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**Linda Southerland
President**

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**Linda Southerland
President
“ESA - Simply Love”**

Well, here it is, March 2015 and we are having SNOW in the great state of Oklahoma. The 72nd Oklahoma State Convention is just around the corner and we can only hope it is NOT still snowing in Oklahoma.

Hope you are as excited as I am that “LOVE COMES IN ALL COLORS” is nearly here. We are planning some great workshops for the convention goes and hope everyone will enjoy them. Hope you have already sent in your convention registration and are looking forward to seeing all of your friends. We will have a representative from IC and MARC to visit with and perhaps gain some new ideas.

This has been an incredible year! I want to thank you for allowing me the honor to serve as your state president. It has been a very rewarding experience and many wonderful memories. I am truly proud that Oklahoma now has two more new chapters. One chapter in El Reno and another one in Tulsa. That is really something to be proud of.

Thank you to the Oklahoma State Council Officers and committees for your support, hard work and dedication.

As you continue to serve ESA in your commitment to a philanthropic sorority, remember, “LOVE COMES IN ALL COLORS” means any project, goal or dream can be achieved if we just “LOVE”.

*ESA love to all,
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**1st Vice President
Billye Peterson**

Spring has sprung—and you know what that means! Convention is almost here! I'm getting geared up to have a Star Spangled Year!

My thanks to everyone who has come forward and volunteered to be on my board. I didn't even have to beg anyone! I feel so humble and honored! I know Oklahoma ESA'ers will benefit from their enthusiasm to serve as much as I will.

Elsewhere in the PJ is the nominating committee's slate of officers. We have two candidates for the offices of Parliamentarian and Treasurer. I hope you're planning on coming to State Convention so you can meet this great slate. We are planning a different kind of Friday evening to introduce these gals to you. Instead of candidate skits as in past years, we're having a Trivia Night where YOU can be involved AND make money! So....

Get a team together and join us at convention? Friday evening, April 24, for Trivia Night/Silent Auction—let's do something different! Your team could win money and you'll be helping ESA projects, too. Meet the candidates in a whole new way!!! Win Prizes! Have FUN!!! Only \$5/person

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**2nd Vice President
Nancy Baucom**

As of March 10, I've received educational reports from the following chapters:

Beta Rho, Del City (10 reports)
Beta Zeta, Oklahoma City (2 reports)
Delta Epsilon, Del City (6 reports)
Delta Kappa, Norman (7 reports)
Eta Mu, Owasso (3 reports)
Kappa Alpha, Tulsa (9 reports + Gold Seal Entry)

I look forward to receiving lots more educational reports by April 1! I hope everyone has had fun this year with "Share the Gift of Music with ESA." I've had fun planning the educationals for you but I really enjoyed the times when we shared the gift of music together.

Here's a short educational that we did at the District IV meeting and Installation last Saturday, March 7, 2015.

Can you guess the musical instrument I'm about to describe?

- A tube-formed, American musical instrument with both ends of the tube uncovered.
- One end of the tube is flattened, while the other end of the tube has a small circular opening.
- Around two-thirds down the instrument there is another circular hole. This hole leads to a small chamber, where a wax-membrane is situated. The membrane, which is fixed around the edges by a circular cylinder-ring, is free to oscillate.
- It may be made out of plastic or metal and can have all sorts of different shapes.

Have you guessed it yet? If not, then here's one more hint: You hum rather than blow into the instrument. – Yes, it is a Kazoo!

Did you know the kazoo was invented in the 1840's and first presented to the world at the Georgia State Fair in 1852 as the "Down South Submarine." Legends tells us that the kazoo was invented by collaboration of an African American by the name of Alabama Vest and a German American clockmaker, Thaddeus Von Clegg but commercial production of the kazoo began many years later in 1912. Emil Sorg started the manufacturing of the kazoo in Western New York. Sorg joined up with Michael McIntyre, a Buffalo tool and die maker and production moved to Eden, NY, where the factory museum remains today as a working museum.

The kazoo is a type of mirliton, which is a membranophone, one of a class of instruments which modifies its player's voice by way of a vibrating membrane. It adds a "buzzing" timbral quality to a player's voice. When the player hums rather than blows into the instrument, the oscillating air pressure of the hum makes the kazoo's membrane vibrate – resulting in a sound that varies in pitch and loudness. Players can produce different sounds by singing specific syllables such as doo, who, rrrr or brrr into the kazoo.

Here is a website where you can go and watch a short video about the history of the kazoo – www.nationalkazooday.com/history.

Nancy Baucom
2nd Vice President/Educational Chair



Project Director
Margaret Kramer



It is difficult to fathom that the ESA – Simply Love year is coming to an end. Time sure flies when you are having fun!

Oklahoma School for the Blind Tour/District III and V Meeting on February 21st was a great day. There were over 50 ESA members and guests who enjoyed a continental breakfast, heard reports from officers and chairman, had the opportunity to purchase home baked goodies, place bids on silent auction items, try their luck at winning a ½ pot while enjoying the company of ESA Sisters they had not seen since 2014 - PRICELESS. Before retiring to a delicious lunch District III and District V met and installed their respective 2015-2106 officers. The afternoon program prepared by Mr. Farrell, OSB Band Director, was awesome. The video he prepared put a face to the name of all the students that attend OSB. We had the opportunity to witness all of our sponsored children either at work or play during their school day. Next on the days agenda was a presentation on the “One on One” Project. Last year’s State Project funds awarded to OSB were used to assist in purchasing electronic aids for all students in grades 5 thru 12. We got a firsthand look at the equipment that is utilized by each child individualized by their degree of sight. I personally was blown out of the water watching how adapt these special children were in using i-pads, lap tops with and without voice, and computers with brail keyboards, just to name a few aids.

What we do for ourselves dies with us. What we do for others and the world remains and is immortal.

– Albert Pine

I cannot think of a more appropriate sentiment to express my gratitude to all of the ESA ladies and their chapters who have participated in sponsoring the children at OSB and OSD as well as making generous contributions to the State Project Fund. The positive impact that your caring has on these unique children is powerful.

Thank you for the opportunity to serve as your Project Director.

Please keep our Sister Jane Thomas, Delta Lambda, District V Coordinator, OSB, Social Worker in your prayers; she lost her husband Joe on March 8, 2015.

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**Senior Past President/Workshop Coordinator
Joyce Gibson**

Happy Spring!!

I know all of you are planning to attend the State Convention workshops this year. We have some wonderful topics and phenomenal presenters. On Friday, we have an ESA related workshop presented by our very own IC Rep, BJ Voll. On Saturday, our first workshop of the afternoon will be a medical related workshop on health presented by Cathy and Doc Holsted. Our second workshop is also ESA related, anything you ever wanted to know about ESA and more presented by Aletha Bolt and Judi York. Come learn about some things you always wanted to know! Have your questions ready. Hope to see you there!!

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**PJ Editor
Rita Hains**

I have very much enjoyed being the PJ Editor this year and hope that everyone enjoyed the newsletter. On a personal note, I would like to thank everyone for all the prayers and get well wishes sent when my husband had medical problems these last two months. I almost lost him twice and I know it was the prayers sent our way from all of you that helped him through the surgeries and recovery. I look forward to seeing everyone at convention!

Rita Hains
PJ Editor



**District II Coordinator
Carrie Willingham**

It was so nice to see many of you at the March 28 District II meeting and installation of new officers. I have enjoyed being the District II coordinator this year and I want to thank all the present officers. You have all been such a blessing to me.

I am looking forward to State Convention. Linda has been a wonderful state president. Good Job!! She is one of a kind and I mean that in the nicest way. Dr. Billye Peterson is also one of a kind. She brings excitement and energy to the office. I am looking forward to a new year.

I absolutely love all my sisters. You are all so very special!

*Carrie Willingham
District II Coordinator*



**District III Coordinator
Charlene Law**

It is hard to believe that this year is over, convention is almost upon us. This has been a great year for District III. Byrdie Emanuel has done a fantastic job as Project Chairman. In addition to having some Fundraisers at District III Leadership she had some fundraisers at District III Meeting at Oklahoma School for the Blind. Our last total for District III Clarehouse, the District project \$2091.70. Great Job!

Our new officers were installed at the District III meeting, the officers are: Coordinator, Connie Bartlett, (Beta Gama-Tulsa) Vice Coordinator, Linda Jones, (Alpha Rho-Broken Arrow) Marge Stevens (Sigma Chi-Inola) Treasurer, Dawn Haley (Gamma Delta-Tulsa) and Parliamentarian, Charlene Law (Gamma Delta-Tulsa

Thank you for allowing me the honor of representing you as your District III Coordinator.

*Charlene Law
2014-2015 District III Coordinator*



**District IV
Linda Leveridge**

Members of District IV of the Oklahoma State Council of Epsilon Sigma Alpha Intl (ESA) met in Norman at the Goodrich Methodist Church on March 7 for their quarterly meeting.

Coordinator Linda Leveridge, Delta Kappa Chapter of ESA will lead the District again for the year 2015-16. Other officers for the new year are Vice Coordinator, Gwen Beasley, Zeta Gamma, Shawnee;

Treasurer, Mary Ann Jones, Zeta Gamma; Recording Secretary, Gloria Torres, Beta Roe, Del City; Billie Linville, Delta Epsilon, Del City; Corresponding Secretary, Janice Shockley, Delta Kappa, Norman; Jr. Past Coordinator, Robbin Brown, Choctaw. Gwen Nell Swanson installed the new officers with the theme “Spicing Up ESA”.

Nancy Baucom, State Educational Director, 2nd Vice President, from Beta Mu, Lawton, gave a program on the musical instrument, the Kazoo. She even got the members involved by playing “Old McDonald Had a Farm”. Philanthropic Chairman, Virginia Taylor, Beta Rho, Del City along with Coordinator Linda, presented the Greiner School for the Handicapped in Lawton with a check for \$425.00 which Nancy Baucom will deliver. Coordinator Linda made a donation to the ESA Foundation in honor and a thank you to the members on her board for the past year.

Members were asked to make Santa Hugs for disabled children and 60 sets were given out for members to finish and bring to the next meeting. The drawing was held for the quilt that tickets have been sold on all year and it was won by Nancy Baucom of Lawton.

Kay Brader, Ways and Means Chairman, held a silent auction as well as selling the table decorations which were plants. Glenda Petty, Chaplain, Delta Epsilon, Del City announced the names of the members passing this past year: Wanda Morrow, Nancy Liming, Winona Bea Burke, Daleene Sumrall and Judy Montgomery. The meeting was concluded outside where a balloon was released for each of the 5 members.



Pictured: Installing Officer, Gwen Nell Swanson, Robbin Brown, Janice Shockley, Billie Linville, Gloria Torres, Mary Ann Jones, Gwen Beasley and Linda Leveridge



Pictured: Linda Leveridge and Virginia Taylor presenting the check for the Greiner School to Nancy Baucom to deliver to the school.



Pictured: Chairmen for the New Year. Nancy Buck, Gloria Torres, Kay Brader, Linda Leveridge, Coordinator; Virginia Taylor, Nancy Baucom, Vivian Gibson

The new District IV officers are:

- Linda Leveridge (Delta Kappa) Coordinator
- Gwen Beasley (Zeta Gamma) Vice Coordinator
- Gloria Torres (Beta Rho) Secretary
- Mary Ann Jones (Zeta Gamma) Treasurer
- Billie Linville (Delta Epsilon) Parliamentarian
- Janice Shockley (Delta Kappa) Corresponding Secretary
- Junior Past Coordinator: (Zeta Gamma) Robbin Brown

Other officers are:

- Educational: Kay Brader (Beta Rho)
 - Chaplain: Vivian Gibson (Delta Kappa)
 - Publicity: Maxine Wheelan (Delta Chi)
 - Scrape book: Gloria Torres (Beta Rho)
 - Philanthropic: Virginia Taylor (Beta Rho)
 - Ways & Means: Nancy Baucom (Beta Mu) & Nancy Buck (Delta Kappa)
- Get wait to see your BRIGHT SHING FACES AT CONVENTION!!!!

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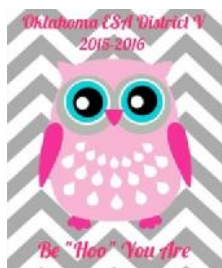


District V
Jane Thomas

The District V Meeting, Installation, and Oklahoma School for the Blind Tour took place on Saturday, February 21st in Muskogee.

District V was happy to continue our tradition of hosting a Bake Sale to help raise money for Kelly B. Todd Center. We raised almost \$100.00.

District V would like to give a huge thank you to Jane Thomas and her 2014-2015 officers. The ladies of District V did an amazing job at our Leadership Meeting this past September. Jane continued a great year with another wonderful meeting on February 21st. Jane, you are a true jewel in Oklahoma ESA.



District V Theme is: Be "Hoo" You Are

Our newly installed 2015-2016 officers include:

Coordinator:

Lori Few-Beta Iota

Vice Coordinator

Maggie Sellers-Alpha Theta

Secretary:

Tawanna Cathey-Beta Iota

Treasurer:

Ruth Jo Carangey-Alpha Theta

Parliamentarian:

Jane Thomas-Delta Lambda

Project Director:

June Miller-Beta Iota

In the afternoon, we enjoyed a wonderful lunch prepared by the staff of OSB. The highlight of the afternoon was watching a wonderful presentation about OSB. The school is making great strides with new technology which Oklahoma ESA has helped to make possible through our tireless fundraising efforts.

Lori Few

District V Coordinator



Chaplain

Lora Thompson

"And the house which I build is great: for great is our God above all gods." II Chron. 2:5

The great Easter season is here and a great time to thank our Dear Heavenly Father for the blessings that he has given us.

We have lost two wonderful members since my last article. Wanda Selter passed away January 27. Wanda was a member of Beta Zeta, Oklahoma City, and had been a member of ESA for 68 years. On February 26, Gladys Murphy, Gamma Delta, Tulsa, passed away. She had been a member of ESA for over 50 years. Those are great losses to all of us, please keep these two families and their chapter sisters in your prayers.

This is the final article that I will be sending and I want to thank each of you for allowing me to be your Chaplain. I am enclosing the list of cards that I have sent as of this date (3-1-15)

CARDS SENT

GET WELL:

Jane Thomas
 Robin Collins
 Margaret Kramer –Husband
 Peggy Schoenhals
 Lauren Bristow
 Dee Lowrey – Husband
 Mary Toole & Terry Toole
 Sue Knight
 Jan Kahoe
 Vivian Gibson
 Gerogia Smith
 Linda Voss
 Gwynn Nell Swanson
get well continued)
 Nell Swanson –Brother
 JoAnn Bierig
 Stephanie Hamm –Grandmother
 Melodie Frazier – Father
 Charlene Harrell
 Linda Leveridge
 Jan Kahoe – Mother
 Eva Lee Stewart
 Judy Garland
 Rita Hains – Husband
 Judy Butcher
 Ann Wear
 Carolyn C.J. Stuart
 Jordan Peterson
 Marcie Brothers
 Wanda Lucas
 Ardyce Briggs
 Jolene Johnson – Husband
 Debbie Lyon – Husband
 Leslie Farabee's –Husband
 Donna Rother - & Her Daughter-in-law & 2 Grandsons
 Bunnie Sullins
 Liz King
 Shirley Moore
 Gwen Beasley – Step Son
 Leroy Slate
 Gwen Beasley
 Dana Terrell – Husband
 Sue Carter – Husband
 Gertrude Riddle – Son
 Jane Thomas - Husband
 Robbin Brown
 Mary Adams

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(get well continued)

Ada Blankenship
 Deb Hughes - Mother

SYMPATHY

Nellrita Barrick - Member
 Sandy Boyd – Mother
 Kay Brader – Mother
 Judy Montgomery - Member
 Daleene Sumrall – Mother
 Daleene Sumrall - Member
 Wanda Morrow - Member
 Cindy Pingelton – Son
 Linda Elston – Mother

Charlene Law – Brother
 Alice Rhodes – Husband
 Jan Kahoe – Mother
 Carolyn C.J. Stuart – Son
 Carol Brinbridge – Mother
 Linda Southerland – Brother
 Linda Douthit – Mother
 Rothena McGee – Husband
 Betty Wright – Son & Daughter (Twins)
 June Miller – Sister
 Mary Rohr – Brother
 Darla Barton – Father
 Nancy Liming – Member
 Wanda Selter – Member
 Marilyn Fairchild – Family member
 Sue Carter – Husband
 Sue Holt – Sister
 Judy Craven – Daughter's father-in-law
 Susan Patterson – Sister
 Sue Marler Ray – Husband
 Doris Cook – Sister
 Gwen Beasley – Uncle
 Dana Terrell – Husband
 Gladys Murphy – Member

CONGRATULATIONS

Jacque Edwards-Cantrel - Granddaughter
 Sue Knight – Great Grandson
 Lola Jaegers – Great Granddaughter
 Charlene Harrell - Birthday
 Laura Robinson - Birthday
 Sylvia Ochs - Birthday
 Maribel Moore - Birthday



Convention
Nancy Buck and Gwynn Nell Swanson

Greetings ESA members.

Wow! Can you believe State Convention is almost here? If you have not registered for the 2015 State Convention, the deadline will be here before you know it. **SO PLEASE SEND IN YOUR REGISTRATION BEFORE APRIL 18th.** A Convention form can be found in the back of this issue. The hotel reservation deadline is also April 18th. When making your hotel reservations, be sure to mention ESA to get the special rate of \$69 + tax= \$78.58. Hotel phone number is 405-947-7681.

Convention hostesses are planning a great convention for you. “Love Comes in Many Colors” and our Love for you the week-end of April 24, 25, 26, 2015 will be everlasting.

We are lucky to have two Representatives for our convention this year. The IC Representative will be IC Treasurer B. J. Voll and the MARC Representative will be Lynn Howley. We are real excited that they are joining us. So please make them feel welcomed and at home here in Oklahoma!

Billye Peterson, President elect has planned a different kind of “skit” for the Candidates this year. You have to be there so you can enjoy it.

Don’t forget to get your Ads by April 1st. This is a great way to advertise your business or to congratulate an ESA sister, or to wish someone good luck. The Ad form can be found in this and previous issues of the P.J.

A Silent Auction, workshops, business meeting, food, IC Representative, MARC Representative, chapter achievements, food, installation of new state officers, food and entertainment.

So talk to all of your chapter members and load those cars and join us with some other traditional convention events. We are really looking forward to seeing all of our ESA sisters at our annual State Convention. It will NOT be the same without YOU!!! Refresh the ESA love for each other with “Love Comes in all Colors” the weekend of April 24, 25, 26, 2015.

Nancy Buck and Gwynn Nell Swanson
Convention Co-Persons



**ESA For St. Jude
Peggie Sprinkle**



ESA supports St. Jude



Push to \$200 Million

ESA is so close to reaching a lifetime total of \$200 million for St. Jude – will you help us reach this milestone?

We are challenging chapters all across the country to participate in the Push to \$200 Million campaign this spring. The rules of the campaign are simple – hold one additional St. Jude event that raises \$250 or more – that's it! Submit your project to ESA Headquarters to be entered in a drawing to win a prize. One project will be selected as the “Grand prize winner” by ESA Headquarters and your IC ESA for St. Jude coordinators. The grand prize winner will be announced at IC Convention this summer.

Rules:

- Each chapter is being challenged to create and complete an event for St. Jude that raises \$250 or more
- Chapters can submit their event to ESA Headquarters to be placed in a drawing and to be considered for the grand prize announced at IC Convention this summer
- The event should be something new – not your yearly project that happens in the spring. ALSAC events will not count (Dream Homes, Radiothons, etc.)
- Every chapter that submits a project will be highlighted in the monthly ESA News and on the ESA website.
- The goal of the campaign is to raise funds for St. Jude and to encourage chapters to come up with creative and new St. Jude projects that can be shared and replicated.
- All projects must be submitted by May 31, 2015 to be counted in the drawing and for the grand prize.
- To be counted towards ESA please remember all donations to St Jude must go thru the ESA for St. Jude Office at 363 West Drake Road, Fort Collins, CO 80526

Thank you all for your donations this year to St Jude!

I will see you at the Oklahoma State Council Convention on OKC on April 24-26. Don't forget to bring your items for the Silent Auction on Friday.

ESA hugs from

Peggie Sprinkle

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**ESA Foundation Counselor
Vivian Gibson**

Cochairmen, Peggie Sprinkle, ESA for St. Jude and Tammy Bowman, Easter Seals Chairman.

It's all most time for the annual auction at convention. The CoChairmen, Peggie Sprinkle, ESA for St. Jude Chair; Tammy Bowman, Easter Seals Chair and I, ESA Foundation State Counselor are looking forward to a fun evening. We need your help though, in order to make the evening successful. We need you to donate items, as many as you like, for the auction. We will also take cash donations. A reminder that the funds raised will be equally divided between Easter Seals, ESA for St. Jude and the Foundation. Last year we raised over \$2700, let's beat that this year.

Please bring your items to convention and check them into the Appaloosa Room at 3:00 PM. If you would like to help set up for the auction and/or help throughout the evening, please contact me. Send me your email address in case there are changes.

Members of the Foundation please come to the Foundation table to sign your Credentials. You may sign your Credentials at the Registration table on Friday only from noon until 3 PM. Even if you are not a member of the Foundation come on by the table anyway, if for nothing else but to visit. I look forward to seeing all of you at Convention.

Vivian Gibson

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**Hope for Heroes
Peggy Campbell, Co-Chair
Patty Heer, Co-Chair**



Hello ESA Chapters,

Hope everyone is managing to stay warm this winter!!
It is time for Spring.....with lots beautiful, colorful flowers and sunshine!

Please remember a Military family, a Veteran, and an active service member in your prayers.

Let us also remember to thank our military members for their sacrifices so we can enjoy our freedoms in the United States of America.

We hope you all have remembered to get all of your Hope for Heroes projects recorded and sent to us. We want to recognize the chapters who participated in projects this year.

Thanks for supporting our MILITARY!

*Peggy Campbell, Co-Chair
Patty Heer, Co-Chair*



**Membership
Lola Jaegers and Lora Thompson**

We have just received the February 28, 2015, numbers from Headquarters, and guess what? We have 11 more members now than we did at the same time last year! Woot, woot! I am one happy Membership Chair! We had a total of 61 pledges for the year ended February 28, 2015. Since our deadline has ended, I will now start working on the contest phase! Good luck! See you with the prizes at convention.

If you are a new member, please let me know that you will be attending convention. I hope to have something special for you.

Thank you for sharing the joy of ESA with your friends and neighbors, I have enjoyed visiting the districts and going to state meetings to encourage growth in our fine organization this year.

*Lola Jaegers,
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**International Council News Bulletin Chairman
Deb Hughes**

Attention All Chapters
State Flag Ceremony



One of the moving aspects of our OK State Convention is the Opening Flag Ceremony. I especially enjoy the parade of chapters. While this is something that not every state does, it makes me proud to see all our chapters represented.

We want every Oklahoma chapter represented in our chapter parade so please forward to me the name and contact information (name, email, phone) of your chapter member that will be carrying your chapter banner. As of this printing I have not been provided the start time. As soon as I receive that I will contact the representatives for the scheduled time to meet and line up. Of course, our photographer will be available for taking your picture.

You say you don't have a chapter banner or it is misplaced? Well come anyway, we want to every chapter represented.

Plan to wear red, white and blue or any combination of colors, but please no denim.

Let me hear from you with the name of your chapter representative. Thanks all!

-Deb

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Chapter Chatter



Oklahoma ESA State Meeting



Pictured: Winners of the St. Jude Thank You Walk. Dr. Billye Peterson and Jo Rott from Gamma Zeta, Edmond; Olivia Simmons from Kingfisher and Chairman, Peggie Sprinkle from Tulsa.



Pictured: Margaret Kramer, Project Director, President Linda Southerland and Chairman for St. Jude, Peggie Sprinkle, showing books of Marlo Thomas.



Peggie Sprinkle, Tulsa with Robbin Brown, Choctaw, delivering gifts to members.



**Beta Gamma #0391
Tulsa**



We are so happy to report four newly installed members of Beta Gamma!!! Pictured from their installation are Debbie Greer, Marilyn Fairchild, Andrea Schafer and Lee Ann Schafer. Welcome to ESAland ladies!! One thing for sure in ESA, “the more the merrier” It is good to rekindle the joy we have together when sharing with new members. In fact, new members are **HIGHLY** recommended. We recently had a dinner social and made tray favors for Life Senior Services, a day center for the elderly. We had much more fun with our newbies. Feeling that business meetings have become a bit stale? Meetings are more interesting with the opportunity to teach new members about our organization, plus fresh ideas. Eh? That’s right, new members bring new ideas! OK. OK. There has been a little, tongue in cheek, fun here—because we often hear the call to add members to our organization. Sincerely, it is a great honor to pass along our values and traditions. We look forward to seeing our new members grow with us—**MORE LOVE IN ESA**. Sneak peek—there is another...

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Beta Iota #4283
McAlester

Beta Iota has had a fantastic February. As a group we celebrated Valentine's Day with our Chocolate Covered Strawberry Fundraiser again this year. The ladies sold, dipped, and delivered over 150 dozen strawberries and raised over \$2,000 for our philanthropic projects. Special thanks to our very own Jeanie McCabe for organizing this project.

We installed two new members into our chapter at our February membership meeting. We are thrilled to have Melissa Byrum and Lynda Schultz join our wonderful group of hard working ladies.

We are also proud to announce our 2015 Outstanding Youth Award winner: Matthew Ferrell. We presented Matthew with his award during our February chapter meeting. Matthew is an extremely talented and smart Senior at McAlester High School. He plans to attend Oklahoma State University next fall. We wish Matthew all the best in his future endeavors.

Beta Iota has also selected our 2015 Distinguished Achievement Award winner. Dr. Larry D. Lewis is our DAA winner this year. Dr. Lewis created Mercy Clinic over 20 years ago in the McAlester community. Dr. Lewis had a vision to provide free health care to those in need in our community. We are so very proud of Dr. Lewis and his vision. Beta Iota has supported Mercy Clinic and its mission for many years.

10 members of our chapter attended the District V meeting on Saturday, February 21st at the Oklahoma School for the Blind in Muskogee. We really enjoyed the District V meeting and installation as well as the slideshow prepared by OSB.

In March Beta Iota is gearing up for our first annual Beta Iota Car & Bike Show. We hope you can come and join us on Saturday, March 28th at Life Church in McAlester for a day filled with fun. Beta Iota recently presented their annual awards during their February monthly meeting. Two awards were presented for outstanding volunteer service within our local community.

The 2015 Outstanding Youth Award was presented to Matthew Ferrell. Matthew is the son of Dr. Mark and Brenda Ferrell of McAlester. Matthew is a Senior at McAlester High School. He maintains excellent grades, as well as many extracurricular activities, participating in sports, and the MHS band. Matthew plans to attend Oklahoma State University after graduation in May.



Outstanding Youth Award – Matthew Ferrell

The 2015 Distinguished Achievement Award was presented to Dr. Larry Lewis. Through, Dr. Lewis' vision to provide health care to those who cannot afford it, Mercy Clinic was born. Dr. Lewis and

numerous longtime volunteers have ensured that Mercy Clinic has been able to provide those much needed services over the past 22 years. Beta Iota has long supported the mission and vision of Mercy Clinic in McAlester. Beta Iota would like to thank Dr. Lewis for his tireless efforts through his work with Mercy Clinic and congratulate him on all his accomplishments.



Distinguished Achievement Award – Dr. Larry Lewis

Lori Few
lorilfew@gmail.com



**Delta Kappa #3538
Norman**

It hardly seems possible the sorority year is coming to a close. But with it comes a renewal of leadership with new and fun adventures.

We are proud of our DK sister, Linda Leveridge, for accepting the position of District IV Coordinator once again. Congratulations to Linda and her entire board who were installed March 7, 2015 in Norman. It will be a spicy year as Linda unfolds her plans for “Spicing Up ESA”. Delta Kappa members, Sharon, Nancy, Gwynn Nell, Jeannie, Janice, Vivian, Helen, Betty, Mary and Linda served a delicious lasagna/salad lunch complete with wonderful homemade pies and cakes. We have some expert salad and dessert makers. It was a special and fun day for all who attended.

We are very happy to have our ways and means project of scanning tickets at the OU basketball games completed with favorable results of meeting and exceeding our budgeted amount. Our Closet Sale held February 7th was a HUGE success. We were pleased to send the proceeds from this event to St. Jude’s. Our next ways means project will be a garage sale to benefit Easter Seals. It will be held on June 5th & 6th at Goodrich Church in Norman. We hope to make a sizeable amount to benefit this philanthropic project.

For our educational meeting/social for March we are planning to spend the evening with Judy Butcher who is homebound. We look forward to spending some time with her. We decided if she can’t come to us we will go to her and enjoy munching on goodies and visiting with her.

I just love how spring and convention go together. Gwynn Nell and Nancy have big plans for all of us. It will be a fantastic weekend with lots of fun, good food, informative workshops, a beautiful installation and wonderful entertainment to name a few of the things being prepared for the 72nd annual Oklahoma State Convention. Delta Kappa members are looking forward to seeing all of our sisters from around the state on April 24, 25 and 26th.

I hope we have a record breaking number of people in attendance. We have several members planning to attend this year. We are certainly looking forward to “Love Comes In All Colors”.

We had a difficult time judging all of the applicants we received for the Outstanding Youth Award. It is amazing how someone so young can achieve so much. We are proud to be honoring a student from Washington High School, Cash Forester, as our Senior High Youth entry. Our Junior High Youth entry is Syndee Fox. They have accomplished so much and are very deserving of this award.

Until next time-----blessings to each of my ESA sisters!!!

Janice Shockley
deltakappa@oklaesa.org



Gamma Delta #0702
Tulsa

Gamma Delta held our Annual Chapter Christmas Party at the home of Donna McCandless on Monday December 15th. A Pot Luck was shared and enjoyed by all. We had our Christmas Gift Exchange; everyone was very pleased with their gifts. Educational Director Charlene Law presented an Educational. Due to our President feeling “under the weather” our January meeting was postponed until Saturday February 1st. After our business meeting we drew names for our Secret Sister Names. Our monthly meeting for February was held on February 7th. We enjoyed refreshments and shared Valentine greetings and Secret Sister Gift exchange.

We will be holding installation of our new officers on Sunday April 19th, location to be announced at a later date.

Several of our members are looking forward to attending the Oklahoma School for the Blind Tour and District III meeting.

Charlene Law, Publicity Chairman
Gamma Delta



Gamma Pi #5091
Inola

Gamma Pi members have been busy this year raising money for the benefit of the Inola community. Members worked with family and students of the Special Needs classes putting on a Bingo in January. Proceeds went towards the expense of sending students to participate in the Oklahoma Special Olympics.

In March we had another Bingo. Area merchants and Gamma Pi members participated by providing donations and prizes. Proceeds were to benefit the Compassion Women’s Center in Inola and Community Families in Need. Pictures are attached.

In April we will have an Easter Egg Hunt for students of Inola Elementary School and our annual Senior Tea for Inola Senior Girls and their family. This is always a special occasion for the graduating senior girls and our members.

In August we will be having our annual Bunco. Proceeds will also benefit our community.

We are all looking forward to another year serving our community and raising funds for our community and ESA's national projects.



Karla Applegate & Family playing Bingo



Carol Applegate & Gertrude Riddle selling chances



Bingo participants



Ann Lance & Barbara McClure preparing desserts for sale



**Gamma Zeta #3464
Edmond**

ESA chapters volunteered at The Twister Cares for Kids St. Jude Radiothon Feb. 20 and Feb. 21. Several Epsilon Sigma Alpha members from different areas volunteered. Though striking improvements in the care of pediatric leukemia and numerous forms of solid tumors, St. Jude--which now has a daily operating cost of over \$2 million--has brought about improved health care for children all over the world. St. Jude's physicians and scientists have pioneered treatments that have helped push the overall survival rates for childhood cancers from less than 20 percent when the hospital opened in 1961 to 80 percent today



Pictured left to right: Maxine Wheelan of Delta Chi of Midwest City; Billye Peterson of Gamma Zeta of Edmond; Vivian and Joyce Gibson from Norman's Delta Kappa.



Pictured left to right: Linda Sander and Jacci Gantz of Gamma Zeta in Edmond



Pictured left to right: Billye Peterson of Gamma Zeta from Edmond; Barbara Cox of Epsilon Rho from El Reno; Linda Sander of Gamma Zeta from Edmond.



Oleta Denison with Epsilon Sigma Alpha, an international philanthropic organization, worked with other members of her Gamma Zeta's chapter to decorate and donate fun-filled Easter baskets for the young men at Baptist Boys' Ranch Town, which provides a Christian environment for boys. Other philanthropic projects include Mobile Meals, UR Special, Oklahoma School for the Deaf, The Hugs Project, Coffee Creek Riding Stables, Free to Live, Easter Seals, Project 66 and several more.



ESA Gamma Zeta members pictured left to right --back row: Oleta Denison, Tietje German, Pam Fink, Ruth Simpson, front row: Jacci Gantz, Liz King

Member of Epsilon Sigma Alpha Gamma Zeta chapter volunteered at the Ronald McDonald House by serving the evening meal to families staying there. The Ronald McDonald House charities of Oklahoma City provides a home away from home and is able to carry out its mission by providing the best possible resources, facilities and services benefiting children and their families at a time of need or crisis. The OKC Ronald McDonald House located at 1301 Northeast 14th Street has served more than 5,000 families since 1984. The House is open to any family with a child 21 years of age or younger receiving medical treatment in OKC, regardless of their economic status.



Pictured left to right: Jan Vanlandingham, new initiate, Billye Peterson, ESA 1st Vice President

Epsilon Sigma Alpha initiated Jan Vanlandingham into the Gamma Zeta chapter Monday evening. Jan became interested in joining ESA after reading about Gamma Zeta's charity work with Free to Live as well as St. Jude's Children's Research Hospital, Baptist Boys Ranch Town, Mobile Meals, UR Special, Oklahoma School for the Deaf, Hugs Project, Coffee Creek Riding Stables, Ronald McDonald House, Project 66, and Easter Seals as well as other projects. Gamma Zeta is excited to have an additional enthusiastic member.

*Jacci Gantz
Publicity Chairman, Gamma Zeta ESA*



**Zeta Gamma #4253
Shawnee**

Spring is springing and the grass is greening. Hello everyone, Zeta Gamma is very busy this time of the year. We have been making plans for convention, have a work day set to finish our centerpieces and have a Hope for Heroes project coming up.

The Hope for Heroes project will have Zeta Gamma providing a wonderful dinner for the midshipmen, from the Naval Academy, who are here in Oklahoma to contribute their time and energy helping to provide service hours to a project in Norman. While they are here, members are going to delight their taste buds with elk, venison, and other dishes that the ladies of Zeta Gamma will provide for them. We are looking forward to see the reaction to game food which most of the service members have never had. Yeah, Navy!!!

Our work day will find us finishing up the centerpieces for the Saturday night banquet for convention. I really do think the ESA members will be delighted with our arrangements. We will also be selling the arrangements that evening, so be sure and get yours before they are gone.




See you all at convention.

Gwen Beasley



Tulsa Area Council

Our officers for the year 2015 are: President, Byrdie Emanuel (Gamma Delta); Vice President Jeanne Kindley (Beta Gamma); Treasurer, Jenny Lizama (Omega Pi); Secretary, Dawn Haley (Gamma Delta) and Parliamentarian Judi York) Beta Gamma and were installed at the Candlelight Dinner by Deb Hughes. Due to Oklahoma’s “Last Harrah of Winter” our meeting had to be rescheduled to the following week (3/11).

Byrdie’s theme is “Spread the Word in ESA” her symbols are:  ,Bee  Lady Bug and the  Hummingbird.

At our meeting the date was announced for the Annual Bunco Bash, Friday July 31st, details to follow. Two charities were nominated for the year 1) Community Food Bank of Eastern Oklahoma and The Ronald McDonald House of Tulsa. These are both excellent charities and either one would give us the opportunity to give to our community through both monetary and volunteer work. Founders Day Tea will again be held at Clarehouse on Sunday May 17, 2015.

Charlene Law



Special Notes

My Dear Sisters,

Thank you so very much for the cards, e-mails, prayers, and calls during my foot surgery. At this point everything is looking good and I hope to be wearing two shoes by convention! Hope to see you all there!

*ESA Love and Hugs,
Linda Voss*

Proposed Revision ESA OK State Bylaws

Now reads

ARTICLE IX - GENERAL BOARD

Section 1. COMPOSITON - The standing committees of this Council shall be: Association of the Arts, Auditor, Awards, Chaplain, Circle of Life, Contest, Convention, Credentials, DIANA, Directory, Easter Seals, ESA Foundation Counselor (2 yr.), Membership, Outstanding Chapter, Outstanding Youth, Philanthropic, Publicity, Scrapbook, and Sooner Seniorette President, International Officer(s), Past International Council President(s), and past and current E.S.A. Foundation Board Members.

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Reason

The Oklahoma State Council accepted an invitation to join the Midwest Area Regional Council (MARC). To meet the requirements of MARC two (2) representatives are required for the MARC general board.

MARC Bylaws

Article IX. Section 1. The general board shall consist of two (2) representatives and the state president or their alternate of each member state council. No state may have more than three (3) official members on the general board.

Section 2. Meetings of the general board shall be held during the International Convention and the annual leadership conference; also, immediately following the annual leadership conference if deemed necessary by the newly elected president.

Now reads

ARTICLE VIII. Section 1. The President shall preside at all state meetings, the annual convention and conduct an annual Leadership Seminar. The President shall appoint tellers, chairpersons of standing committees, except Budget, Convention, Nominating and Sooner Seniorette President. The President shall be ex-officio member of all committees, except Nominating. The President shall be an authorized signer on all Oklahoma State Council accounts. The President shall be bonded. She shall serve one (1) term as Jr. Past President and one (1) term as Sr. Past President.

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Reason

The State Council President is also representative, or designated alternate, to the MARC general board as required by the MARC bylaws.

ARTICLE VIII – DUTIES OF ELECTED OFFICERS

(As it reads now)

Section 2. The First Vice President by virtue of her office shall be known as President Elect. The First Vice President shall assume the duties of the President in the event the President is unable to do so. She shall serve as Chairperson of the Nominating Committee, prepare copies of the ballot and deliver to the Credentials Chairperson prior to convention. She shall be advisor to the District Coordinators and Vice Coordinators. The first Vice President shall be an authorized Signer of all Oklahoma State Council bank accounts and shall be bonded. She shall be installed President at the convention following her term as First Vice President.

(Change to read)

Section 2. The First Vice President by virtue of her office shall be known as President Elect. The First Vice President shall assume the duties of the President in the event the President is unable to do so. ***She shall be the Membership Chairman.*** She shall serve as Chairperson of the Nominating Committee, prepare copies of the ballot and deliver to the Credentials Chairperson prior to convention. The first Vice President shall be an authorized Signer of all Oklahoma State Council bank accounts and shall be bonded. She shall be installed President at the convention following her term as First Vice President.

(As it now reads)

Section 9. The Junior Past President shall be a member of the Budget Committee. The Junior Past President shall be the Disaster Fund Chairman. She shall receive and record Disaster Funds donated by chapter and/or members and forward to the International Council Disaster Fund Chairman, with a copy to the State President. The Disaster Fund Chairman shall file claims as requested. She shall publish names and amounts of contributions in the August/September and February/March issues of the Petticoat Journal.

(Change to read)

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ARTICLE IX – GENERAL BOARD

Section 1. COMPOSITION

(Remove Membership)

Reason for the Change. Section 2. The First Vice President's expenses for IC/Headquarters Leadership are paid by the Oklahoma State Council, as well as part of the expenses for the 2nd Vice President. These officers are educated regarding Headquarters and IC membership goals and ideas. Any person desiring to be State President should be interested in increasing membership.

Section 9. To reduce the amount of responsibilities for the 1st Vice President and to more efficiently use the experience of the Junior Past President, as she has just finished working with the District Coordinators and will be able to help the incoming Coordinators.

General Board. The membership chair is given no monetary assistance or special education.

**Oklahoma State Council of ESA
Executive and General Board Meeting Minutes
March 14, 2015**

The Executive and General Board Meeting was called to order at 9:03 a.m. by President Linda Southerland at the Biltmore Hotel in Oklahoma City, Oklahoma on March 14, 2015.

Linda reminded everyone that only Executive board members could vote.

The committee to read the minutes of today's meeting are: Nancy Buck, chairperson with members Catherine Poe and Darla Barton.

The committee to read the minutes of November's meeting were: Lora Thompson, chairperson with members Synovia Lemmings and Kay Brader. Lora reported the minutes were placed on file as printed.

Linda asked everyone to confirm their lunch reservation and the attendance would be taken from the registration.

Lori Few presented proposed bylaw changes.

ARTICLE VIII-DUTIES OF ELECTED OFFICERS: Section 2. To add, She shall be the Membership Chairman. Billye Peterson made motion and Margaret Kramer seconded. Motion carried.

Section 9. To add, She shall be advisor to the District Coordinators and Vice Coordinators. Nancy Buck made motion and Aletha Bolt seconded. Motion carried.

ARTICLE IX-GENERAL BOARD: Section 1 COMPOSITON (Remove Membership) Section 2 and Section 9 and General Board just need clarification. No voting necessary.

ARTICLE IX-GENERAL BOARD: SECTION 1 COMPOSITION-To add, The President shall appoint two MARC Representatives to MARC general board as voting delegates at the MARC meetings. They will serve as liaison between the Oklahoma State Council and MARC keeping the membership informed of activities. Gwynn Nell Swanson made motion and Jacque Cantrel seconded. Motion carried.

ARTICLE VIII. Section 1. To add, The President, or designated alternate, will represent the Oklahoma State Council at the Midwest Area Regional Council (MARC) meetings. Ramona Paine made motion and Lola Jaegers seconded. Motion carried.

Joyce Lacey-Kenney gave a Treasurer's report and reminded everyone if they need a voucher get one today and no checks will be written after April 1, 2015.

The General Manager of the Biltmore, Bobby Abrahams addressed concerns that was reported.

President Linda reminded us of the State Council 50/50 tickets, and Convention Charms are still for sale.

Patti Heer and Peggy Campbell reported they delivered to the Family Preparedness Program about \$800 of products under the Hope for Heroes.

Billye Peterson spoke for Tammy Bowman on Easters Seals tour on March 25 in Oklahoma City.

Meeting adjourned at 9:32.

**Oklahoma State Council of ESA
State Council Meeting Minutes
March 14, 2015**

The State Council Meeting was called to order at 10:10 a.m. by President Linda Southerland on March 14, 2015 at the Biltmore Hotel in Oklahoma City, Oklahoma.

Linda led in the Opening Ritual and Pledge of Allegiance.

Chaplain-Lora Thompson read John 15:12-13 and devotional on Who won the Game?

Linda recognized the Sooner Seniorettes.

Today's committee to read the minutes is: Nancy Buck, chairperson with members Catherine Poe and Darla Barton.

November committee chairperson, Lora Thompson reported the minutes were placed on file as printed.

President Linda asked everyone to confirm their lunch reservation and that attendance will be taken from the registration.

Billye Peterson and Nancy Baucom gave a report from IC Leadership they attended.

Corresponding Secretary-Robbin Brown received regrets from Nadine-Moyer-Rader, Janette Murray, Givoanna MacHugh, Linda Jones, Jane Thomas, Judi York, Rosalie Griffith, Deb Hughes, and Brenda Beed. Robbin read a card from Doris Cook.

Billye Peterson handed out envelopes from IC on Trivia Night.

Parliamentarian-Lori Few reported about the bylaw changes that were approved by the board. They will be in the PJ and presented at convention.

Treasurer-Joyce Lacey-Kenney reported the beginning balance as \$9637.08 as of November 14, 2014 with Income of \$3222.04 and Expenses of \$1479.99 with an ending balance of \$11379.13 as of March 1, 2015.

First Vice-President-Billye Peterson head of the Nominating Committee: announce the candidates for Executive and General Board.

She asked that the Outgoing Board members to report at 7:30 a.m. Sunday morning to hand over the books to their offices.

Billye would like all chapters to have their rosters in by April 1, 2015 so that Gwynn Nell Swanson-Directory Chairman could have the directory done by June State Council meeting.

There will be a Trivia night instead of skits at convention along with the silent auction.

Billye's theme is Star Spangle ESA with red, white, and blue colors.

She also announced there are two more new chapters.

Membership-Lola Jaegers reported that as of February 28 the closing of membership year there was eleven more members that last year, and sixty one pledges.

Auditor-Jenny Lizama preaudited the Treasurer books and all is fine. She also audited the Project Director and all is fine. Will have report at convention.

Project Director-Margaret Kramer reported on the OSB February 21, 2015 meeting.

She has received \$1175.00 before the meeting but got three checks today for the State Project.

Margaret received a letter from OSD asking for help to send three students to competition in Washington D.C. The hat will be passed around for those who wish to help.

Senior Past President-Joyce Gibson sent a report by Vivian Gibson. She says the IC Rep-BJ Voll will present a workshop on ESA related topics, Cathy & Don Holsted have a medical workshop, Aletha Bolt and Judi York will have an ESA related workshop also.

ESA for St. Jude-Peggie Sprinkle told IC has a goal for two million.

The quilt to be given away at convention has raised \$1230 so far.

The books that everyone received today came from ALSAC.

Peggie passed out certificates from the Give Thanks Walk and the Dream Home.

Peggie also reminded everyone to donate items for the silent auction.

ESA Foundation Director-Vivian Gibson also reminded us about donation items for the silent auction.

She asked that everyone come by the Foundation table to sign credentials.

Second Vice-President-Nancy Baucom reminded us of the past educationals this year on music. Today she told us the way it helps our health, improves intelligence, performance, concentration, and productivity. She gave a lot of fun facts. She also passed out some trivia sheets.

Vivian Gibson gave an educational on emergency preparedness.

Lora Thompson gave the blessing for lunch.

The meeting for adjourned for lunch at 11:57.

The meeting reconvened at 1:00 p.m.

MARC REPORT-Aletha Bolt presented the report for Deb Hughes. She made a motion to pay for the MARC representative, Lynn Howley, Oklahoma State Convention registration from the 2012 IC Convention proceeds since it wasn't budgeted. Lola Jaegers seconded. Motion carried.

MARC Conference will be at the Marriott Hotel in Omaha, Nebraska on October 9-11, 2015. The convention theme is "Sharing Country Pleasures" and Dora Dill chair.

2017 Convention Chair-Cathy Holsted reported the date of the convention maybe different depending on the hotel she goes with. She is still interviewing hotels.

Easter Seals-Billye Peterson told about the tour of Easter Seals at Oklahoma City on March 25, 2015.

Sooner Seniores-Aletha Bolt said they had a meeting and they have a plan.

Awards Chairman-Cathy Holsted needs all Pallas Athene and service awards by April 1, 2015.

Association of the Arts Chairman-Judy Cravens encouraged everyone to participate in the events at convention. The entry deadline is April 1, 2015.

2015 Convention a skit was done. Gwynn Nell Swanson invited everyone to attend.

District Coordinators- Carrie Willingham for District II announced meeting March 28, 2015 at 9:30 registration in Clinton.

District IV had their meeting March 7, 2015.

District III and District V had their meeting Feb 21, 2015.

Beta Iota announced they are having Hot Rod and Bike show on March 28, 2015 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. right off Hwy 69 in McAlester.

Unfinished Business: none

New Business: Maxine Wheelan made a motion to leave the subscription price for the PJ and Directory the same. Joyce Lacey-Kenney seconded. After much discussion and because the Chairman of the offices was not present, June Miller made a motion to table the matter until convention. Jo Rott seconded. Motion carried.

Gamma Zeta invited the membership to come to a bunco party for St. Jude on March 29, 2015 in Edmond at Fredricks. The tickets are \$20.

Peggie Sprinkle told that if an event is done annually it can't be reported on the St. Jude report.

Drawings were done.

The meeting was adjourned at 1:54 p.m.

The Closing Ritual was recited.

Submitted by

Robyn Ryan

Recording Secretary 2014-2015

2015-2016 STATE EXECUTIVE BOARD CANDIDATES

PRESIDENT

Gamma Zeta #3464, Edmond

BILLYE PETERSON



CORRESPONDING SECRETARY

Gamma Zeta #3464, Edmond

JACQUE EDWARDS-CANTREL



1st VICE PRESIDENT NANCY BAUCOM

Beta Mu #0606, Lawton



In November of this year, it will be 16 years since I joined ESA. I joined basically because my mother-in-law, Elinor Baucom, asked me to. I really wasn't sure at the time if this was my "kind of thing." But now, I can't imagine not being a part of ESA. So it's in honor and loving memory of Elinor that I accept the nomination for 1st Vice President of the Oklahoma State Council of ESA. I appreciate all the support and encouragement from my ESA sisters. Without it, I wouldn't have the courage to see this through. Thank you and love to you all!

Qualifications:

ESA Membership	15 Years
Chapter/City Area Council Offices	President, Treasurer, Parliamentarian, Philanthropic, Craft Show Chair
District Offices	Coordinator, Vice Coordinator, Treasurer, Parliamentarian, Ways & Means
State Elected Offices	2 nd Vice President, Recording Secretary, Parliamentarian
State Appointed Offices	Association of the Arts, Jr. Circle of Life (St. Jude), Care Connection, 2012 Convention Committee
State Conventions Attended	8
International Conventions Attended	None
Other Accomplishments	Outside of ESA, I have worked as an accountant for 28 years. I've been married for 23 ½ years to my wonderful husband, Russell, and we have two beautiful daughters, Kara, 20, and Kaydi, 14. We attend a local church where I am a choir member, nursery worker, and serve on the Children's Ministry committee. In past years, I was also the VBS Coordinator and Awana's secretary.

2nd VICE PRESIDENT: PEGGIE SPRINKLE

Beta Gamma #0391, Tulsa

I am notifying you that I accept the nomination for 2nd Vice President of the Oklahoma State Council of Epsilon Sigma Alpha. I appreciate the opportunity to run for this office and to serve on the Board for 2015-16. Oklahoma ESA is a very large part of my life, and I want to continue to serve my OK sisters on the State Board. I am blessed to be a member of Epsilon Sigma Alpha, to be an American, and to continue to honor our country's freedoms.



Qualifications:

ESA Membership	48
Chapter	President (3), Vice President (2), Secretary (2), Parliamentarian (2), Educational Chair (5), Ways & Means, Scrapbook, Treasurer, Philanthropic
Tulsa Area Council	President (2), Vice President, Secretary, Parliamentarian (2), Hope for Heroes (4), St Jude Dream Home Co-Chair (6)
District Offices	Coordinator (2), Vice Coordinator (2), Secretary (2), Parliamentarian
State Elected Offices	Parliamentarian
State Appointed Offices	Easter Seals (2), Chaplain (2), Care Connection/Hope for Heroes (2), ESA for St Jude Chair, AA, Scrapbook, Publicity
State Conventions Attended	10
International Conventions Attended	2
Other Accomplishments	4th Degree Pallas Athene, past appointed PJ Editor, helped charter 3 chapters

RECORDING SECRETARY: MARGARET KRAMER

Beta Iota #4283, McAlester



It is with great honor and privilege that I accept the nomination for the office of Recording Secretary of the Oklahoma State Council of Epsilon Sigma Alpha. I joined Gamma Kappa Chapter, Checotah #2018 November 2000 and am currently Chapter President of Beta Iota #4283, McAlester. I look forward to being able to serve Oklahoma ESA on a State level and the opportunity to work along with so many “SPECIAL” ladies giving back to those less fortunate than ourselves on local, state, and international ESA projects.

Qualifications:

ESA Membership	14½ years
Chapter/City Area Council Offices	President (3), Treasurer (3), Parliamentarian (2), Educational Director (3), Ways & Means (4),
District Offices	Coordinator, Vice Coordinator, Secretary (3), Parliamentarian
State Elected Offices	State Project Director (2), Treasurer
State Appointed Offices	Outstanding Youth, Auditor, Awards
State Conventions Attended	9
International Conventions Attended	1
Other Accomplishments	<p>First Pearl, 5th Degree Pallas Athene, Chapter “Member of the Year” (4), 1st Place “What ESA Means to Me,” 2014 State Convention Secretary, 2012 St Jude Dream Home & Telethon, St Jude Give Thanks Walk (5), ESA Foundation Member, 2012 IC Registration volunteer</p> <p>Retired from nursing after 43 years of rendering holistic & compassionate care to patients in both the private & veteran sectors and currently am working on call at the EPIC Medical Center Emergency Room. I live on Lake Eufaula with my husband, George, and have been married 44 years with 2 daughters. When not volunteering for ESA, I am advocating for abused or neglected children as a DHS volunteer and past CASA Advocate. Traveling is one of my favorite pastimes.</p>

TREASURER SYNOVIA LEMMINGS

Beta Psi #0498, Clinton, OK

I eagerly accept the nomination of Treasurer of the Oklahoma State Council of ESA. I have enjoyed holding offices on the chapter and district level, and the appointed offices on the state level. I now am ready to “move up the ladder” into leadership. Thank you for your consideration.



Qualifications:

ESA Membership	7 years
Chapter/City Area Council Offices	President ,Vice-President , Secretary,
District Offices	Secretary
State Elected Offices	None
State Appointed Offices	Membership, Philanthropic
State Conventions Attended	4
International Conventions Attended	None
Other Accomplishments	3 rd Degree Pallas Athene Employed 35 years at Oklahoma Department of Human Services with 19 years as supervisor/ County Director. Employed 5 seasons as tax preparer for H&R Block and for an individual accountant. Volunteered with Boy Scouts of America as Cubmaster, trainer for new leaders, and Scoutmaster; Completed Woodbadge Adult Leadership Training with BSA. Volunteer for Meals on Wheels and Southwest Playhouse

TREASURER JENNY LIZAMA

Eta Theta #5581, Tulsa

I accept the nomination for the office of Treasurer for the Oklahoma State Council. I am a charter member of Eta Theta Chapter #5581. I was an 8-year member of Omega Pi Chapter in Tulsa and greatly appreciate the friendships and encouragement I've received from the ladies of Omega Pi. I look forward to working with the 2015-2016 State Board and its members.



Qualifications:

ESA Membership	8
Chapter	President, Treasurer, Secretary
Tulsa Area Council	Treasurer
District Offices	Secretary
State Elected Offices	None
State Appointed Offices	Auditor
State Conventions Attended	2
International Conventions Attended	None
Other Accomplishments	On a personal level, I am the Director of Finance at Gateway Foundation in Broken Arrow, with 10 years of experience in accounting and tax. I've served on several non-profit boards as Treasurer and Secretary. I have my bachelor's degree in Public Accounting and am eligible to sit for the CPA exam.



PARLIAMENTARIAN PEGGY CAMPBELL

Zeta Gamma #4253, Shawnee

I am honored to accept the nomination of the Oklahoma State Council Parliamentarian for 2015-2016. I am looking forward to working with the state council for the continued success of ESA in Oklahoma as we move forward together. Thank you!

Qualifications:

ESA Membership	28 years
Chapter/City Area Council Offices	President (5), Vice President (5), Secretary (4), Parliamentarian, Educational Director (3), Treasurer, Outstanding Youth, DIANA, Jonquil Chair, Ways & Means, Easter Seals-St. Jude, Publicity, Philanthropic, Scrapbook, Hope for Heroes
District Offices	Coordinator, Vice Coordinator, Parliamentarian, Ways & Means
State Elected Offices	None
State Appointed Offices	Hope for Heroes, Administrative Assistant
State Conventions Attended	18
International Conventions Attended	None
Other Accomplishments	<p>First Pearl, 4th Degree Pallas Athene, Woman of the Year, Pledged 2 members</p> <p>My personal information includes six years of Trust Banking experience, Office Manager/Commodity Futures Assistant for 12 years, employment with the Oklahoma National Guard as an executive assistant, and with the Department of Defense, Employer Support of the Guard and Reserve Agency as Program Support Manager for 12 years. Also, I have held a host of volunteer positions.</p>

PARLIAMENTARIAN: JO ANN ROTT

Gamma Zeta #3464, Edmond

I'm excited to be able to serve ESA on the State level, and I accept the nomination for the office of Parliamentarian. I've been Parliamentarian in various organizations and love being involved with ESA.



Qualifications:

ESA Membership	5
Chapter	President (2), Vice President, Parliamentarian (2)
District Offices	Coordinator, Parliamentarian
State Elected Offices	State Project Director
State Appointed Offices	Easter Seals
State Conventions Attended	3
International Conventions Attended	1
Other Accomplishments	First Pearl, 2 nd Degree Pallas Athene, 1 st Place "What ESA Means to Me," State Convention Committee (2) AAUW: State 1 st and 2 nd Vice President, Chapter Vice President (2), State Convention Co-Chair (5) Edmond Newcomers: President, Parliamentarian Kiwanis: OKC Downtown Chapter Member (8) St. Augustine of Canterbury Church: ECW President (2)

State Project Director

Beta Iota #4283, McAlester

TAWANNA CATHEY



I look forward to working with both the Oklahoma School for the Blind and Oklahoma School for the Deaf, both such worthy causes, and to getting more involved on the state level.

Qualifications:

ESA Membership	17 Years
Chapter/City Area Council Offices	President, Vice President, Secretary, Corresponding Secretary, Treasurer ,Various Committee Chairs
District Offices	Secretary
State Elected Offices	None
State Appointed Offices	None
State Conventions Attended	4
International Conventions Attended	None
Other Accomplishments	

PETTICOAT JOURNAL EDITOR: PATRICIA (PATTY) HEER

Zeta Gamma #4253, Shawnee

I accept the nomination for the office of Petticoat Journal Editor, and I forward to working with Marilyn Fairchild, who will be my assistant joined ESA in 1987 after being introduced to ESA members who were volunteering at the Oklahoma State Fair where I was a full-time employee in the IT Department.



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Qualifications:

ESA Membership	28 years
Chapter	President (2), Vice President (3), DIANA, Outstanding Youth, Chaplain, Parliamentarian
District Offices	None
State Elected Offices	None
State Appointed Offices	Hope for Heroes Co-chair, Petticoat Journal Assistant Editor for Lola Jaegers
State Conventions Attended	10
Int'l Conventions Attended	None
Other Accomplishments	I taught Business Office Technology for 12 years at Gordon Cooper Technology Center. I served as the Pottawatomie County Director of RSVP Volunteer program for 3 years. I accepted a position with DHS, Aging Services State as the Programs Field Representative for 22 Senior Corps Volunteer programs across the State of Oklahoma. I currently work with DHS Aging Services, Section 5310 Transportation program. This program provides capital assistance to non-profit agencies to purchase vehicles to transport seniors and individuals with disabilities. Volunteer: Captain, Civil Air Patrol, Auxiliary of the U.S. Air Force; Photographer & Historian, U.S. Naval Academy Parents Association

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