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**Linda Southerland
President**

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



I can't believe that my year is already one-sixth finished, and summer is almost over? Where has the time gone? In just a few weeks, school will be starting and ESA chapters will begin again filled with exciting projects and successful events.

On May 4th, many of the executive and general board members gathered for the Board Meet and Greet to discuss the coming year. Many wonderful ideas were presented. Seems we all have the same goal, MEMBERSHIP and getting our members to attend the State Council Meetings. It was a good learning day.

The June State Council Meetings were busy and productive. On Friday evening we had contest, budget and convention meetings to be presented on Saturday. There was voting and motions, presentations and discussions, and even a great educational. For those who could not attend, know that I missed you.

Thank you for allowing me the honor of representing Oklahoma ESA at IC Convention in Portland, Oregon. I will be gone from July 14th thru July 20th. I plan to learn as much as I can so I can relay that information to you at August Leadership. Mark your calendars and plan to attend on August 23, 2014 at the Biltmore Hotel in OKC. I think it will be a great Leadership and I hope each of YOU will attend.

The information provided and discussed at each meeting can be vital to the success of a project or event. My goal is for you to leave each meeting with information that will benefit you.

I will be looking for someone at each council meeting that does something extra special for another person or persons. These extra special people will receive my “ESA Simply Love” Award. You don't have to be nominated, you just have to be special, and I know each of you is special to me.

I am looking forward to this coming ESA year. If you have questions or problems, please contact me at lsoutherland243@gmail.com or 580-323-5449. If you have a meeting or an event, please invite me.

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

I NEED YOU!!! Yes, I need each of you to love ESA enough to volunteer to serve on the Oklahoma State Council Executive & General Board for the 2015-2016 year.

It's not too early to start thinking nominating committee helping me Tyndall (Muskogee), Mary Johnson (Clinton). Please visit with any one You can go to the www.oklaesa.org "Blue Book," then read about the which you might be interested. ESA'ers to make our state team!



about how you can make a difference. The consists of Brenda Beed (McAlester), Marla (Cleveland), and Synovia Lemmings of us to let us know you are eager and willing! website, from the left side menu click on duties required for an office/position in It takes a team of dedicated Oklahoma function. Please become part of that

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**Treasurer's Report
Joyce Lacey-Kenney**

Hope your summer vacations have been pleasant with the nice weather we have been having.

The 2014-2015 Oklahoma State Budget was approved at the State Council meeting on June 21, 2014.

I want to remind Chapters that your dues are due at this time. They need to be paid in full before January 1, 2015 in order to be eligible for contest, awards, and voting privileges at State Convention.

Dues are \$30.00 per chapter and \$5.00 for each member in the chapter.

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EPSILON SIGMA ALPHA INTERNATIONAL
OKLAHOMA STATE COUNCIL

2014-2015 Budget

Beginning Balance - Checking Account	\$2,718.28
INCOME	
Chapter Dues (\$30.00 / Chapter) 37 CHAPTERS	\$1,110.00
Chapter Members (\$5/memX 532)	\$2,660.00
Overpayment of State Dues	\$-
Convention Profit	\$105.93
Directories	\$720.00
ESA on the Mall	\$50.00
State Convention Loan fund	\$1,000.00
Ways & Means (Consign. sale, money jar, 50/50)	\$100.00
Transfer from IC Convention Profit	\$3,350.24
Total Income	\$9,096.17
GRAND TOTAL	\$11,814.45
EXPENSES	
President	
IC Convention Registration	\$225.00
IC Convention Transportation	\$636.50
IC Convention Hotel (6 nights)	\$732.80
PICPA Lunch	\$40.00
Flag Pole Rental	\$25.00
State Convention Registration	\$100.00
State Convention Transportation	\$50.00
State Convention Hotel	\$235.59
Engraving Gavel & Charm	\$50.00
State Leadership Supplies	\$50.00
Gifts	\$15.00
President's Trophy	\$35.00

President's Trophy (engraving)	\$35.00
Travel District Meetings (4)	\$300.00
Postage, Paper, Supplies	\$200.00
Copies / Printing	\$200.00
Miscellaneous	\$40.00
Total President Expenses	\$2,969.89

2014-2015 Budget

First Vice President	
Travel District Meetings (4)	\$300.00
Postage & Supplies & Ballots	\$30.00
Convention Leadership	\$40.00
ESA Headquarters Leadership	
Registration	\$610.00
Transportation	\$450.00
Total First Vice President Expenses	\$1,430.00

Second Vice President	
Transportation & Miscellaneous	\$300.00
Postage for Educationals	\$40.00
ESA Headquarters Leadership (Partial) Regis.	\$300.00
Miscellaneous (Copies & Postage)	\$30.00
Total Second Vice President Expenses	\$670.00

Corresponding Secretary	
Meetings Notices & Postage	\$75.00
Chapter President's Packets	\$75.00
Supplies	\$200.00
Total Corresponding Secretary Expenses	\$350.00

Elected Officers	
Parliamentarian	\$25.00
Recording Secretary	\$25.00
Treasurer	\$75.00
Petticoat Journal Editor	\$5.00
Project Director	\$75.00
Jr. Past President/Disaster Fund	\$25.00
Sr. Past President/Workshops	\$10.00
Total Elected Officer Expenses	\$240.00

Total All Elected Officer Expenses	\$5,659.89
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2013-2014 Budget

Appointed Chair Expenses

Association of the Arts	\$10.00
Auditor	\$10.00
Awards	\$10.00
Care Connection	\$10.00
Chaplain	\$150.00
ESA for St. Jude	\$10.00
Contest	\$10.00
Credentials	\$10.00
DAA (plaque & charity donation)	\$250.00
Directory	\$550.00
Easter Seals	\$10.00
ESA Foundations Counselor	\$25.00
Membership (Pledge Recognition)	\$50.00
Outstanding Chapter	\$10.00
Outstanding Sr. Youth (Cashier's Check)	\$400.00
Outstanding Jr. Youth (Cashier's Check)	\$200.00
Philanthropic	\$10.00
Publicity	\$10.00
Scrapbook	\$200.00
Secret Sister	\$10.00
Total Appointed Chair Expenses	\$1,945.00

State Convention	
Convention City (\$2.50/chapter) x 37 chapters	\$92.50
Convention Awards	\$125.00
DAA & Outstanding Youth Meals	\$100.00
Installation of Officers	\$75.00
Retiring President's Gift	\$55.00
Flowers (arm bouquet for Incoming President)	\$50.00
Flowers (Corsages for President & IC Rep.)	\$50.00
Convention IC Rep Gift	\$35.00
IC/HQ Representative Registration	\$100.00
IC/HQ Representative Hotel (2 nights)	\$157.06
Incoming State President's Gavel Pin	\$20.00
State Convention Loan Fund	\$1,000.00
International Convention	
Convention Ad	\$100.00
Flowers	\$40.00
Caucus	\$40.00
Total Convention Expenses	\$2,039.56

2014-2015 Budget

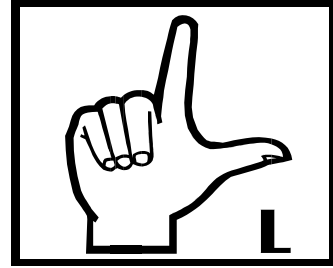
Other Expenses	
Bond Insurance	\$400.00

International Council Dues		\$45.00
FDIC Insurance Fee		\$10.00
Postage Permit	\$-	
Revising Blue Book - Copy revised pages only		\$50.00
State Council Meeting Rooms		\$800.00
State of Oklahoma Registration		\$65.00
Web Master		\$250.00
Purchase of Bank Checks		\$50.00
Contingency Fund		\$500.00
Total Other Expenses		\$2,170.00
GRAND TOTAL EXPENSES		\$11,814.45

OTHER ACCOUNTS	Beg Bal	
Speakers Fund Balance		\$953.98
IC Campaign Fund Balance		\$219.36
DOER's Balance		\$172.25
2012 IC Convention Deposit 11-6-2012		\$5,515.14
Move \$3350.24 to Operating Budget New Balance		\$2,164.90
Certificate of Deposit Balance*		\$4,002.07



**Project Director
Margaret Kramer**



Greeting from State Project Director – Margaret Kramer (yes again)

Being Project Director is such an uplifting and rewarding office. Don't mind doing it over again and again. Not only do the Students hold a special place in my heart; all the very special ESA Chapters and each ESA Sister that sponsors a child gives me a sense of pride and admiration for their caring. These special needs children face diversity on a daily basis and have to overcome enumerable challenges as they prepare to become productive members, unfortunately often, of a cruel world. The love and attention sponsors shower on their individual children helps give them the encouragement and confidence necessary to succeed.

Last year each child at both OSB and OSD had a sponsor: that was spectacular. Way to go Darlene. The Project fund was also able to present each school with a sizable check to help defray the costs of projects that were dreams and are now realities thanks to your generosity. I hope that the ESA Sisters of Oklahoma will continue to support the children at OSB/OSD, the State Project we voted to maintain for the next 3 years.

Below is a copy of the Sponsor form, please complete it and return to me ASAP, school will be starting is less than 1 month. It is important for me to know if the child is being sponsored by the Chapter or by an Individual Chapter member, please include individual's name. When I hear from Sue and Jane with the 2014-2015 rosters, I will send information sheets as soon as they are available. If a student graduated or left the school I will notify you and you can choose a replacement. Thank you again for continuing to support the State Project. Please also remember when planning your budget that you consider a contribution to the State Project Funds as well.

Mark your calendar, Oklahoma School for the Deaf Tour and District IV meeting is October 25, 2014, more information forthcoming.

Enjoy the remainder of the summer, rest up and be ready to your Chapters dreams realities in ESA.

Margaret Kramer

STATE PROJECT SPONSORSHIP FORM

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Please forward this request NO LATER THAN SEPTEMBER 1, 2014.

Chapter Name, Number, City: _____

Philanthropic Chairperson Name, Address: _____

Individual Sponsor's Name, Address (If applicable): _____

Please circle one: SPONSOR RE-SPONSOR

Table with 3 columns: State Projects, Student Name(s) (if known), Chapter/Individual. Rows include Oklahoma School for the Blind and Oklahoma School for the Deaf.

If you don't have a specific named child to sponsor, please indicate your preferences below:

Very Needy Moderately Needy Small Needs
Male Female Under 10 10 or Older

Comments or special requests (perhaps sponsor a class, sponsor more than one student, school preferred): _____

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SPECIAL DONATION TO STATE PROJECT FUND

(To be detached and mailed as needed)

Chapter Name, Number, City _____

Donor Name, Address _____

Chapter Donation Individual Donation Amount

In Memory of (Name and Address) _____

In Honor of (Name and Address) _____

This form is also available to download on the oklaesa.org web site.



**Petticoat Journal Editor
Rita Hains**

It looks to be an exciting year for the Oklahoma ESA chapters and I would love to have pictures of all your events to add to the newsletter. The deadlines are:

September 10 for the Oct/Nov issue
November 10 for the Dec/Jan issue
January 10 for the Feb/March issue
March 10 for the April/May issue

You can e-mail your articles and pictures to me at Rita-Hains@ouhsc.edu or mail them to my home address (listed below) and I will retype the articles and scan pictures.

I look forward to reading about the events that your chapter has planned.

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**District II
Carrie Willingham**

I am looking forward to serving as the District II Coordinator this year. To begin the 2014-15 year, the District II Leadership will be on August 2nd at the First United Methodist Church located at 1001 Frisco or 10th and Gary Freeway in Clinton. Registration will begin at 9:30 am. The meeting will begin at 10 am. Lunch will be served for \$10.00. My theme this year is “The Heart and Soul of E.S.A.” which each and every one of you own title to. Please make plans to attend. I look forward to seeing you. Come enjoy the surprises planned!

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**District III
Charlene Law**

Hope everyone is had a great and safe Independence Celebration. We have our Military and our Veterans to thank for our freedom. They have made many sacrifices that we can remain free. Installation was held at Oklahoma School for the Blind in Muskogee in February. Your District III officers are Coordinator, Charlene Law Vice Coordinator, Connie Bartlett, Beta Gamma Chapter, Treasurer, Dawn Haley, Gamma Delta Chapter, Secretary, Jenny Lizama, Omega Pi, Parliamentarian Mary Johnson, Epsilon Kappa and District Coordinator. Leslie Farabee installed the officers. District III Leadership will be held on Saturday September 13, 2014 at Highland Park Christian Church 5708 E. 31st, Tulsa, Ok, Registration will begin at 9:30 and the meeting will start at 10:00. Further details will follow. I hope you will all plan on attending, we will be voting for our District III Project and I would like to see a large turnout. You should have received my email detailing the plans for selection of our charity for the next two years.

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District IV

District IV held their final meeting of the year on March 1st at Goodrich United Methodist Church in Norman with Robbin Brown presiding. The church was decorated with white table clothes, ESA colors of blue and gold (yellow), flowers and hats.

New officers were installed by Second-Vice President, Dr. Billye Peterson. The theme of the installation was "Hats off to ESA". Dr. Peterson used an array of hats as she installed the new officers:

Linda Leveridge: Coordinator
Nancy Baucom: Vice Coordinator
Schlunda Leslie: Secretary
Judy Montgomery: Treasurer
Billie Linville: Parliamentarian
Janice Shockley: Corresponding Secretary
Robbin Brown: Out-going Coordinator

Other District IV Board Members are:

Kay Brader: Ways & Means

Gloria Torres: Scrapbook
Glenda Petty: Chaplain
Virginia Taylor: Philanthropic
Maxine Wheelan: Publicity

Delta Kappa, Norman, served as the host chapter. They served a wonderful salad luncheon and Dr. Peterson topped off the affair with a great hands-on scarf making project.

Our first meeting will be on September 6th at Goodrich United Methodist Church in Norman. We look forward to seeing all of you!!! Come help us kick off a GREAT year as District IV takes their "Hats Off to ESA" in 2014-2015.

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Membership Lola Jaegers and Lora Thompson

ATTENTION CHAPTER PRESIDENTS/MEMBERSHIP CHAIRMEN--If you were not in attendance at the June State Council meeting, you did not hear the important change to the Outstanding Chapter rules. Starting this year, every chapter that has a recruitment (formerly rush) party will gain 15 points on the Outstanding Chapter competition. You will only gain these points by sending me at shawneered@sbcglobal.net or at membership@oklaesa.org an email or a nice note to my home address (information in the 2014-15 Directory) telling me that you have had such party.

You are part of the membership team. It takes all of us to get engaged and bring back membership leadership to the State of Oklahoma!

Oklahoma has a great website (oklaesa.org), which connects you with the International Council and Headquarters websites for fun, interesting recruitment ideas. Use these resources, they can really be helpful.

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**Chaplain
Lora Thompson**

“He hath said, I will never leave thee, nor forsake thee. Hebrews 13:5

As most of you know, Nellrita has resigned from being your State Chaplain. Please remember her in your prayers as God has not forsaken her. No one can ever do as wonderful a job as she. I will be your State Chaplain for the remainder of the year. Please send me any information that you might have pertaining to the members of your chapter that could use a card or remembrance to lighten their heart. The way to reach me is at the bottom of this article.

I have sent the following cards

GET WELL

Jane Thomas, knee surgery

Robin Collins, knee surgery

George Karmer, (Margaret Kramer’s husband), broken arm.

CONGRATULATIONS

Jacque Edwards-Cantrel, birth of new granddaughter

Drew Shurtleff, (Jacque’s son) birth of daughter.

THINKING OF YOU

Nellrita Barrick

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Contests

Changes were approved at the June State Council Meeting for the following Contest Judging Sheets: Service Report, Outstanding Chapter and Philanthropic. The revised judging sheets as well as the rules and judging sheets for all contests are on the Oklahoma State Web Site. The Summary of Contests, Chairmen, Guidelines and Deadlines form has also been updated with the current State Chairmen.

Please review the rules and guidelines and consider entering our contests and getting your chapter members involved. Now is the time to start gathering data.

In order to be eligible to enter contests your international chapter dues, state chapter dues and individual dues must be paid by **January 1, 2015**.

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**ESA for St. Jude
Peggie Sprinkle**

ESA supports St. Jude Children's Research Hospital

The mission of St. Jude Children's Research Hospital is to advance cures, and means of prevention, for pediatric catastrophic diseases through research and treatment. Consistent with the vision of our founder Danny Thomas, no child is denied treatment based on race, religion or a family's ability to pay. ESA is the hospital's largest third-party donor. To date, ESA has raised more than \$160 million in cash and pledges to support St. Jude Children's Research Hospital. Through its annual fundraising campaigns, ESA's network of almost 800 chapters generates upwards of \$10 million in cash and pledges to create cures for children.

Some of the projects this year in Oklahoma:

The Tulsa Dream Home raised \$1,000,000.00 and was given away on June 29th.

Inola chapter Sigma Chi held their 33rd Inola St Jude Run.

Tulsa, Oklahoma City and Lawton held a St Jude radiothon for 2 days and raised \$31,245.00.

Please let me know of any projects you will be doing to support St Jude. You can go to epsilonsigmaalpha.org or stjude.org to find out ideas for fundraising. I would like to attend if possible so call me!!

I know many of our chapters/members are not able to participate in radiothons, Dream Homes or large fundraisers - so I will be having a raffle of a quilt (lap size) to raise money for St Jude. I will be sending information to all Oklahoma chapters.

If anyone is interested in making a trip to Memphis to tour St Jude please let me know as I am trying to schedule a tour for Oct or Feb.

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Chapter Chatter



Beta Gamma #0391 Tulsa

Hello in ESA land! Whew! It has been a busy start of summer for Beta Gamma! We worked as 2014 Tulsa St. Jude Dream Home volunteers with all of our Tulsa Area Council member chapters, other Green Country chapters, and members from across the state. The Dream Home was another success. The goal was met. All 10,000 tickets were sold!

We gathered at Emergency Infant Services for our June Tulsa Area Council meeting and performed some volunteer work there with our TAC sisters. We had a very successful “baby shower” for EIS. I think the staff there was pleasantly surprised.

We have enjoyed seeing our guests Lee Ann Schafer, (who is Peggy Hughes’ daughter), and her sister-in-law Andrea Schafer at meetings and socials. We are looking forward to, hopefully, seeing them at future BG events.

This year our president, Jeanne Kindley’s, theme is “*ESA – Be A Blessing*” and the education theme is “*Angels Among Us*” Each member giving an education will tell about someone they feel has been Angel-like, in the process we’ll learn more about angels and their work with us human folk.

Speaking of Jeanne, as it happens, Jeanne’s birthday is the same day as the PJ deadline...so Hey! Jeanne! Happy Birthday Pres!!

Shameless plug: We’re still selling the cool Scrabble™ block ESA necklaces, so if you want one and see a BG go ahead and ask. ☺

That is all for now from Beta Gamma. Remember to ever hold aloft ESA family!

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**Beta Zeta #3158
Oklahoma City**

Since the PJ has been on hiatus Beta Zeta has a brand new member, Amy Powell. She visited the St. Jude dream house last year, was impressed with ESA and said she would like to know more about us. Thanks to Billye Peterson for sending us her info. We invited her to a meeting and another meeting and president Aletha did her pledge ceremony at our July meeting. Welcome Amy!
Back in April Aletha and Billie attended the 2014 state convention in Tulsa which was fun and educational and a chance to visit with ESA'ers we hadn't seen since convention last year. Billie mentioned that it was her 47th state convention but couldn't remember all of them.

Some of the BZ members, Merry, Aletha, Jeanie, and Billie are still going to Barb Fairbairn's once a month where she's been doing her best to teach us how to play Mahjong. Some are doing better than others but we sure have a good time trying and Fritz, Barb's cute miniature Schnauzer, gets almost as much attention as the game.

Barb also had us over for her annual delicious breakfast in June and we ate on the patio and enjoyed the beautiful flowers and green, green grass.

Jeanie Williams and Billie work at the polls for ways and means and have already been hard at it. They're both resting up for the August runoffs and November elections after which there will be sighs of relief.

*Billie Fritch
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**Delta Kappa #3538
Norman**

Delta Kappa held their final meeting of the year at Gwynn Nell Swanson's home. We had planned a beautiful pot-luck patio installation but that Oklahoma wind moved us indoors. Daleene Sumrall installed the new officers around the theme "Delta Kappa Blooming in ESA Garden" she used different flowers for the officers:

Linda Leveridge: President
Marcia Crook: Vice President
Gwynn Nell Swanson: Secretary
Janice Shockley: Treasurer
Donna Wiley: Parliamentarian

Helen Checorski: Philanthropic
Georgia Smith & Sharon McGuire: Ways & Means

Following the installation, we had a GREAT dessert and Linda passed around our State Awards for all to see. As her outgoing gift she presented each of us with a President's Award Magnet for all of our hard and sometimes difficult work we encountered this year. As her incoming gift to her officers and chapter members she will be making a donation to the Disaster Fund in their honor.

We made plans for several summer events: June will travel to Apache Oklahoma and tour the Lavender Fields; July we will decorate the Veterans Center in Norman for July Fourth, have a firecracker/pizza party at Among Friends (Local Charities), dinner-n-movie to celebrate July Birthdays, and in August we will have swim party/ cook out at Gwynn's home (Linda has been warned she will get wet!).

We hope you have a great and safe summer and have lots of activities planned as well.

Janice Shockley
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Gamma Delta #702
Tulsa

Gamma Delta 2014- officers were installed by Leslie Farabee Sunday April 6, 2014 at Mim's Café in Tulsa. Our officers are: President Byrdie Emanuel Vice-President Dawn Haley Treasurer Donna McCandless Secretary Pat Britt Educational Director Charlene Law, and Parliamentarian Donna McCandless. Our chapter was busy volunteering for the St Jude Dream Home in Owasso. The home was given away on Sunday June 29th at FOX TV Station, Tulsa, OK. We are looking forward to another great year having fun and volunteering for our charities. One of our ongoing projects making bookmarks for our local libraries, we all enjoy this project and the libraries are very appreciative to receive them.

Charlene Law
Publicity Chairman
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**Gamma Zeta #3464
Edmond**

Gamma Zeta aids Boys' Ranch



Sandi Robinson with Gamma Zeta of Edmond, a local chapter of the international philanthropic organization Epsilon Sigma Alpha, worked with other members to decorate and donate fun-filled Easter baskets for the young men at Boys' Ranch, which provides a Christian environment for boys. To volunteer with Gamma Zeta, call Bev Hanna at 757-5101.

*Jacci Gantz
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**Omega Pi #3832
Tulsa**

Our educational theme this year is flowers and herbs. The door is open for knowledge about companion planting, nutrition, medicine, and history. Liz Martin addressed rose hip medicinal value and Carolyn Womack spoke on variety of interesting herb facts and history.

Our installation of officers for President Jenny Lizama, Vice-President Toni Boyer, Secretary Joan Nightingale, Treasurer Mary Ann Emery, Educational Director Liz Martin and Parliamentarian Ann Jones was held at Maxwell Restaurant, presided by Charlene Law.

We are happy to see our sisters, Melba Spain (total right knee replacement) and Anne Jones (total right hip replacement), healing with an expected full recovery.

Omega Pi had a record attendance at the Founders Day Tea. At the Tea and the State Convention, two of our members, Joan Nightingale and Melba Spain, were recognized and given an award certificate for 55 YEARS of membership in ESA. WOW! What an honor for servicing our charitable projects and kindness to people. Our new Omega Pi Banner, designed by our sweetheart Pledge, Carolyn Womack, and embroidered by Embroidme, was proudly carried by Carolyn at the State Convention. We received several nice compliments on the banner. Marge Goodno was the Champion Silent Auction Bidder, and was later the winner of a \$100 cash drawing. Good for you, Marge! The Convention was interesting and the Red Slipper Ball was delightful and fun! We have had two fund raisers; a white elephant sale and a flower plant sale, and are planning a dinner party with a movie in September.

President Jenny received an outstanding scrapbook from Marge Goodno. The cover had a gorgeous, standing silver turtle with a glass purple shell. It was quite unusual and the scrap work was excellent. Our May social was Toni Boyer's beautiful wedding to Brian Griffey. How wonderful to see young love starting a new life together. Congratulations, Mr. and Mrs. Griffey! We are growing....three new members in 2014! Dina Fox, Susan McWatters, and Carolyn Womack were introduced by Toni Boyer, Jenny Lizama, and Melba Spain respectively. Welcome to Dina and Susan, our two newest pledges! We are happy you are joining Omega Pi and know you are going to be an asset to us.

We participated in St Jude's fantastic dream home in Owasso with another successful year, selling all of the 10,000 tickets which raised \$1,000,000.

The BBQ and pool party at Marge Goodno's home, held in her beautifully landscaped back yard with an ocean blue water pool, was a huge success. Brisket and sausages were grilled, accompanied by homemade dishes with a variety of salads, veggies, and deserts. Ladies, all of you contributed to a lovely evening filled with delicious food, joyful company, and entertainment. Thank You, Marge! Lastly, **we invite you to our September 26th Spaghetti Dinner/Movie evening**, including a silent auction. For tickets, contact any Omega Pi Member. Bless all of you and always remember our service men and women. Our country is so fortunate to celebrate another birthday year of freedom.

Carolyn Womack
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**Zeta Gamma #4253
Shawnee**

Where to begin? Convention was a lot of fun, especially since the chapter had no hosting or decorating to be responsible for and we could just go and enjoy. The drawback to convention this year was Linda Voss's illness and hospitalization. But I am extremely happy to report she is almost healed all the way, and will be returned to work by the time this article is published.

Our planning committee met for dinner at Old Chicago and great socials were planned for the upcoming year. So far, we have traveled to Peggy's home and had a breakfast brunch/wine tasting, followed up by going to the show to watch Maleficent. This was a great movie showing the other side of the story. We welcomed a guest, Melody, who has since turned into our newest member. Our next social was an evening in Guthrie where we had dinner at Gage's Steakhouse and then we walked down the street to the Pollard Theater to enjoy the Vagina Monologues. We had such a great time.

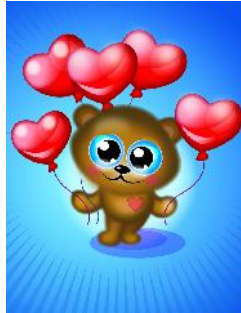
We have had members traveling for vacations, just ask Peggy about her Scotland trip and Mary Toole just got back from 3 weeks in Africa. Glad she didn't get eaten by wild roaming animals. Bet she will have some tales to tell. We also have a member undergo surgery, get well Dee, and Robbin has been very busy with her upcoming duties and helping Mom out with garage sales in Kansas.

We just got back from our adventures at the June State Council meeting where a member, (Gwen) missed the sofa and fell smack dab on the floor in the lobby, 2 were locked out of their room in their jammies (Robbin and Gwen), and one room (Linda and Stephanie's) was "raided" by security for a report of smoking in a non-smoking room. Excuse me, none of us smoke, just the previous room occupants. I don't think they believed us but they did at least spray the room with air freshener, not that it did much good.

At the Council meeting, members Peggy and Patty held a successful Hope for Hero's teddy bear roundup and baby items were donated to give to the service members' families. Be on the lookout for more information throughout the year on that campaign.

Seems like Zeta Gamma is in for a wild and wonderful year.

Gwen Beasley
zetagamma@oklaesa.org



I cannot begin to thank you all for the cards, calls, and visits during my hospital stay and beyond. Your encouragement and prayers have helped me get through this and I'm hoping to be back to work soon. I still have to babysit this foot, but so very grateful that I got to keep it. There just is nothing like the love shown to ESA sisters during trials like this that we all face. That just shows again that we are a force to be reckoned with. Thanks to all of you again!! I don't believe that I would be this far along without your love and prayers!!

*ESA Love and Hugs,
Linda Voss
Zeta Gamma*

**Delta Chi #1637
Midwest City**



LAURA ROBINSON
of the Delta Chi chapter in Midwest City
celebrated her **90th Birthday**
on July 21st.

Happy Birthday Laura!!

Laura Robinson
3009 Bella Vista Dr.
Midwest City, OK 73110





Wherever a beautiful soul has been.....
There is a trail of beautiful memories.

Our beloved State Chaplain, Nellrita Barrick, went on to her heavenly glory on July 25. The love and kindness she showed toward everyone she met was inspiring to us all. She will be missed by all our ESA sisters.

71st ANNUAL OKLAHOMA STATE CONVENTION
FIRST GENERAL ASSEMBLY
Saturday, April 26, 2014
Doubletree Warren Place Hotel, Tulsa, OK

Opening ceremony, including the Chapter Banner and Flag Presentation was conducted by Sooner Seniorettette, Bunnie Sullins.

President, Tina Davenport McKamie declared the 71st Annual Oklahoma State Convention of Epsilon Sigma Alpha in session at 8:30 a.m. The Opening Ritual was recited. Chaplain Nellrita Barrick gave the devotional about a silversmith based on the scripture, Malachi 3:3. Lori Few sang, "His Eye is on the Sparrow." Nellrita closed in prayer.

June Miller, Convention Chairman, welcomed the membership to the convention and announced the hostess chapters as follows: Alpha Zeta, Pawhuska; Beta Iota, McAlester and Epsilon Kappa, Hominy. June also welcomed everyone to the hotel because the hotel representative, Susan Flatt was unable to be there.

Kenneth Smith, Representative from the Tulsa Convention and Visitors Bureau, welcomed the membership to Tulsa for our convention.

President Tina asked if everybody had received their ballots and reminded the members to turn them in as soon as possible.

President Tina introduced the head table Sooner Seniorettette, Bunnie Sullins; Treasurer, Margaret Kramer; 1st Vice President, Linda Southerland; Corresponding Secretary, Jennifer Stewart; Parliamentarian, Robyn Ryan; Recording Secretary, Nancy Baucom; 2nd Vice President, Billye Peterson; IC Representative, Deb Hughes and Convention Chairman, June Miller.

Other special guests recognized were: Rosalie Griffith, Cathy Holsted, Judi York, Vivian Gibson, Lola Jaegers, Jeanne Meyer, Gwynn Nell Swanson, Dixie Palmer Founders: Priscilla Drummond and Billie Fritch and Dixie Palmer recipients: Cathy Holsted and Vivian Gibson. Tina then introduced the remainder of the Executive and General Board and the Sooner Seniorettettes.

Jennifer Stewart, Correspondence Secretary, read regrets from Jacque Edwards Cantrell, Billie Linville, Patsy Timmons, Ramona Paine and Dorothy Drumm.

She also read a letter from IC Convention Chairman, Sherry Day, congratulating Tina on her hard work for ESA this year and apologizing for not being able to attend.

President Tina asked if everyone had received an attendance sheet and reminded all to only count the members present today and turn them in as soon as possible because attendance will be taken from these forms.

Robyn Ryan, Parliamentarian moved that the Convention Rules be adopted as printed in the Convention Program on page 30. Motion was seconded by Billye Peterson, Gamma Zeta, Edmond.
MOTION CARRIED.

June Miller, Convention Chairman, moved that the Convention Program be adopted as printed and distributed to the paid registrants of the convention. Motion seconded by Linda Southerland, Beta Psi, Clinton. MOTION CARRIED.

The committee to read the minutes of the 71st Annual Oklahoma State Convention is Chairman, Lola Jaegers, Mona Quaid Martin and Sue Knight.

The committee to read the minutes of the March State Council Meeting was Chairman, Deb Hughes with Gwen Beasley and Charlene Law. Deb reported that the minutes were approved and will be placed on file.

Dawn Haley, Credentials Chairman, reported that the number of chapters was 38; the number of chapters in attendance was 25 and the number of eligible votes for election was 25. The membership questioned this report. President Tina asked Dawn to double check the figures and to give a report later in the meeting.

Janette Murray, Convention Registration Chairman, reported that there are 136 full registrations; 23 guests attending the banquet and 8 guests for the awards luncheon; no MAL's; no ELAN's and no MESA's. The total registration was 167. Janette introduced 7 new pledges in attendance: Susan Bobb, Stephanie Hamm, Jeanie McCabe, Chantell Moss, Annette Nichols, Carolyn Womack and Brenda Yates; also introduced were 11 first time convention goers in attendance: Karla Applegate, Susan Bobb, Alice Cornwell, Stephanie Hamm, Jeanie McCabe, Chantell Moss, Annette Nichols, Debbie Reed, Eilene Wiley, Carolyn Womack and Brenda Yates.

Linda Southerland, 1st Vice President/Nominating Committee Chairman introduced the slate of officers for the 2014-2015 year:

- District II Coordinator – Carrie Willingham
- District III Coordinator – Charlene Law
- District IV Coordinator – Linda Leveridge
- District V Coordinator – Jane Thomas
- PJ Editor – Rita Hains
- Project Director – Margaret Kramer
- Parliamentarian – Lori Few
- Recording Secretary – Robyn Ryan
- Treasurer – Joyce Lacey Kenney
- 2nd Vice -President (two candidates) – Nancy Baucom & Peggie Sprinkle
- 1st Vice-President –Billye Peterson
- Corresponding Secretary – Robbin Brown
- Sr. Past President – Joyce Gibson
- Jr. Past President – Tina Davenport McKamie
- President - Linda Southerland

President Tina asked that if anyone that hasn't turned in their ballots to please do so immediately. Once all ballots were turned in, Tina announced the election of the 2014-2015 Oklahoma State Council Executive Board was closed.

Tellers for the election of the 2014-2015 Oklahoma State Council Board are: Nancy Buck, Head Teller; Maggie Sellers and Judy Cravens. Tina asked Jennifer Stewart to please escort the tellers to her room for the tally. Tina instructed the tellers that upon completion of the tally, to please seal all

ballots in the brown envelope. Give the envelope to Jennifer to return to her. She also instructed them to enclose and secure the name of the winning candidates in the white envelope for Jennifer to also return to her and asked them not to reveal the winners name or tally count to anyone. Tina then excused the tellers and asked the candidates to go to their hotel room before 4:30 as she will call them in their room beginning at 4:30 to give the results.

Linda Southerland, 1st Vice-President, President-Elect presented the 2015 State Convention: Date – April 24-26th, 2015 at the Biltmore Hotel in Oklahoma City. Theme is “Love Comes in All Colors”; Convention Chairmen are Nancy Buck and Gwynn Nell Swanson.

President Tina called for the election of the 2014-2015 Nominating Committee. The nominations were: Synovia Lemmings; Marla Tyndall; Brenda Beed and Mary Johnson.

Aletha Bolt moved that the nominations for the Nominating Committee cease and be accepted by acclamation. Judi York, Beta Gamma, Tulsa seconded the motion. MOTION CARRIED.

Margaret Kramer, Treasurer reported: Balance Forward from 2012-2013 was \$11,938.70; Receipts were \$11,036.34; Disbursements were \$13,289.53; Balance as of 4/23/2014 is \$9,685.51. The breakdown of the ending balance is as follows: General Fund Balance-\$2,840.79; Speaker’s Fund \$937.97; IC Campaign Fund-\$219.36; Doer’s Fund-\$172.25; 2011 IC Convention Deposit-\$5,515.14. Certificate of Deposit balance is \$4,002.07.

President Tina reported that our Oklahoma State Project recipients are voted on every 3 years. Upon recommendation of the General Board, it has been moved that the Oklahoma School for the Blind in Muskogee and the Oklahoma School for the Deaf in Sulphur remain our State Project recipients. Coming from a committee no second is required. MOTION CARRIED.

There was a 10 minute break.

Dawn Haley, Credentials Chairman double checked the figures and reported the following: Number of Chapters Eligible to Vote – 38; Number of Eligible Votes - 61; Chapters in Attendance – 25; Total Eligible Votes for Election – 51. She moved that the Credentials report be adopted. It was seconded by Marge Stevens, Sigma Chi, Inola. MOTION CARRIED.

Darlene Cushenberry, State Project Director reported that the Balance Forward from 2012-2013 was \$3,790.00; Receipts-\$3,580.00; Disbursements-\$3,005.00; Ending Balance is \$4,515.01. The allocations for the Oklahoma School for the Deaf are \$2,644.50 with 210 students and for the Oklahoma School for the Blind - \$1,870.50.

Rita Hains, Membership Chairman reported that membership grew by 8% this last year (as of February 28, 2014). She presented the 7 new members in attendance with a welcome gift basket.

Deb Hughes brought greetings from the International Council Executive Board. She asked how many were going to IC Convention in Portland and reminded that registration rates go up May 1st. She spoke about the different workshops that will be at IC Convention in July and talked about BOGO - Be One Get One membership promotion. It’s important to remain active and engaged. Our organization is only as strong as its membership. “Please make the commitment to yourself as well to ESA.”

Deb stated that she will have a workshop this afternoon called Heart to Heart Connection which is mainly sharing about Hope for Heroes ideas.

Billye Peterson spoke about Santa Hugs which are scarves with mittens on each end that the kids can put their hands in and place them around their necks to give themselves a hug from Santa and asked the membership to get cutting and sewing because we are to make 4,000 of the Santa Hugs this year.

President Tina announced 3 Crystal Slipper Awards winners: Tammy Bowman from Gamma Zeta, Edmond; Delta Kappa, Norman and Beta Iota, McAlester. Tina will have to present the certificates at a later time.

Tina announced that from 11:00 to 12:00 charm sales, directory sales and etc. will be in the foyer; the Awards luncheon will begin at 12:00; Billye Peterson's workshop will be from 11:15 to 11:50 and there will be two other workshops this afternoon.

Janette Murray announced that when she introduced the first time convention attendees earlier that she missed a very special lady that has moved from Ohio and that this convention wasn't her first but it was her first Oklahoma convention -Sandy Lackey, Alpha Theta, Muskogee.

Linda Leveridge announced that any member that had an entry in the Association of the Arts could pick it up after the meeting.

Billye Peterson asked that those that had an Educational that was entered in the Gold Seal to please leave those because the judging sheet will not be put in the notebook until after lunch.

Unfinished Business – none.

New Business – none.

The 1st General Assembly of the 71st Annual Oklahoma State Convention recessed at 10:48am to reconvene on Sunday morning.

*Submitted by:
Nancy Baucom
State Recording Secretary
2013-14*

71st ANNUAL OKLAHOMA STATE CONVENTION
Second General Assembly
Sunday, April 27, 2014

Chaplain Nellrita Barrick gave the invocation and brunch was served.

President Tina Davenport McKamie declared the second General Assembly in session at 9:54 a.m.

President Tina welcomed everyone to the final session of the year. She asked if everyone had turned in their attendance sheets to Nancy Baucom, Recording Secretary and asked for those who hadn't to please do so. While this was taking place, Tina recognized the hostess chapters: Alpha Zeta, Pawhuska; Beta Iota, McAlester and Epsilon Kappa, Hominy.

Nancy Baucom, Recording Secretary, moved to dispense with the reading of the 1st General Assembly minutes of the 71st Annual Oklahoma State Convention. Lora Thompson, Zeta Gamma, Shawnee seconded the motion. MOTION CARRIED.

President Tina introduced the head table June Miller, Convention Chairman; Margaret Kramer, Treasurer; Deb Hughes, IC Representative ; Jennifer Stewart, Corresponding Secretary; Linda Southerland, 1st Vice President /President-elect and 2014 State President; Robyn Ryan, Parliamentarian; Nancy Baucom, Recording Secretary/soon to be 2nd Vice President and Billye Peterson, 2nd Vice President/soon to be 1st Vice President.

Tina introduced her 2013-2014 Executive and General Board. She recognized our IC Representative, Deb Hughes and presented her with a token of love and appreciation. Tina also recognized the Sooner Seniorettes.

Janet Goodfox, Auditor, reported that all the books that were submitted were audited and found to be correct and in good order.

The election results for the 2014-2015 Nominating Committee are as follows: Synovia Lemmings, Marla Tyndle, Brenda Beed and Mary Johnson.

Nancy Baucom, 2014-2015 2nd Vice President/Educational Director announced the Educational Theme – Share the Gift of Music with ESA.

Billye Peterson and the 2016 Convention Co-Chairmen, Robbin Brown and Linda Coniglio presented the 2016 Convention Bid: The convention will be April 29, 30 & May 1, 2016 at the Sheraton Hotel, Midwest City. The room rate is \$102 plus tax. The Convention theme is “America the Beautiful” with Gamma Zeta, Edmond; Zeta Gamma, Shawnee; Zeta Epsilon, Seminole and Beta Psi, Clinton as hostess chapters. Billye Peterson moved that the 2016 Oklahoma State Convention bid be accepted as presented. Motion was seconded by Mary Johnson, Epsilon Kappa, Hominy. MOTION CARRIED.

Sooner Seniorette President, Nadine Moyer-Rader, led the Sooner Seniorette induction

ceremony for President Tina Davenport McKamie.

Nadine Moyer-Rader presented the new Sooner Seniorettas officers for 2014-2015

They are as follows: Bunnie Sullins, President; Secretary/Treasurer, Joyce Gibson and Historian Tina Davenport McKamie.

IC Representative, Deb Hughes, gave the IC Farewell message. Deb presented an Award of Achievement to Nellrita Barrick.

Rosalie Griffith presented Deb with our traditional Indian feather headband as an honorary member of Oklahoma ESA.

Billye Peterson read a special poem to President Tina Davenport McKamie entitled "High Heels and High Hopes" and Linda Southerland presented the State Council gift of a Life Active Foundation Membership and Pin to her.

President Tina presented the Crystal Slipper Award Certificates to Delta Kappa, Norman; Beta Iota, McAlester and Tammy Bowman.

Tina presented Rosalie Griffith with a thank you gift for being our guest speaker at our banquet. She also presented Cathy Holsted, June Miller, Judi York and all the board members with thank you gifts.

Raffle drawing prizes were given out and the following gifts were presented to the President: Full Crown Jewel Pin by Tawanna Cathey, Beta Iota's Chapter President and state scrapbooks by Leslie Farabee.

President Tina's gavel was lowered by June Miller and Linda's gavel was raised by Robbin Brown. This was followed by Tina's farewell speech; the passing of the gavel to the 2014-2015 State President, Linda Southerland; the 2014-2015 President's message, and the introduction of the 2014-2015 Executive and General Board.

Bunnie Sullins presented the retirement of the flags ceremony and presented Tina with the American Flag that was flown over the state capital and explained the meaning of the thirteen folds.

President Linda Southerland adjourned the 71st State Convention with the closing ritual.

*Submitted by:
Nancy Baucom
State Recording Secretary
2013-2014*

2014 OKLAHOMA CONVENTION FINAL FINANCIAL REPORT
Submitted by June Miller, Convention Chair,
and Janette Murray, Convention Treasurer

The Hosting Convention Chapters, Alpha Zeta, Epsilon Kappa, and Beta Iota, loaned the Convention Committee \$1,000 each (total \$3,000) as startup money. Therefore, the \$1,000 loan and \$2.50 per chapter from the State Council was not necessary. This is not included in our income and expenses below. It was paid back to each chapter as soon as all the bills were paid.

INCOME	\$18,765.00	
EXPENSES	\$17,551.14	
TOTAL PROFIT		\$1,213.86
STATE COUNCIL ½ OF PROFIT OVER \$1,000		\$106.93
CHAPTER PROFIT (divided by three (3) chapters)		\$1,106.93

We had 136 full registrations but refunded 6; 11 Luncheon only registrations at \$33 each; 24 banquet only registrations at \$40 each. Ad sales of \$1,665 (thank you, ESA ladies). Charm Sales of \$1,039; Hospitality Room profit of \$286 (Thank you Dawn, Bob & John); Sales on Chances for Free Registration and Free one night stay at the Doubletree plus \$50 gift card of \$486; Misc. Sales \$36. Convention City paid for the Board Dinner and any Sooner Seniorettes attending.

Thank you all for coming to Convention. I hope you enjoyed your weekend. I know both Linda and Billye look forward to your good attendance and happy spirits in the next two years. The Doubletree called me a few days after convention and said everyone loved the ESA LADIES and THEY WANT US BACK!

Oklahoma State Convention 2014
April 25, 26, & 27
Double Tree Warren Place, Tulsa

ACCEPTANCE SPEECH

Andrew Guzaldo quotes, "A strong woman is one who loves deeply, and loves fiercely, her tears flow just as abundantly as her laughter. A strong woman is both soft and powerful. She is both practical and Spiritual...A strong woman in her essence is a gift to the WORLD!"

Many years ago, this strong woman came into my life. First, she was my daughter's teacher then she became my ESA sister and best of all - my friend.

I have been a shy person most of my life and did not feel I could accomplish much. But if I could step aside and be someone else, I could do and say silly things and put on a show. When Nellrita Barrick joined Beta Psi, she became my traveling partner. We went to District, State, and International meetings together. She taught me that I could drive in heavy traffic and not get lost. Of course, with her as my navigator, we did see new country occasionally.

Nellrita is why I am standing here today. Nellrita encouraged me to take an office on the General Board, then as District II officer; she also said it was time to take a board position. I told her I would only go as far as treasurer because my husband was ill and money was short; however, Nellrita knows no barriers.

When I lost my husband and son within nineteen months of each other, she encouraged me to step over the barrier and run for second vice president. When I said I could not afford to go any further up the ladder, she and my chapter, Beta Psi, came through again. My chapter has had bake sales, hot dog sales, silent auctions, and garage sales to help me attend the IC Leadership seminars and purchase other things needed for my progression up the State Council ladder. To all the other "Sisters in ESA" and their chapters who have inspired me along the way, YOU mean the world to me, and your love has simply heartened me to succeed with love, desire, and a strong work ethic.

Here I stand as your Oklahoma State Council President and will try to embrace all the confidence that has been bestowed upon me. I will try my best to be the strong woman you think I can be; I will simply be ESA love.

I chose my motto "ESA - Simply LOVE" because of the love started with Nellrita, the love and encouragement that has been carried through Beta Psi and other state chapters through the years. 'Thank You' JUST does not seem to be enough for all the strong women of ESA. I say to each member, "ESA - Simply Love."

*Linda Southerland
2014-2015
ESA Oklahoma State Council*

Oklahoma State Council of ESA
Executive/General Board Meeting
June 21, 2014
Minutes

The Executive and General Board Meeting of Oklahoma State Council of ESA was called to order by President Linda Southerland at 9:40 a.m. Saturday, June 21, 2014 at Biltmore Hotel, Oklahoma City, Oklahoma.

Linda asked if there was anyone in attendance that wasn't a member of the board member to remind them that only board members could vote. She also asked everyone to confirm the lunch reservations with Joyce Lacey-Kenney right now.

She also reminded everyone that is giving a report or making a motion to give a copy of it to Recording Secretary Robyn Ryan.

Linda announced the committee to read the minutes of the June State Council is Maxine Wheelan, Sylvia Ochs and Glenda Petty.

Chapter information sheets available at the back of the room for anyone interested.

Linda read letters of resignation from Nellrita Barrick, State Chaplain and Lora Thompson, Membership Co-Chair. She then appointed Lora Thompson as the acting State Chaplain. Due to the timelines of the resignations Nancy Buck is to serve as Chaplain for this meeting only. Future Chaplain duties go to Lora Thompson.

Treasurer: Joyce Lacey-Kenney presented the budget for 2014-2015. Because of rising cost of overall expenses \$3350.24 needed to be moved from the IC Convention Profit Fund to the General Operating Budget to help balance it. After much discussion. The money is there only if needed. Synovia Lemmings made the motion to accept the proposed budget. No second need coming from committee. Motion carried.

Project Director: Margaret Kramer read letter from Oklahoma School of the Blind for the wish list for which their donation would be used for. The amount is \$1870.50 for the 1:1 initiative. Margaret made the motion and Lola Jaegers seconded. Motion carried.

Margaret read the wish list for the Oklahoma School for the Deaf. The motion was made to send \$2644.50 for them to use at their discretion. Lora Thompson seconded. Motion carried.

Contest Chairman: Mary Adams could not be here she is in St. Thomas. Lora Thompson gives the report. Recommended the following changes regarding contest rules:

SERVICE REPORT: Remove Hope Projects-Hats, Baby Blankets, Clothing

Add Hope for Heroes the reason we can record miles, hours, monetary value and cash monies the same as our other philanthropic projects and include it for the state of Oklahoma reports to the IC Hope for Heroes Chair. Motion carried.

OUTSTANDING CHAPTER: Under Participation remove K) and put it under Philanthropic add F) Hope for Heroes for 10 points. Motion carried.

Under Participation eliminate 3J and raise the number of points for 6B Publicity to (10). Motion carried,

RUSH: Add (D) Held recruitment party for 15 points. Motion carried.

PHILANTHROPIC: (A) Service Report reported by April 1, 20 Raise to 25 points. Motion carried.

CONVENTIONS: The Recording Secretary sends the information to the Outstanding Chapter Chair.

PHILANTHROPIC OFFICIAL JUDGING SHEET: Add Hope for Heroes.

2015 Convention Chair: Gwynn Nell made motion to keep registration at \$100 for member and \$40 for guests. Judy York seconded. Motion carried.

Gwynn Nell made a motion to include another option for those who wish to attend the Sunday morning brunch as guest only at a cost of \$20. Margaret Kramer seconded. Motion carried.

Speaker's Fund: Robbin Brown at the request of Linda would like to request the use of monies from the speaker's fund, not to exceed \$250, for a guest speaker at the August State Council Leadership. Nancy Buck seconded. Motion carried.

Unfinished business: None

New business: None

Announcements: If you are participating in the Secret Sister Program, please see Linda Jones

There are items for sales today. To order a directory, please see Judi York. President/Convention charms are on sale for \$8 each see Karen Barker.

Petticoat Journal Subscriptions to be mailed to you at a cost of \$15. Contact Rita Hains.

Meeting adjourned at 10:55 a.m.

Oklahoma State Council of ESA
State Council Meeting
June 21, 2014

The Oklahoma State Council meeting was called to order at 11:10 a.m. by President Linda Southerland. Linda led in the opening ritual. Hope for Heroes Co- Chairman Patty Heer and Peggy Campbell led in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Linda read letter of resignation from Nellrita Barrick, due to the aggressiveness of my cancer and the pain I am in, regretfully, I must resign as the ESA Oklahoma Chaplain, 2014-2015. I am so sorry having to miss serving on your general board. Linda also announced that Lora Thompson resigned as member co-chair. Linda then appointed Lora Thompson as the acting State Chaplain. She Nancy Buck to serve as chaplain for this meeting only. All future information concerning chaplain should be sent to Lora.

Corresponding Secretary: Robbin Brown read regrets from Billye Peterson, Rita Hains, Tina McKamie, Jane Thomas, Judy Cravens, Nellrita Barrick, Mary Adams, Rosalie Griffin, Joy Agan.

Introductions: Linda welcomed everyone to the meeting and recognized some special people. Deb Hughes- IC Workshop Coordinator, Candidate for IC Recording Secretary and Sooner Seniorette.

Cathy Holsted- ESA Foundation Director, Past IC President, Past ESA Foundation Chairman, 2012 IC Convention Chair, Awards Chairman and Sooner Seniorette. Ramona Paine- Outstanding Chapter Chairman and Sooner Seniorette.

Judy York-Past IC Parliamentarian, Directory Chairman and Sooner Seniorette, Parliamentarian for this meeting, and candidate for ESA Foundation board.

Lola Jaegers-Past ESA Foundation Chairman and Sooner Seniorette.

Vivian Gibson-Past ESA Foundation Director, ESA Foundation Counselor and Sooner Seniorette.

Billie Fritch-Dixie Palmer Founder

And the most amazing, helpful, considerate, compassionate, wonderful and beautiful Sooner Senioresses.

Linda then asked if there was any first time attendees; there were none. One DESA was present.

Linda reminded everyone to register for the meeting for attendance with Robyn Ryan.

The committee to read the minutes of the June State Council meeting is Maxine Wheelan, Sylvia Ochs and Glenda Petty.

The committee to read the minutes of the State Convention was Lola Jaegers, chairman with Mona Quaid Martin and Sue Knight. Lola reported the minutes were corrected and will be printed in the PJ.

OFFICER REPORTS AND PRESENTATIONS:

ESA Foundation: Vivian Gibson thanked everyone for helping make the auction successful. We made \$2724 which was equally divided between the Foundation, Easter Seals and St Jude. The Foundation portion was donated to two of the endowments that the Oklahoma State Council is responsible for. We are responsible for Myre Starr, Joyce and Oscar Whitewing and Hawkins-Tuma Memorial Endowment. Vivian received a note from the Scholarship Chairman stating that we needed to add \$179.00 to Mrye Starr Endowment before May 31, 2014 in order to give a scholarship for 2015. Since we have no budget amount in the State Council's budget for the endowments; She made an executive decision to donate \$608.00 to the Mrye Starr Endowment since it had less than any of the endowments, the \$200.00 to the Hawkins-Tuma Endowment. The Joyce and Oscar Whitewing endowment has sufficient funds.

As of March 2014 before awarding scholarships for 2014, Mrye Starr Endowment has \$5821.00, Hawkins-Tuma \$6766.00 and Joyce and Oscar Whitewing \$16,058.00.

Vivian made a motion:

Since the State Counselor is the one who receives the information on the endowments and has the auction money with no designated Foundation Fund that it be left to the discretion of the Foundation Counselor to decide which fund of the Foundation to donate the money to. Peggie Sprinkle seconded. Motion carried.

If you or your chapter are considering making a donation to the foundation general or scholarship fund, please consider making the donation to one of the Council's endowments.

Someone wanted to know if they donated to the Endowment would they get credit as a donation to the Foundation and the answer is yes.

It is scholarship time. Please tell your friends and the schools in your area, about all of the scholarships that are available. Direct them to the website: epsilonsigmaalpha.org to apply online.

Vivian also asked if you are a member of the Foundation please see her to sign your credentials if not going to IC Convention and sign for who you want as your proxy.

PROJECT DIRECTOR: Margaret Kramer reported total monies collected was \$4415.00.

Upon recommendation of the Executive and General Board she moved that we give the Oklahoma School of the Blind \$1870.50 to the 1:1 Initiative Program for grades 5 thru 12. Coming from a committee no seconded required. Motion carried.

Upon recommendation of the Executive and General Board she move that we give the Oklahoma School of the Deaf \$2644.50 to utilized at the discretion of the school. The choices were updating the Senior Dormitory with bedding, pillows, rugs, decoration, towels and shower curtains. The last update was 2008-2009 school year. The other choice was DVD players on buses that transport student's home all over the state. The cost is \$100 each with 6 DVD per bus times 5 buses. Coming from a committee no seconded required. Motion carried.

Second Vice-President/Educational Director: Nancy Baucom gave an educational on Science of Music. Music is defined as an art of sound in time that expresses ideas & emotions in significant forms through the elements of rhythm, melody, harmony and color. But what is music? Is birdsong music? How about the tap-tap- tap of a hammer, or the wail of a creaking door? Is playing a garbage can different than playing a drum?

Music refuses to be contained. It won't just sit there, neat & orderly in the bins at a record store. It finds its way into everything, shows up everywhere, and right when you think you've got it, somehow it moves on.

Where is music now? Some say music is where you find it. In fact, music is where it finds you. It can find you in ordinary, daily places and things. First it's in the cacophony of a tuning orchestra then it's in the men's restroom with an itinerant saxophone player. Next it's in your kitchen when pots and pans or clanging, in sound of a coffee grinder or perhaps you'd hear it just by touching the rim of a wine glass filled with water.

Context has a huge impact on how we interpret the sounds we hear. Visual information is a large part of that context. For example, if you were to close your eyes and listen to sounds in your home such as the sound of the clock ticking, you might think it sounds like a metronome or the claws of a crab or maybe the hum of the refrigerator in your kitchen might sound like an accordion. Often as our brains struggle to make sense of the world, what we see matters as much or more than what we hear. Scientists call this visual dominance.

She was going to demonstrate but due to technical difficulties was not able.

Sooner Seniorette President: Bunnie Sullins was not here.

Treasurer: Joyce Lacey-Kenney Treasurer Report:

Balance transferred for 2013-2014	\$9379.01
Income	\$ 157.43
Disbursements	\$ -0-
Ending Balance as of June 20, 2014	\$9736.44

Upon recommendation of the Executive and General Board Joyce move that the 2014-2015 proposed budget be approved. Coming from a committee, no second is need. Motion carried.

Contest Chairman: Mary Adams was not here but Lora Thompson presented proposed changes.

1. Service Report: Remove Hope Projects and add Hope for Heroes. Coming from a committee no second required. Motion carried.

2. Outstanding Chapter: Under Participation remove K) Hope for Heroes and put under Philanthropic add F) Hope for Heroes for 10 points. Under Participation: eliminate 3J under participation and raise the number of points for 6B Publicity to 10 points. Rush: add D) Held recruitment party for 15 points. Philanthropic: A) Service Report reported by April 1, 20__ Raise to 25 points. Conventions: The Recording Secretary sends information to the Outstanding Chapter Chair. Coming from a committee no second required. Motion carried.

3. Philanthropic Official Judging Sheet: Add Hope for Heroes. Coming from a committee no second required. Motion carried.

Linda then announced the head tables. Margaret Kramer-Project Director, Robyn Ryan-Recording Secretary, Nancy Baucom-2nd Vice-President, Judy York acting Parliamentarian for the day, Joyce Lacey-Kenney-Treasurer, Robbin Brown-Corresponding Secretary.

Robyn Ryan reported 48 Registrants for the meeting and 41 for lunch. Nancy Buck said our blessing before breaking for lunch.

The Meeting adjourned for lunch at 11:55 a.m. The meeting reconvened at 12:30 p.m.

2014 Oklahoma Convention Chairman: June Miller gave the final financial report. The Hosting Convention Chapters were Alpha Zeta, Epsilon Kappa and Beta Iota. The income was \$18,765.00, expenses \$17,551.14, Total profit \$1,213.86. State Council part of the profit was \$106.93. The three chapters hosting divided \$1106.93.

We had 136 registrations but refunded 6, 11 Luncheon only registrations at \$33 each; 24 banquet only registrations at \$40 each. Ad sales of \$1665, charm sales of \$1039; Hospitality room profit of \$286; Sales on chances for free registration and free one night stay at the Doubletree plus \$50 gift card of \$486; Misc. sales \$36. Convention City paid for the Board Dinner and any Sooner Senioretttes attending.

June thanked everyone for coming to convention, and hoped they enjoyed their weekend. Both Linda and Billye look forward to your good attendance and happy spirits in the next two years.

The Doubletree called a few days after convention and said everyone loved the ESA LADIES and THEY WANT US BACK.

2015 Convention Skit was done inviting everyone to attend the LOVE BOAT to the Biltmore Hotel where colors are everywhere and love is all around.

2015 Convention Chairman Report: Nancy Buck made a motion. Upon recommendation of the Executive and General Board I move that the registration for 2015 convention remain at \$100 for members and \$40 for guest, and that we include another option to the registration form for those who wish to attend the Sunday morning brunch at a cost of \$20. Coming from a committee no second is required. Motion carried.

ESA for St. Jude: Peggie Sprinkle reported on some of the projects in the last few months for St. Jude Children's Research Hospital. Right now the Tulsa Dream Home is going on. The last count over 6000 tickets have been sold, the goal is 10000. The house will be open all next week for 11:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m. during the Parade of Homes. Giveaway will be June 29th 1-3 p.m. on FOX23 TV.

Inola chapter Sigma Chi held their 33rd Inola St. Jude run.

Tulsa, Oklahoma City, and Lawton held a St. Jude radiothon for 2 days and raised \$31,245.00

Presentation of certificates were given for the participation of the OKC Dream Home 2013 and the radiothon Feb 2014.

Please let her know of any projects you will be doing to support St. Jude. You can go to epsilonsigmaalpha.org or stjude.org to find out ideas for fundraising. There are forms to use if you have a project not thru ALSAC.

If anyone is interested in making a trip to Memphis to tour St. Jude please see her as she is trying to schedule a tour for October or February.

Please remember by giving and supporting the St. Jude Children's Research Hospital we are helping to find cures, and saving children.

Hope for Heroes: Patty Heer spoke about focusing on the Hope for Heroes families that are here. This is for all branches of service. We wanted to collect baby items to make a basket to give to a family with a newborn while the other family member is deployed. She also wants to collect teddy bears to give the children of deployed soldiers. We should also think about things we could do to help families like mowing the yard and other jobs around the home.

Report all on the philanthropic report of things you have done.

There were several drawings today to help raise money for this project.

Speakers Fund: Robbin Brown reported that upon recommendation of the Executive and General Board, the president would like to request the use of monies from the Speakers Fund, not to exceed \$250.00, for a guest speaker at the August State Council Leadership. Coming from a committee no second is required. Motion carried.

Sr. Past President/Workshop Coordinator: Joyce Gibson had to leave early. No report.

Easter Seals: Tammy Bowman thanked the ESA Foundation for their help at Convention.

Right now there is cookies for sale and have a designer bag (worth \$139) to buy chances on for the next few meetings. Will have other things at different meetings. Chances on the designer hand bag. 1 for \$3, 2 for \$5, 5 for \$10.

Membership: Lola Jaegers with Lora Thompson reported that headquarters printout as of May 31, Oklahoma had lost 2 members. Remember Joyce and Billie standing up here, did their reports inspire us to have the most members ever then? You are the reason we have new members-we don't achieve great things by ourselves. Remember, the reason you joined ESA and give someone the gift of ESA by asking them to become a member. Let's do it for the team.

Lola would like to know about your recruitment (rush) parties for reporting to the Outstanding Chapter Chairman.

Directory: Judi York announced that if you have given her an updated Chapter Roster you need to do so as quickly ASAP. Get your directory order today so we know how many to print.

District Coordinators: President Linda announced that District III needs the chapter president names to be given to Charlene Law. Linda, Robbin Brown, and Judi York need a chapter presidents names.

She then announced the District Meeting dates. District II will be August 2 at Clinton, District III will be September 13 at the Highland Park Christian Church in Tulsa, District IV will be September 6 in Norman, District V will be September 30 at the Oklahoma School for the Blind in Muskogee.

Cathy Holsted asked if you brought your Dr. Seuss books for IC Convention, be sure she gets them.

If you brought your baby items get them to Peggy or Patty.

Unfinished Business: None

New Business: Linda want a committee to figure out money making projects for the State Council so we don't have to cut budget or raise dues.

One member from each District to be on the committee. District IV –Sue Bobb, District II-Libby Zuage, District III- Marge Goodno, District V-June Miller.

Billye Peterson had asked Cathy Holsted if we could look into purchasing our own A/V equipment. Cathy got a quote of \$798 without mike stand and with mike stand would be \$1000. Cathy reminded that if we get this someone will have to tote it around and check with hotels if we can use our own equipment.

Judi York report we could get a portable sound system at dealer's cost thru her daughter. It includes system with wireless mike, USB port, cd/dvd player, MP3, speakers and speaker stand. Will be big enough for a convention room, or small room. Have to be stored properly and be maintained, not to hot or cold. Has cover for it. Mike stand is about \$100.00. This will be discussed at August meeting.

Announcements: We will be having "ESA shopping on the mall" at Leadership so reserve a table and get you sales pitch going. Tables are \$10.

Linda Leveridge read a letter from Anita Kay Hilburn the ESA IC Outstanding Youth Chair 2013-2014. She informed us that Skye Tompkins, Delta Kappa #3538 nominee, was chosen by a panel of judges for the ESA IC Outstanding Senior High Youth winner for 2013-2014.

District V-Leadership is on Saturday, September 20, 2014 form 8:30 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. at Oklahoma School for the Blind. "Learn First Hand with ESA." Come and hear from families who receive services and care from Kelly B Todd Cerebral Palsy and Neuro-Muscular Center and St. Jude Children's Research Hospital. Learn self-defense techniques, how to maintain physical agility and improve your leadership skills. Remember to invite your prospective pledges to this exciting and fun day of learning and serving ESA. Registration is \$15 and includes a light breakfast and lunch. Please email the names of those attending to Jane Thomas. (jthomas@osb.k12.us) by Tuesday, September 16, 2014.

Tulsa Area Council Bunco Bash is on Friday, August 8, 2014 at 6:00 p.m. located in the Highland Park Christian Church. This benefits Emergency Infant Services. The cost is \$15 per player or \$10 if you bring an item on the list. Like diapers (newborn, size 4 & 5), wipes, formula, receiving blankets, baby wash, baby bottles, or new toddler clothing sizes 2-6.

Reminders: If participating in the Secret Sister Program see Linda Jones.

There is items for sale in back. 50/50 jar is also in back. Order your directory with Judi York. President/Convention charms are on sale for \$8. Petticoat Journal subscriptions to be mailed are \$15, contact Rita Hains.

Deb Hughes on the Santa Hugs. There is simpler instructions now available. Need people can sew and can donate money for material.

Everyone who is going to IC please stand. They counted 12 people going.

Thank you for coming today and have a safe and pleasant drive home. I do hope to see you at State Leadership on August 23.

Meeting adjourned a 1:38 p.m. The Closing Ritual was recited.



MEETING NOTICE

Oklahoma State Council Leadership

Saturday, August 23, 2014

Biltmore Hotel, OKC

Special Guest Speaker on Leadership
Reonna Slagell-Gossen

Special Presentations by ESA Leaders
!!!!!! Shopping on the Mall!!!!!!

Come and spend a fun filled day with great speakers, lively interaction,
a musical educational, and SHOPPING!!!

Registration begins at 8:30 am
Meeting will begin at 9:00 am

Lunch- \$18.00 per person (Pre-registration required)

Please RSVP by Tuesday August 19th to
Robbin Brown, Corresponding Secretary

robbesa4@gmail.com



2014-2015 Calendar of Events

2014

Saturday, August 2	District II Leadership Meeting 1st United Methodist Church Clinton
Saturday, August 23	Executive & General Board Meeting State Leadership Meeting Oklahoma City
Saturday, September 6	District IV Leadership Meeting Goodrich United Methodist Church Norman
Saturday, September 13	District III Leadership Meeting Highland Park Christian Church Tulsa
Saturday, September 20	District IV Leadership Meeting Muskogee
Saturday, October 25	OK School for the Deaf Tour District IV Meeting Sulphur
November 14 November 15	Christmas Party November State Council Biltmore Hotel OKC

2015

Feb 21	OSB Tour District III and V Installation Muskogee, OK
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March 7	District IV Meeting Norman, OK
March 14	March State Council Meeting Biltmore Hotel OKC
March 28	District II Meeting Clinton, OK
April 24-26	72nd Annual Oklahoma State Convention “Love Comes in All Colors” Biltmore Hotel, Oklahoma City