester's Outstanding Teen Camryn Sanders that the Mayor of McAlester, Mr. Steve Harrison, has proclaimed January as Literacy Awareness Month in the city of McAlester. Camryn along with Beta Iota is continuing to accepted gently used children's books to be distributed to local children.

We are also proud to announce our 2014 Outstanding Senior & Junior High Youth coming up at our February chapter meeting.

We look forward to seeing everyone at State Convention this April Don't wait. Get your registration from in today!

Chapter Chatter

Beta Gamma #0391

Tulsa

Catherine L. Westbrook died November 14, 2013. She was born in Bixby, OK, the daughter of Albert and Pearl McMurray. In January 1953 she married Max J. Westbrook in Hominy, OK. She was preceded in death by her parents, husband, 2 brothers, and a son-in-law. She is survived by 2 children and their spouses, 6 grandchildren, 2 great-grandchildren, her beloved Boston Terrier, Buster and her ESA family. A memorial service was held at Southminster Presbyterian Church, Tulsa, on November 20, 2013.

Catherine was funny, kind, intelligent, caring, surprising, young for her age, a sharp dresser, and hard-working. She came through to get it done-whatever it might be. Her big heart showed in everything she did. She was the best-friend our Jeanne Kindley ever had, she was a great friend to all of us. Catherine kept our chapter's Easter Seals Chairmanship—and the change bank that goes with it. She would shake the bank and pass it round at every meeting, or once in a very great while say, “oh [her favorite naughty]! I forgot it” Weeell, next time” We would tease her and laugh about the slip and she would shake her head. So cute! There's a hole in everything we do as a chapter. But she is still near and dear to our hearts. We love you Catherine and we miss you very much

Gamma Pi #5091

Inola

Gamma Pi had a booth at the Inola Craft Fair the Saturday after Thanksgiving. There were a number of craft items and lots of candy, cookies, Jalapeno jelly and other goodies for sale. The funds go toward Christmas Gifts and food for a local family.

After a short meeting Gamma Pi had its annual Christmas dinner and gift exchange December 2nd. Bobbie Martin and Barbara McClure outdid themselves making the room look festive. We had a delicious meal catered by Shelly David.

Gamma Pi members, Karla Applegate, Gertrude Riddle, Janie Stephens, Carol Applegate, Bobbie Martin, Lisa Wil-hour, Barbara McClure and Mary Adams traveled to Muskogee December 17th to present Christmas Gifts to the three OSB students sponsored by Gamma Pi. It is always such a joy to be able to spend time with our students, Justin Whitmire, Jessie Fausett and Morgan Hudson. We also always stop and have lunch and enjoy having some down time together.

It's hard to believe it is already 2014 and time to plan our activities for the New Year. We wish all of our ESA sisters a prosperous and successful New Year.

Chapter Chatter

Theta Tau #4563

Kingfisher

As I write this, it feels like I'm in a deep freeze. Lots of cold noses, toes and fingers.

In October we learned about Halloween music. November we learned about songs from Thanksgiving and then we had an art project in which sheet music was cut up in strips and then placed in a clear glass ornament as part of "Pay It Forward" project. December brought us a special guest, Dennis Mueggenborg, a local florist, who is self-taught on the accordion. He gave us some background history of the accordion and played several songs. For his closing presentation he led the members in some Christmas sing-along songs.

December found us working the Winterfest booth selling Aunt Bill's candy, cinnamon rolls, orange rolls and apricot rolls and many different flavor of Amish bread.

We enjoyed our Christmas social at the new home of Cynthia Easton. The Social Committee served different kinds of soups and the members brought finger foods to compliment the meal. Afterwards we had our secret sister gift exchange.

Best Wishes in the New Year!



Tulsa Area Council Chatter

As we let go of 2013, we should embrace 2014. I hope everyone will look back on what Tulsa Area Council did under direction of President Peggie Sprinkle, Tulsa, Beta Gamma.

TAC chapters consist of Beta Gamma, Gamma Delta, Kappa Alpha, Omega Pi of Tulsa and Eta Mu of Owasso. In 2013, Peggie and TAC members donated to a monthly special project. Recent projects included books for literacy, hope 4 heroes boxes, Thanksgiving Baskets, and Baby Shower to EIS. Thank you all that donated to these special projects. TAC members also chaired and participated in St. Jude Radiothon, Dream Home and Give Thanks Walk.

Now, we congratulate Judi York, Tulsa, Beta Gamma as our newest President. On December 14, 2013, Judi was installed by Rosalie Griffith at our Annual Candlelight Dinner at Freddie's Steakhouse. Special guests included many IC, Oklahoma State Council Officers and Committee Chairs, TAC members and Sooner Seniores with their wonderful spouses. These guests included Ok State President, Tina McKamie Davenport, Cathy & Doc Holsted, Lola & Joe Jaegers, Lora Thompson, Linda Voss, Deb Hughes, Billye Peterson, June Miller, Sue Knight, Nadine Weatherly, Darlene Cushenberry, Barbara Childers, Dawn Haley, Rita Hains. Other special guests were Sue & Brooks Cole, representing Oklahoma School for the Deaf. A special presentation to DVIS Associate Director Donna Mathews was made in honor of TAC Bunco Bash, raising \$1300 for the project. TAC installation proceeded with Judi and her board.

The 2014 TAC Board is President, Judi York; Vice President, Byrdie Emanuel; Treasurer, Sharon Barnett; Secretary, Dawn Haley; and Parliamentarian, Peggie Sprinkle. Judi will start her reign of 8 meetings starting March 5 at Clairehouse in Tulsa. Her theme is "ESA In Full Bloom."

Chapter Chatter

Omega Pi #3832

Tulsa

Well, Happy Fall Y'all!

The ladies of Omega Pi have been busy living laughing & loving, both in Tulsa, and "on the road again", as we have taken a couple of field trips these past few months.

August, some of our sisters visited our dear sister, Donna Gibbs, from out on the farm in Grove. Marie DuCharme, Marge Goodno, Melba Spain and Anne Jones had a great time antiquing, visiting and of course, eating at some of Donna's favorite places.

September, we had a "Wild Wimmen Weekend" at a little Log House in Kansas City, off the beaten path, hosted by our own Anne Jones. The ladies said they had a "great time", but since I wasn't able to go, I suspect, "what happened in KS stayed in KS", so far, no more details to report..... but I'm going to keep trying.....

Along that same, our "out in the country" theme, we have been selling those Farmer's Almanac products like crazy, MADE IN USA, with all deliveries being made in time for Christmas.

October, we started what many are calling our First Annual Mystery Party, held at the Whitehead Manor, hosted by Marge Goodno, Joan Nightingale & Mary Ansuch a great time deducting who killed that rich old patriarch, "Malachi Stout". Hint: isn't it always the butler?.....or was it?....well, don't ask, Uncle Edwin, (played by Helen Stuart), because "he" couldn't remember a thing, including why he was there in the first place..... needless to say, we made sure we had great food, lots of laughs and great sisterhood shared by all, including a few of our favorite guests, mmmmm, potential Omega Pi members, perhaps???

November TAC meeting, found us hostessing a "Fall Harvest" and our own Melba Spain and Marge Goodno were given "Hugs", cuddly little teddy bears, at request of our President, Jenny Lizama, for "going above and beyond, always being there to assist in any way possible". Our Congrats, Melba & Marge!

Omega Pi supports our troops wherever they may be so you will find us along with our TAC sisters, filling boxes with Hope for our Heroes this weekend, which reminds me...

Please don't forget to thank a Veteran on Monday, on their special day of honor. Freedom is not now, nor was it ever, FREE. Many have sacrificed so much for our country and all Americans owe them gratitude for their service.

And now, as we slide closer to Thanksgiving, some of our members will be found volunteering for "Give Thanks Walk", a benefit for St. Jude's. Along with other TAC members, the ladies will be found in the wee hours of the morn, at Tulsa's Promenade Mall greeting and registering the walkers. Omega Pi believes, doing anything for St. Jude's, is always worthwhile and being there with other ESA sisters? – always a chance to have a few laughs and a lot of fun.

May Your Thanksgiving & Christmas be Blessed!



Chapter Chatter

Beta Psi #0498

Clinton



Autumn came, then winter and now we're looking at Valentine's Day. Wow! Beta Psi members had a sweet time as we participated in the ESA membership program "Friends Are Life's Dessert," beginning in September with a social including prospective pledges, then with an informative skit at the October business meeting (an idea brought home from August Leadership Workshop) and concluding with the recruitment dinner and activities. We are proud to have gained two new pledges.

In November, a jewel pin ceremony was held for Catherine Stovall. Also, in November we met at the Lion's Den on Mane St... with ladies modeling what's new from the Dallas marketplace. Several of us did some Christmas shopping that very night. Of course, few of the Beta Psi gals purchased what they modeled. The hor d' oeuvres and hot spiced tea topped off the evening. We had a large turn out of Beta Psi ladies at the November State Council meeting in Tulsa. To end the month, we learned just who was our secret sister this past year at our Revealing Party.



Beta Psi had seven ladies signed up to work the "Give Thanks, Walk," but the ice storm cancelled that out. Our December Cajun Bean Dinner fundraiser was a hit with our regular and new customers. We served almost as many take-outs as we did for those eating in. The annual Christmas Dinner had less attendance with so much sickness, but those present were once again treated to the music of George Barton on the saxophone. That's Darla's husband...he's so gifted on the sax.

We are planning and looking forward to Beta Psi's annual Valentine Party. Members and guests bring an abundance of finger foods and enjoy an evening of "Dub's Bridge. Gotta' get that date to Robbin Brown as she and her daughter have come twice and this year I think their hubbies are wanting in on the action as well! That Robbin is so much FUN!

At our January business meeting we had a pinning ceremony for our two pledges. They are looking forward to sharing in our philanthropic projects.

Excited? You bet we are! Our own Linda Southerland stepping up to be the next state president. If it's knowledge you want. If it's efficiency you want? If it's dedication you want? If it's responsibility you want? If it's performance you want (serious, caring, excitable or humorous)? Then, you've got the right gal. Beta Psi is proud of Linda.



Several of our more seasoned members have experienced some serious health issues this year. We have missed them with their limited activity. We ask that you keep our sister, Nellrita, in your prayers as she continues to battle cancer.

Chapter Chatter

Delta Kappa #3538

Norman

HOPE EVERYONE HAD A FUN AND HAPPY HOLIDAY SEASON AND A HAPPY NEW YEAR

By the time you read this we will all be back into the swing of things. ESA and our normal working life. Some of Delta Kappa's members are having health issues: Vivian Gibson stroke and other related issues with her medication causing some internal bleeding thank goodness it wasn't something major, Mozelle smith has a very badly pulled muscle causing much discomfort, Gywnn Nell is on the mend following her car wreck, Pat Langdon is having issues related to her Alzheimer's, Daleene, Betty, Linda and Sharon are busy with extended care of their mothers. Please keep all of them in your prayers.

We are busy during the holidays; we started our work season of scanning tickets at Lloyd Noble for the OU basketball games. We had a Harvest celebration in November in which we introduced and honored our DAA nomination for this year during our Thanksgiving dinner. Member and guest enjoyed turkey and all the trimmings and of course wonderful desserts.

We made Christmas decorations for the Holiday Heights Nursing Home and the Veterans Center. We sponsored our first every Veteran's Day poster contest it was pretty successful for the first year. We will be having our annual Christmas party at Among Friends on December 20th. We helped wrap and pack MANY shoe boxes filled with simple presents for the poor children all over the world. It is part of the Good Samaritan's Purse. Our Chapter party is December 16th at Donna Wiley's home where will collect our toys for the annual Norman Christmas Dinner. We will have a great social evening, food wine, desserts and who knows a few carols or two.

Have a safe, healthy, happy and prosperous New Year.



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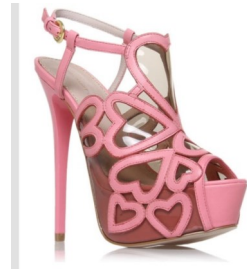
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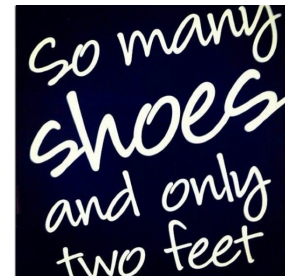


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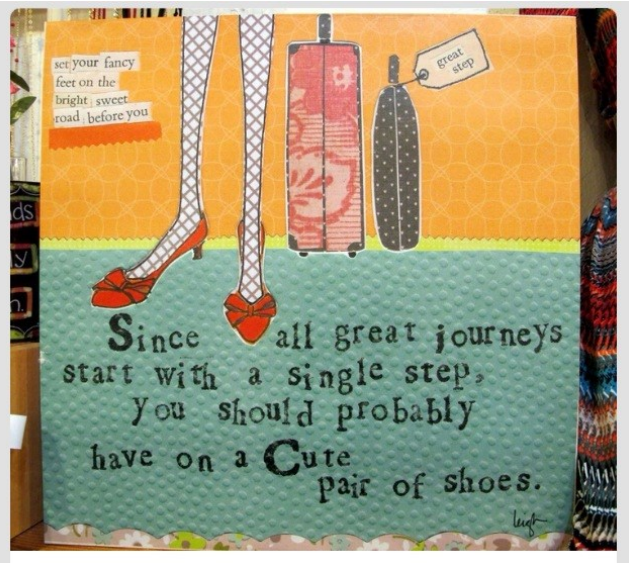


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What's Your Shoe IQ?

Answer from our last issue: Dorothy's red ruby slippers were size 6 1/2.

Q: According to old English folklore, when is it good luck to throw a shoe?

Look for the answer in our next issue.

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