

# Oklahoma State Council Petticoat Journal



**Dr. Billye Peterson, President**

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## *A Star Spangled Convention is Nearly Here!*

If you missed the March State Council meeting, you missed a GREAT meeting! We learned from each other about some useful Apps for our phones, and we had lots of fun playing an easy, affordable dice game, Left Right Center. It can be used for socials or a terrific rush activity to invite friends you'd like to introduce to ESA.

Deadline for convention has passed, but you can still come by paying the regular convention registration along with a \$25 late fee. Deadline for room registration is April 15 so you still have time to join us! We promise fun candidate introductions at our "Big Hair Country Fair," laughter, wonderful workshops, meetings, awards and special recognitions, and meeting new friends from around the state. What could be better than that! I can hardly wait to see you at "America the Beautiful" at the Sheraton Reed Center in Midwest City on April 29-30 and May 1. Let's show our IC Rep President-Elect Sherry Day and MARC Rep Chip Shaffer a big Oklahoma welcome!

If you've got some ESA memorabilia you'd like others to see, we're planning a table of ESA History at the Association of the Arts. Please feel free to bring it—it's fun to see "the way we were!" Some of the Sooner Senioresses may bring their pins & charms from their years, and you might like to buy some of their history.

Please take the time to read the bylaw changes that came out of our November "Cleaning ESA's Closet" session which are published in this issue of the PJ. Be prepared to vote for them during the First General Assembly at convention. We're trying to do what the membership wants—less meetings. But that won't mean less work for your officers as we will be traveling to your individual chapters visiting around the state and seeing what you need from us.

It's been such a fun year for me. As I told you in my acceptance speech last year, I didn't really ever want to be State President, but I wouldn't trade this year's experience for anything. I love meeting ESA sisters from around the state and making new friends. It's been such a rewarding experience, full of many special memories. As I read about your happenings on our Facebook page, I'm extremely proud of Oklahoma ESA and all of your chapter accomplishments. Thank you for your attendance at my meetings. Thank you to the Oklahoma State Council Officers and Chairs for your support, hard work, and dedication. I hope you've enjoyed it as much as I have!

*Billye*

Dr. Billye Peterson, Oklahoma State President

**1<sup>st</sup> Vice President  
Nancy Baucom**

March has roared to life. Spring is springing up which means that convention is almost here! This year is already a whirlwind! I'm getting ready to have a year full of **sweet indulgences!**

My thanks to everyone who has volunteered to be on my board. I wouldn't be able to do it without them. I know Oklahoma ESA'ers will benefit from their enthusiasm and wonderful ideas as much as I will.

Elsewhere in the PJ is the nominating committee's slate of officers. We have a full board with all running unopposed. I hope you are planning to attend the State Convention so you can meet this great slate. We are planning a fun-filled Friday evening to introduce these gals to you. **HINT:**

**Come one and come all to the**



**Meet the candidates.....**



Have your picture made with Uncle Sam.....

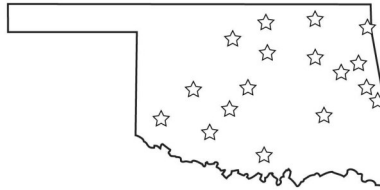
Play some Bingo.....Bingo cards will be \$5 each or 3 for \$10....Win Prizes!



**AND JUST HAVE FUN!!!!**

## Peggie Sprinkle - 2nd Vice President/Educational Director

### *"OKLAHOMA STARS"*



We are coming to the end of a great year! I hope you have been having fun with your chapter's educationals. I hope you have learned much about our "Oklahoma Stars".

Here is my last story about inspiring Okies!!

### Alice Mary Robertson (1854-1931)

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She was an American educator, social worker, government official, and politician who became the second woman to serve in the United States Congress and the first from the State of Oklahoma. Robertson was known for her strong personality, commitment to Native American issues and anti-feminist stance.

Until the election of Mary Fallin in 2006, Robertson was the only female member to Congress to serve the State of Oklahoma.

Named in her honor is a dormitory at the University of Science & Arts of Oklahoma in Chickasha. In Muskogee, the Alice Robertson Middle School is home to the 7th & 8th Grade Center. Her portrait hangs in the Oklahoma State Senate lounge.

## ESA For St. Jude

The St. Jude Radiothons were a huge success this year. Along with other ESA sisters, Barbara and I were happy to participate in Tulsa's K95 campaign on February 11<sup>th</sup> and 12<sup>th</sup>. The radio station and sponsors were able to raise over \$136,000. They did a fantastic job promoting St. Jude and its mission.

The Oklahoma City radiothon was held on February 25<sup>th</sup> and 26<sup>th</sup> at 101.9 The Twister. Billye Peterson and other ESA sisters (pictured is Seminole) participated in the two-day event with pledges of \$98,210 for a combined total of over \$234,000.



March 19<sup>th</sup> was Thank You ESA Day in Memphis, and we hope many of our ESA sisters were able to attend.

The 2016 Tulsa St. Jude Dream Home tickets will go on sale on Fox 23, Thursday, April 7<sup>th</sup>. The Open House Grand Opening will be Saturday, May 14<sup>th</sup> with the giveaway Sunday, June 26<sup>th</sup>. We know it will be another award-winning Epic Custom Home and a great fundraiser for St. Jude. The Oklahoma City St. Jude Dream Home tickets will go on sale on Fox 23, Thursday, June 2. The Open House Grand Opening will be Saturday, September 10 with the giveaway October 2 or 9 (depending on an NFL football game!). We look forward to seeing you all at the Dream Homes. Please plan to donate your time during the open houses.

Barbara and I would like for all of you to know how much we have appreciated your support this year. It has been an awesome year, and we loved being your St. Jude Coordinators. Thank you!

Barbara Childers  
Darlene Cushenberry

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DIRECTORY

Greetings Everyone,

As your Directory Chairman, I am asking/pleading that your chapter gets to me your new officers as soon as you elect them. You don't have to have installed them yet just so I will have that information for the new 2016-2017 Directory. That information helps so much for any officer/state committee/member that needs to contact one of your chapter officers, if needed. You will find a Directory form on the website: [www.oklaesa.org](http://www.oklaesa.org) or email me and I will send one to you. Also look carefully at the directory and see if there are any changes and please LET ME KNOW!!!

Thank you in advance for your help for making the Directory as complete as possible.

Gwynn Nell Swanson  
2016-2017 Directory Chairman



Happy Spring Sisters!!

Hope everyone is enjoying this amazing weather. I know I am!

Convention is coming up and I am looking forward to seeing everyone! I have awards to give away. We did well this year! Great job everyone!!

On a side note, I will be staying on as Philanthropic Chair with Nancy, so you can keep sending your reports to me.

Blessings to all & See you soon!!

Darla Barton  
Philanthropic Chair  
135 Rawlings  
Clinton, OK 73601

# ESA Foundation

Hello Everyone, As you know this is the last PJ Article of the year, but, I will be your Counselor for one more year.

Your help is needed with the auction at convention. We need your **help** to set up; check in auction items, etc. Let me know if you are willing to help and when you will be available. We need oral and silent auction items from you and your chapter for the St Jude, Easter Seals and ESA Foundation.

## Silent Auction



We also **need items** for the IC Convention. Please put it on your calendars to bring those items to June State Council meeting if you are not going to IC Convention.

Proceeds from the Oklahoma State Convention auction will be equally divided between Easter Seals, St. Jude and ESA Foundation. Oklahoma Council supports several Foundation Endowments. It is important to fund them each year. The Foundation's portion of the proceeds from the auction is equally divided between the endowments.

The convention auction will be Friday night, April 29 at 7:45 PM. Please note the time change for checking in your items. They may be checked in beginning at 12:00 noon in the Reed Center DEF Ballroom.

Consider **donating** to the **Fantasy Ball/Event**. Any amount will do.

Please continue encouraging your members to use the Turn Around Fund and to **join the Foundation** if they are not already a member. We need everyone supporting the Foundation and all the good that it does. It's \$25.00 to join initially, with a \$15.00 annual dues. There is also the option of becoming a life time member for \$500, payable in two years if you would like.



I would like for you to start early, thinking of high schools and colleges in your area that you can contact about the Foundation Scholarships. Oklahoma has many Scholarships to be given. They will be available on line October, 2016. Questions, please contact me: [tigervip60@aol.com](mailto:tigervip60@aol.com) or 405-229-4731.

Please come to the Foundation table at convention to **sign your credentials**.

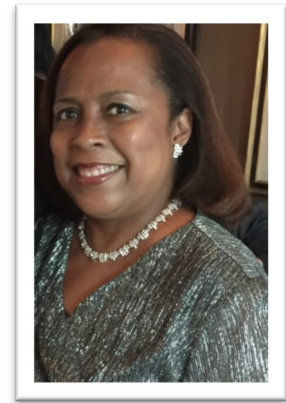
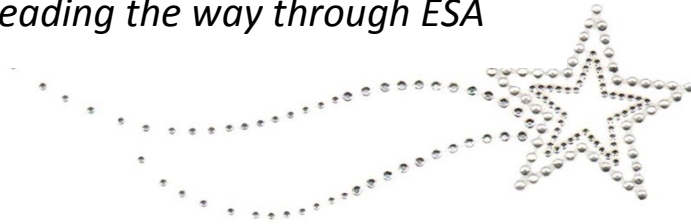
Thanks for supporting the Foundation and thanks for a good year.

Vivian Y. Gibson  
ESA Foundation Counselor



## District III

*Leading the way through ESA*



Linda Jones, 2016-2017 District Coordinator

The District III and District V joint meeting was held at the Oklahoma School for the Blind on Saturday, February 20<sup>th</sup>. A huge "thank you", to Connie Bartlett for serving as District III Coordinator this past year. Thanks to OSB and State Project Director Tawanna Cathey for a great day.

Deb Hughes did the honors of installing the new officers for District III.

Coordinator- Linda Jones (Alpha Rho- Broken Arrow), Vice Coordinator- Marge Stevens (Sigma Chi- Inola)  
Treasurer- Donna McCandless (Gamma Delta), Secretary- Brydie Emanuel (Gamma Delta),  
Parliamentarian- Connie Bartlett (Beta Gamma).



District III Project Chairman, Brenda Yates (Kappa Alpha) is hitting the ground running with a new fundraiser. Brenda will be emailing all district III chapters with more details.

This year we have some decisions to make as a district, a proposal for by-law changes as well as this being the year to decide on our project for the next two years. Please check your email for future correspondence.

I look forward to serving with you!

"Be the light that leads and the inspiration that lifts others to excellence."

Linda Jones  
District III Coordinator

## **Oklahoma ESA District V**

District V recently held its meeting and installation of new officers during the Oklahoma School for the Blind Tour on Saturday, February 20th in Muskogee, Oklahoma.

Newly installed officers for 2016-2017 are:

Coordinator—Sandy Lackey

Vice Coordinator—Margaret Kramer

Recording Secretary — June Miller

Treasurer — Ruth Jo Carnagey

Parliamentarian — Lori Few

We know that Sandra will do a great job as District V Coordinator.

Please send these ladies your love and support. Holding an office within Oklahoma ESA takes true commitment. We are grateful for the willingness of these ladies to serve Oklahoma ESA!

Lori Few



## **District II Coordinator**

**Doris Cook**

I want to thank all of you for allowing me to be your District II Coordinator. To my present officers, you have been a blessing.

Now we are beginning a new year. Billye Peterson has done a wonderful job this year. She created new ideas and excitement to our meetings.

I am looking forward to State Convention this year. We want to support all of our new officers this coming year.

To all my ESA Sisters, Continue to Soar with ESA

Love and Blessing to all

Doris Cook

# Convention Workshops—Don't miss!

**Tina Davenport McKamie--Workshop Coordinator, Sooner Seniorette**

Pack your sparklers! I hear a rumor that the Oklahoma State Convention will be an exciting time that you don't want to miss. We have great workshops planned for you!

## **Friday Workshops:**

**“Picture This with Jerry Hymer”** Jerry will be giving us tips on how to improve our photography skills to capture those great moments. Get the “Best Picture for your Click”!

**“Red, Write & Digital”** Once you take your pictures, learn how to use SnapFish to create great photo albums or scrapbooks. We will also learn to use online software for instant invitations, reminders and newsletters. Need tips on posting to Facebook? You will want to post all those great pictures.

**“We Want You”** Great membership information on growing your chapter as well as ideas on rush parties and socials.

## **Saturday Workshops:**

**“ESA ~ Fun for All Ages”** Presented by IC Rep Sherry Day. Hear it first from Sherry on the new and exciting things coming from IC Headquarters.

**“Bloom Where You Are Planted”** Special Guest Speaker Dr. David Hillock from Oklahoma State University will be discussing “Pollinators and Plants of Oklahoma” addressing the importance of pollinators in our lives. And, the plants that can be grown in our Oklahoma landscape and gardens for these important animals.

**“American Greeting”** Another opportunity to use those great photos! This will be a hands-on “Make and Take” card project.

**“Paint Your Art Out”** We're going to “Paint A Flag” you can use for Memorial Day & 4<sup>th</sup> of July. This is another hands-on workshop. The cost is \$35 due by April 15th. For more information and to pre-register, please call or email Tina McKamie at [tdmckamie@att.net](mailto:tdmckamie@att.net). Mail your check to Lola Jaeger, Convention Treasure. Look for the flyer in this PJ



Look forward to seeing you at Convention!!

## Convention Chair

**HAVE YOU REGISTERED FOR CONVENTION YET? HAVE YOU RESERVED YOUR ROOM AT THE SHERIDAN HOTEL IN MIDWEST CITY?** If you haven't registered for the Star Spangled "America the Beautiful" convention, you still have time, but you'll have to pay the \$25 late fee. Still it will be worth it for our fun-filled weekend APRIL 29 –30– MAY 1, 2016!!

There will be Star Spangled food, fun, workshops, meetings and who knows what surprises the convention hostesses have in store for you.

Don't forget to make hotel reservations at The Sheridan Hotel by April 15, 2016 for \$97+tax (tell them you are with EPSILON SIGMA ALPHA); Send convention ads to ME by April 1. **The chapter selling the most ads (at least \$400 is required to qualify) will receive \$100 for their chapter. (In case of a tie, there will be a drawing). "AMERICA THE BEAUTIFUL"!**

Robbin Brown

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## FLAG CEREMONY - STATE CONVENTION

**Attention Chapter Presidents or Chapter Representative,**

**District Coordinators and Sooner Senioettes!**

Lora Thompson and I will be doing the flag ceremony at state convention and we would like for everyone to be involved. The chapter representatives will need to have their chapter name and number, city and their name on a small piece of paper for the District Coordinator to read as you come in. If your chapter does not have a Flag, we want you to walk in representing your chapter with pride. Please wear red, white or blue or any combination thereof. Thanks!

Lola Jaegers

# Come Paint a Flag with US

**Oklahoma State Convention Workshop**

**Saturday, April 30, 2016 2:30 ~ 4:30 pm**



**Great Social Event**

**Fun Recruiting Idea**

**How about a Rush Party!**

**Workshop Fee is \$35 due by April 15th**

**To Register Email Tina McKamie at [tdmckamie@att.net](mailto:tdmckamie@att.net)**

**Mail check made to 2016 OK Convention c/o Lola Jaegers**

**13 Northridge, Shawnee, OK 74804**

**I wish to participate in the Oklahoma ESA WorkShop "Paint a Flag"**

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

Chapter Name & City \_\_\_\_\_

Enclose check in the Amount of \$35 \_\_\_\_\_



## ATTENTION!!!! YOU COULD BE A WINNER

The State Convention Committee is selling tickets for TWO raffles this year. One prize will be a free convention registration (\$110.00 value) and the other prize will be a 50/50 split (total value to be determined). The tickets are \$1 each or 6 for \$5. We will have tickets available for sale at the convention itself. However, I will be happy to **sell** them to you **NOW** if you will contact me at [lconiglio@cox.net](mailto:lconiglio@cox.net). The drawings will be held on Sunday at the convention and winners will be notified.

Please contact me with any questions or orders.

Convention Reminders: April 29 & 30 and May 1 at the Reed Convention Center in Midwest City. **Hotel Registration deadline is April 15** for group discount. **Convention Registration has passed, but you can still come by paying the \$25 late fee.** Please remember that **late registrations WILL NOT be seated with their chapter** at the banquet .

## The 2016 IC Convention

The order form to advertise in the International Convention Program Book of ESA International Convention, to be held July 10-17, 2016, at the Embassy Suites Loveland - Hotel, Spa and Conference Center, Loveland, Colorado is now available on the ESA Website. Go to the Member Center, hover over the CHAPTER/COUNCIL MGT. tab on the right hand side of the page. Click on 2016 IC Convention under INTERNATIONAL COUNCIL on the left hand column. You will find the form and much more information on the upcoming convention. Take advantage of this opportunity to promote your ESA events and projects.

Advertisements will be accepted through June 1, 2016. Prices are as follows:

Full Page - \$100.00, One-half Page - \$50.00, One-Quarter Page - \$25.00 and

Business Card - \$15.00. Make check payable to ESA IC Convention 2016.

Mail the check with the form and hard copy of the ad to Mary Humphrey at 56295 E. 28<sup>th</sup> Ct., Strasburg, CO 80136. Electronic copies of the ad must be sent to: [marykh@tds.net](mailto:marykh@tds.net)

Please take time to browse through the IC Convention page to access all the convention info. We look forward to seeing in Loveland.



## State ESA Parliamentarian

April/May 2016



Hello Everyone!

Well, this ESA year is nearly over as we move forward to the 2016 State Convention! Lots of preparation, hard work and headaches go into making this a very successful year for our President Billye Peterson and YOU. She has done a great job of making our meetings fun and educational each time. It takes team work to get this accomplished, and we have had a great team this year!

At our March State Council, I presented the proposed bylaw changes that had been submitted to me. These proposed changes were voted on by the Executive & General Board, and will now be voted on at convention by all members. According to our bylaws, the changes are to be published in the April Petticoat Journal. The bylaw changes are in my article for your review. The Standing Rule was voted on and passed. No further action is needed on a Standing Rule. Please come to convention informed and ready to vote—please bring a copy with you to save paper!

We are going to have a fun convention with lots of things to do. There are some great workshops planned that YOU will not want to miss. Please complete your registration form today and plan to attend and support YOUR State Convention.

Please read and review our proposed Bylaw Changes below.

Thank you for a great year!

Peggy Campbell  
State ESA Parliamentarian

**OKLAHOMA STATE COUNCIL PROPOSED BYLAW CHANGES  
ARTICLE XI - MEETINGS**

**Now Reads:**

**Section 1. REGULAR MEETINGS**

A regular meeting of the Oklahoma State Council shall be held in the months of June, November, March, and April. The regular meeting held in April shall be the annual convention.

**Change to read:**

**Section 1. REGULAR MEETINGS**

A regular meeting of the Oklahoma State Council shall be held in the months of June, March, and April. The regular meeting held in April shall be the annual convention.

**Reason:** Eliminate the word “November.” Membership has repeatedly complained the Council has too many meetings. Eliminating one of the meetings will save money for the Council and the members and align with members’ wishes.

**Now Reads:**

**Section 2.** The Leadership Seminar shall be held no later than the third (3rd) weekend in September. Business of an urgent nature may be conducted at the Leadership Seminar.

**Change to read:**

**Section 2.** The Leadership Seminar shall be held in September **or October**. Business of an urgent nature may be conducted at the Leadership Seminar.

**Reason:** Eliminate the words: “no later than the third (3<sup>rd</sup>) weekend” and add the words “or October”. Leadership Seminars should be held after most chapters begin their meeting after summer break. Having the Leadership seminars in August is too early for many chapters who don’t begin business meetings until September. Adding the words “or October” will give the President leeway to work around St Jude Walk to End Childhood Cancer, MARC, and other conflicts.

**Now Reads:**

**Section 3.** The Leadership Seminar, the June, November, and March State Council meetings shall be held at a location with convenient accessibility for membership, to be chosen at the discretion of the First Vice President/President Elect.

**Change to read:**

**Section 3.** The Leadership Seminar and the June and March State Council meetings shall be held at a location with convenient accessibility for membership, to be chosen at the discretion of the First Vice President/President Elect.

**Reason:** Eliminate the word “November” if Section 1 passes.



## ARTICLE XV – EXECUTIVE AND GENERAL BOARD MEETINGS

**Now Reads:**

**Section 2. REGULAR MEETINGS**

There shall be four (4) regular Board meetings held prior to State Council meetings.

**Change to read:**

**Section 2. REGULAR MEETINGS**

There shall be **three (3)** regular Board meetings held prior to State Council meetings.

**Reason: To comply with Article XI, Section 1 if passed.**

The following was voted on by the Executive & General Board; then presented to the membership in attendance at the March State Council Meeting. It passed, so it now becomes a part of our Standing Rules.

### OKLAHOMA STATE COUNCIL – STANDING RULES

**It previously read:**

4) No chapter shall be allowed to sell items or chances at convention unless it benefits the Convention Hostesses.

**Now changed to read:**

4) No chapter shall be allowed to sell items or chances at convention unless it benefits the Convention Hostesses.

**No chapter or elected or appointed officers shall be allowed to sell items or chances at any state meeting unless it benefits the State Council or Convention Hostesses (with the exception of "Shopping on the Mall" if scheduled).**

**Reason: Members who attend these meetings are being inundated with sales to organizations which benefit from individual chapter fundraising events.**



## 2016 – 2017 STATE EXECUTIVE BOARD CANDIDATES

### **PRESIDENT**

Beta Mu #0606, Lawton

### **NANCY BAUCOM**



### **CORRESPONDING SECRETARY**

Delta Kappa #3538, Norman

### **JOYCE GIBSON**



**1<sup>st</sup> VICE PRESIDENT: PEGGIE SPRINKLE**

Beta Gamma #0391, Tulsa



*I am proud to accept the nomination for the office of First Vice President of the Oklahoma State Council of Epsilon Sigma Alpha for 2016-2017. I was not born in Oklahoma but I am proud to say that I now consider myself an 'Okie'. I will continue to do my best to support the ESA members here in Oklahoma and to uphold the Ideals of Epsilon Sigma Alpha.*

**Qualifications:**

<b>ESA Membership</b>	49 Years
<b>Chapters - Beta Gamma, Alpha Delta, Omicron Kappa</b>	President (3), Vice President (2), Secretary (4), Parliamentarian (2), Educational Chair (6), Ways & Means, Scrapbook (6), Treasurer, Philanthropic Chair
<b>Oklahoma City Area Council, Tulsa Area Council</b>	President (2), Vice President, Secretary (2), Parliamentarian (2), Hope for Heroes (5), Dream Home Co-Coordinator for Open House (8)
<b>District Offices (II) &amp; (III)</b>	Coordinator (2), Vice Coordinator(2), Secretary(2), Parliamentarian
<b>State Elected Offices</b>	Second Vice President, Parliamentarian
<b>State Appointed Offices</b>	Easter Seals (2), Chaplain (2), Care Connection/Hope for Heroes (2), ESA for St Jude, AA, Scrapbook, Publicity, past-appointed Petticoat Journal Editor
<b>State Conventions Attended</b>	11
<b>International Conventions Attended</b>	2
<b>Other Accomplishments</b>	4th Degree Pallas Athene, First Pearl, helped charter 3 chapters  Attended MARC Conference 2015

**2<sup>ND</sup> VICE PRESIDENT: MARGARET KRAMER**

Beta Iota #4283, McAlester

*It is with great honor and privilege that I accept the nomination for the office of Second Vice President of the Oklahoma State Council of Epsilon Sigma Alpha. I joined Gamma Kappa Chapter, Checotah #2018 November 2000 and am currently Parliamentarian 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:**

<b>ESA Membership</b>	15 Years
<b>Chapter/City Area Council Offices</b>	President (3), Treasurer (3), Parliamentarian (2), Educational Director (3), Ways & Means (4),
<b>District Offices</b>	Coordinator, Vice Coordinator, Secretary (3), Parliamentarian
<b>State Elected Offices</b>	State Project Director (2), Treasurer, Recording Secretary
<b>State Appointed Offices</b>	Outstanding Youth, Auditor, Awards
<b>State Conventions Attended</b>	10
<b>International Conventions Attended</b>	2
<b>Other Accomplishments</b>	<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 &amp; Telethon                      St. Jude Dream Home Hostess, Tulsa (5)                      St Jude Give Thanks Walk (6)                      ESA Foundation Member                      2012 IC Registration volunteer</p> <p>Retired from nursing after 43 years of rendering holistic &amp; compassionate care to patients in both the private &amp; 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 46 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>

**RECORDING SECRETARY: SYNOVIA LEMMINGS**

Beta Psi #0498, Clinton



*I eagerly accept the nomination of Recording Secretary 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.*

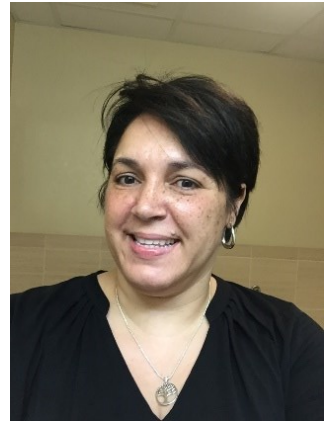
**Qualifications:**

<b>ESA Membership</b>	8 Years
<b>Chapter/City Area Council Offices</b>	Chapter secretary, vice-president, and president
<b>District Offices</b>	District recording secretary
<b>State Elected Offices</b>	State treasurer
<b>State Appointed Offices</b>	Membership and philanthropic chair
<b>State Conventions Attended</b>	6
<b>International Conventions Attended</b>	
<b>Other Accomplishments</b>	<p>3<sup>rd</sup> Degree Pallas Athene</p> <p>Employed 36 years at Oklahoma Department of Human Services with 19 years as supervisor / County Director</p> <p>Employed 5 seasons as tax preparer for H &amp; R Block and for individual accountant</p> <p>Volunteered with Boy Scouts of America as Cub-master, trainer for new leaders, and Scoutmaster</p> <p>Completed Wood-badge Adult Leadership Training with BSA</p> <p>Volunteer with Southwest Playhouse</p>

**TREASURER                      JENNY LIZAMA**

Gamma Delta #0702, Tulsa

*I accept the nomination for the office of Treasurer for the Oklahoma State Council. I am a new member of Gamma Delta Chapter #0702. I look forward to working with the 2016-2017 State Board and its members.*



**Qualifications:**

<b>ESA Membership</b>	9
<b>Chapter</b>	President, Treasurer, Secretary
<b>Tulsa Area Council</b>	Treasurer
<b>District Offices</b>	Secretary
<b>State Elected Offices</b>	None
<b>State Appointed Offices</b>	Membership Chair, Auditor
<b>State Conventions Attended</b>	2
<b>International Conventions Attended</b>	None
<b>Other Accomplishments</b>	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: CARRIE WILLINGHAM**

Beta Psi #0498, Clinton

*I give my consent to serve as Parliamentarian for the year of 2016-2017.*

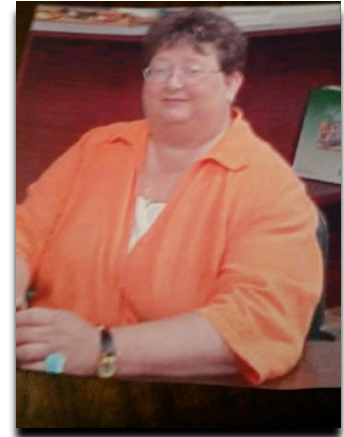


**Qualifications:**

<b>ESA Membership</b>	12 Years
<b>Chapter</b>	President (2), Vice President (2), Chairman Sickness & Distress (3), Nominating Committee (2), Membership/Awards (2), Ways & Means (2), Secret Sister (3), Audit Committee (2), Junior Director, Senior Director, Philanthropic Chairman (2), DAA Co Chairman
<b>District Offices</b>	Coordinator, Vice Coordinator, Parliamentarian
<b>State Elected Offices</b>	None
<b>State Appointed Offices</b>	Outstanding Youth Chairman
<b>State Conventions Attended</b>	2
<b>International Conventions Attended</b>	None
<b>Other Accomplishments</b>	I volunteer for the SW Playhouse, Route 66 Museum and in a reading program for Clinton elementary schools.

**STATE PROJECT DIRECTOR      LINDA LEVERIDGE**

Delta Kappa #3538, Norman



*I am a twenty-five year veteran of Epsilon Sigma Alpha. I first joined ESA while I lived in Skiatook sharing great moments and memories as a member of Eta Epsilon. Becoming a member of ESA has helped me find fulfillment as a person. I have encountered many wonderful people all of which have opened their hearts and extended great advice in helping me become the person I am today. As a member of Eta Epsilon, three great and caring ladies (Joyce Whitewing-Slate, Jeanette Murray and Nadine Moyer-Rader) kept me on the right path. After retiring from teaching, I relocated to Norman and became a member of Delta Kappa. The ladies of Delta Kappa encouraged and kept pushing me forward. With their encouragement, I ventured out of the Chapter zone to places unknown to me but I found many great rewards and wonderful support.*

*Oliver Wendell Holmes once said: "We must continue to set sail and never allow ourselves to become anchored. Sail toward the horizon and seek new adventures." I am now ready to make the biggest jump of my life and become your State Project Director. Joyce, if you are watching from above, I finally did it!!!*

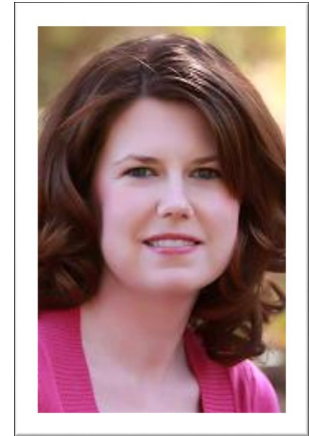
**Qualifications:**

<b>ESA Membership</b>	25
<b>Chapter</b>	President, Vice President, Treasurer, Parliamentarian, Educational Director, DIANA Chair, Outstanding Youth Chair, Miss Skiatook Pageant Stage Director, Skiatook Pioneer Day Little Miss/Mister Pageant, Recording Secretary, Corresponding Secretary, Philanthropic, Awards Chair, and Concession Stand Chair ((Pioneer Day) and Ways & Means Chair.
<b>District Offices</b>	Coordinator, Vice Coordinator, Treasurer, Philanthropic, Educational and Ways & Means.
<b>State Elected Offices</b>	District IV Coordinator
<b>State Appointed Offices</b>	Chaplain, Association of the Arts, Easter Seals. I have also serve on five State Convention Host Chapters and been Recording Secretary for one of them.
<b>State Conventions Attended</b>	16
<b>International Conventions Attended</b>	1
<b>Other Accomplishments</b>	I taught school for thirty-four years and coached for nine. During my tenure as a teacher I had the experience of working with all types of students. Those with disabilities (blind, deaf and multi-handicapped) and the gifted and talented to those wanting their G.E.D. Each came with challenges and adaptations. I was the first D.A.R.E. teacher in Skiatook and M.A.D.D. liaison and formed the Students Against Drunk Driving program at Skiatook High School. I was very involved with my students not only in the classroom but in outside events as well. I enjoyed being with them and sharing their triumphs. I have two boys, Clovis Eugene and Griffin Ubarker, who keep me on my toes, especially Sir Griffin (these are four-legged boys).



**PETTICOAT JOURNAL EDITOR LORI FEW**

Beta Iota #4283, McAlester



*I graciously accept the position and responsibilities as Petticoat Journal Editor for 2016-2017 Oklahoma ESA.*

**Qualifications:**

<b>ESA Membership</b>	8 Years
<b>Chapter/City Area Council Offices</b>	President (2), Vice President, Parliamentarian, Corresponding Secretary, Outstanding Youth Chairman, Distinguished Achievement Award Chairman, Publicity Chairman, Member of the Nominating Committee, Executive Director of the Miss McAlester Scholarship Pageant (sponsored by Beta Iota)
<b>District Offices</b>	District V Coordinator, Vice Coordinator, Parliamentarian
<b>State Elected Offices</b>	Parliamentarian, PJ Editor
<b>State Appointed Offices</b>	
<b>State Conventions Attended</b>	1
<b>International Conventions Attended</b>	
<b>Other Accomplishments</b>	I enjoy volunteering my time for the following local McAlester civic organizations: Rotary Club Pride In McAlester Ignite McAlester- Executive Board Member Pittsburg County Local Service Coalition-Executive Board Member Current President of William Gay Early Childhood Center Parent Teacher Organization Member of the 2015-2016 Chamber of Commerce Leadership McAlester Class Oklahoma Project Woman-McAlester Pink Ribbon Committee

# Chapter Chatter

## Alpha Epsilon # 0175 — Enid

A Thank You!

I certainly want to say a Big Thank You to all the ESA ladies who sent me birthday cards. Yes, I recently turned 94 and am so proud to have a card in my purse that says I have been an ESA member for 72 years. I joined in 1944 and my Enid Chapter, Alpha Epsilon, has been a great part of my life. I have met so many outstanding persons and made life-long friends I'll never forget. So Thank You so much for your kindness in remembering me.

As an added note, I still live alone and still drive a car. I am a member of the ESA Foundation. I send funds to St. Jude Children's Research Hospital and keep in touch with my ESA sisters. I am a lifetime member.

I dearly love all my years as a member of Epsilon Sigma Alpha.

Maribel Moore



Hello from Zeta Gamma!

Zeta Gamma has had a very busy year so far.

We all got together at Lola's and Joe's for our annual Super Bowl Party! We did a little betting on the side and bought squares.... We had a several winners and even our Chapter won a little money! The snacks were great! And the Chili was delicious! Zeta Gamma has some terrific cooks! The social was a lot fun!

In February we held our annual Awards Banquet in Arcadia at the First Baptist church. We had a lovely catered dinner enjoyed by everyone. We honored and recognized our DAA and our Outstanding Youth. We presented the awards and scholarship at this event. It was a very successful event and enjoyed by all!

Several of our members attended the tour in Muskogee at the School for the Blind. Everyone had a great time. Our new member Jakki Gatsby really enjoyed the tour and finding a little more out about ESA.

Nine of our members attended the March State Council meeting in Edmond. We had a girls' night out, too, in Lora, Lola, and Mary Ann's room! Fun times!!

We are ready to get this convention on the road!! Linda says, "On the Road Again"!

See you soon.....at CONVENTION!!

Peggy Campbell  
Zeta Gamma  
Publicity

## Gamma Zeta #3464, Edmond

Gamma Zeta had a great time with the St. Jude Radio-thon at the end of February.



Pictured on the left is Association of the Arts Chair Shirley Moore, State President Billye Peterson, and new pledge Cindy Littlejohn. The picture on the right has Liz King, who was a “Sparkler” on the state board this year and State President Peterson. Over \$98,000 was raised that day.



We enjoyed hosting the State Council meeting in March and especially enjoyed hearing Peggie Sprinkle’s educational on Oklahoma Military Stars. Her guest speaker, Brad McClard, a navy vet, explained how he is trying to help vets now by hiring them in his hauling business, JDog Hauling.

We ended the day playing a fun dice game, Left Right Center. Everyone had brought \$1 in dimes, and one person at each table won all the dimes from everyone at their table during the course of the game. It’s a great social activity with spouses or a recruiting event because you can visit with your new recruits while you play—it’s a no-brainer game!

Our chapter is looking forward to everyone coming to the “America the Beautiful” State Convention April 29, 30 & May 1. We’ve had a fun year being your hostesses at each of the state meetings.



We’ll be hosting the Oklahoma City St. Jude Dream Home again, so mark your calendars so you can come help! Fox 25 phone banks will be June 2 and July 7. Sneak Peak will be September 8. The grand opening weekend will be September 10 & 11. The house will be open every weekend until giveaway, which will be October 2 or 9 depending on an NFL football game. We can’t do it alone—it takes all the chapters in our area helping to make this a success PLUS their friends! The house this year will be built by Turner & Sons, who built the one several years ago in Chitwood Farms. It will be “different” in that it’s a new style shared driveway concept. You won’t want to miss seeing it at 43rd & Western in Oklahoma.

Hope everyone has a great spring with gentle rains, green grass, and lots of flowers!



## Gamma Delta #0702 -- Tulsa

We've had an exciting and busy start to the New Year! We surprised Donna McCandless with a very special birthday celebration...do I dare say 80 years young! The celebration was held at Mimi's in Tulsa. Members from our Chapter, TAC and several of Donna's coworkers at Solutions Saloon, all came to help her celebrate! Joan Gallo's daughter had a baby girl. They named her Madeline Rowan; mom and baby are doing very well. As Joan puts it, "She is over the moon," so happy and proud of her new granddaughter. Finally, but certainly not last, we have a new member in our Chapter, Jenny Lizama. We are delighted that she wanted to join Gamma Delta and look forward to her having her!



Mara Wheeler is doing a great job with our Educationals. In January, John Stapleton, a Tulsa Police Reserve Officer, provided us with an

educational on gun safety and the different types of guns.



We learned how to properly handle them and which weapons are best for different purposes.

In February, we had Linda Smith, with Solutions Saloon, discuss skin care and facials. This educational lasted much longer than scheduled as she was so interesting and we all had a million questions; she was very informative! I



would highly recommend her! Afterward, we had a pot-luck Valentine's social!

In March we delivered books and puzzles to residents of Ambassador Manor in Tulsa. I'd like to thank everyone who donated books and puzzles. The residents were thrilled with the items we brought. It helped brighten their day!

On April 9<sup>th</sup> we're having a Garage Sale at the home of John Stapleton. We'll have lots of good stuff at great prizes! I hope to be at the State Convention; however, my daughter is due on April 28<sup>th</sup> with a baby girl. I'm keeping my fingers crossed that the baby will be early!

Wishing everyone a wonderful spring!

Dawn Haley, Gamma Delta President



**OKLAHOMA STATE COUNCIL OF ESA**  
Executive and General Board Meeting  
March 5, 2016  
Executive Board Meeting Minutes

President Dr. Billye Peterson welcomed all in attendance and called the meeting to order at 8:35 a.m.

President Peterson thanked everyone for their attendance at the State Board meetings, cards of encouragement and dedication to ESA during her year. She then reminded the group that only Board Members could vote during this meeting.

There was 1 guest present, no DESA's and 1 Elan.

State Treasurer, Synovia Lemmings deferred the **Treasurer's** report to the State Council Meeting. Synovia informed the Board that at the June meeting when the State Convention Registration fee was increased for \$100 to \$110 the adjustment was not approved by the Board for the President, IC Representative and MARC Representative. Synovia moved to accept the budget adjustment, the motion was seconded and all present were in favor of the motion; the motion carried.

Parliamentarian, Peggy Campbell addressed proposed by-law changes:

**Article XI Meetings, Section 1 – Regular Meetings**

**Now Reads:**

**Section 1. REGULAR MEETINGS**

A regular meeting of the Oklahoma State Council shall be held in the months of June, November, March and April. The regular meeting held in April shall be the annual convention.

**Change to Read:**

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A regular meeting of the Oklahoma State Council shall be held in the months of June, March and April. The regular meeting held in April shall be the annual convention.

Reason: Eliminate the word "November." Membership has repeatedly complained the Council has too many meetings. Eliminating one of the meetings will save money for the Council and the members and align with members' wishes.

**Peggy Campbell moved that Article XI Meetings, Section 1 Regular meetings be accepted as proposed, the motion was seconded, with no discussion, vote was conducted and motion carried.**

**Now Reads:**

**Section 2.** The Leadership Seminar shall be held no later than the third (3<sup>rd</sup>) weekend in September. Business of an urgent nature may be conducted at the Leadership Seminar.

**Change to Read:**

**Section 2:** The Leadership Seminar shall be held in September or October. Business of an urgent nature may be conducted at the Leadership Seminar.

Reason: Eliminate the words: "no later than the third (3<sup>rd</sup>) weekend" and add the words "or October". Leadership Seminars should be held after most chapters begin their meeting after summer break. Having the Leadership Seminars in August is too early for many chapters who don't begin business meeting until September. Adding the words "or October" will give the President leeway to work around St. Jude Walk to End Childhood Cancer, MARC, and other conflicts.

**Peggy Campbell moved that Article XI Meetings, Section 2 be accepted as proposed, the motion was seconded, with no discussion, vote was conducted and motion carried.**

**Now Reads:**

**Section 3.** The Leadership Seminar, the June, November and March State Council meetings shall be held at a location with convenient accessibility for membership, to be chosen at the discretion of the First Vice President/President Elect.

**Change to Read:**

**Section 3.** The Leadership Seminar, the June and the March State Council meetings shall be held at a location with convenient accessibility for membership, to be chosen at the discretion of the First Vice President/President Elect.

Reason: Eliminates the word "November" if Section 1 passes.

**Peggy Campbell moved that Article XI Meetings, Section 3 be accepted as proposed, the motion was seconded, with no discussion, vote was conducted and motion carried.**

## ARTICLE XV – EXECUTIVE AND GENERAL BOARD MEETINGS

### Now Reads:

#### Section 2. Regular Meetings

There shall be four (4) Board meetings held prior to State Council meetings.

### Change to Read

#### Section 2. Regular Meetings

There shall be three (3) regular Board meetings held prior to State Council meetings.

Reason: To comply with Article XI, Section 1 if passes.

**Peggy Campbell moved that Article XV Meetings, Section 1 be accepted as proposed, the motion was seconded, with no discussion, vote was conducted and motion carried.**

## OKLAHOMA STATE COUNCIL – STANDING RULES

### Now Reads:

4) No chapter shall be allowed to sell items or chances at convention unless it benefits the Convention Hostesses.

### Change to Read:

4) No chapter shall be allowed to sell items or chances at convention unless it benefits the Convention Hostesses. No chapter or elected or appointed officers shall be allowed to sell items or chances at any state meeting unless it benefits the State Council or Convention Hostesses (with the exception of "Shopping on the Mall" if scheduled).

**Reason:** Members who attend these meetings are being inundated with sales to organizations which benefit from individual chapter fundraising events.

**Peggy Campbell moved that Standing Rule #4 be accepted as proposed. Coming from a committee, no second was needed, after discussion and all questions and comments answered satisfactorily, President Peterson called for a vote, the motion carried.**

The proposed by-law changes will be printed in the April-May issue of the Petticoat Journal and voted on at State Convention.

Petticoat Journal Editor, Patty Heer reported that 28 issues of the PJ were printed and mailed at a not all inclusive cost of \$17.71 yearly per publication. The PJ Beginning Balance was \$623.00, total expenses \$375.00, leaving a Balance on Hand of \$759.00.

**Patty Heer moved that the price of the Petticoat Journal, for first class mail, be increased from \$15 to \$20.00. The motion was seconded, there was no discussion, vote was conducted, motion carried.**

Directory Chair, Gwynn Nell Swanson reported that 90 directories were printed and to date 87 were sold at \$8.00 and 1 directory was available today for \$4.00. The Balance on Hand for Directory is \$399.89.

**Gwynn Nell Swanson moved the price of the State Directory remain at the cost of \$8.00 each. The motion was seconded, there was no discussion, a voted was conducted, the motion carried.**

There was no further unfinished business.

**New Business:** The Executive and General Board members were instructed to take one of the handouts the Sparklers had placed on the tables, which listed some of the duties and/or what to expect at Convention.

### Announcements:

Remember the State Council fundraisers jewelry sales table will take credit cards. 2016 Convention 50/50 raffles, Free Convention Registration raffle and charms were also on sale and credit cards could also be used.

Easter Seals is also selling raffles on a beautiful quilt.

With no further business, the Oklahoma State Council Executive and General Board meeting was adjourned at 9:12 am by President Peterson.

Respectfully Submitted,

Margaret Kramer  
OKSC Recording Secretary

**OKLAHOMA STATE COUNCIL OF ESA**

State Council Meeting

March 5, 2016

9:45 a.m.

Minutes

President Dr. Billye Peterson called the meeting to order at 9:45 a.m.

Billye welcomed and thanked everyone for coming to the last State Council meeting for the 2015-2016 year.

The membership joined in reciting the Opening Ritual.

Chaplain Peggy Hughes gave the devotional followed by the flag salute and Pledge of Allegiance.

The meeting hostesses from Gamma Zeta, Edmond chapter were recognized. District V was thanked for providing door prizes.

Treasurer Lemmings reported that meeting attendance was 75, including 1 Elan, and 1 guest. The 5 new pledges/first time meeting attendees were welcomed, introduced and received a gift from Billye.

Introductions were then made:

ESA Foundation Director/Grants/Fantasy Ball Co-Chair, Past ESA Foundation Chair, Past IC President and Sooner Seniorettette: **Cathy Holtsted**

IC Easter Seals Chair, OK MARC Rep and Sooner Seniorettette: **Deb Hughes**

IC Sr. Webmaster, Oklahoma Webmaster and Sooner Seniorettette: **Aletha Bolt**

ESA Foundation Director/Newsletter Editor, Fantasy Ball Co-chair and Sooner Seniorettette: **Judi York**

Past ESA Foundation Chair and Sooner Seniorettette: **Lola Jaegers**

Past ESA Foundation Director and Sooner Seniorettette: **Vivian Gibson**

The past Oklahoma State Presidents, also known as Sooner Seniorettettes, were recognized and given a special thanks for their friendship and help and then were presented with a special treat from Billye.

President Peterson then introduced the 2015-2016 Executive Officers and her General Board members who were in attendance and thanked them for making her job as President much easier by doing their jobs.

The committee to read the meeting minutes today are: Cathy Holsted, Chair, Paula Frerichs and Marge Stevens.

The committee that read the minutes of November's meeting was Lora Thompson, Chair, Darla Barton and Judy Cravens. Lora reported that the minutes will be placed on file as printed.

Corresponding Secretary, Tietje German had 4 regrets and reported 75 members in attendance. No other correspondence.

First Vice President/Nominating Committee Chair, Nancy Baucom presented the 2016-2017 Slate of Officers:

District II Coordinator	Libby Zaage
District III Coordinator	Linda Jones
District IV Coordinator	Linda Voss
District V Coordinator	Sandy Lackey
Sr. Past President	Linda Southerland
Jr. Past President	Billye Peterson
Petticoat Journal Editor	Lori Few
Project Director	Linda Leveridge
Parliamentarian	Carrie Willingham
Treasurer	Jenny Lizama
Recording Secretary	Synovia Lemmings

Corresponding Secretary	Joyce Gibson
Second Vice President	Margaret Kramer
First Vice President	Peggie Sprinkle
President	Nancy Baucom

Treasurer Synovia Lemmings reminded officers and chairs to be sure and submit expense vouchers before April 1. Synovia requested all to submit an expense report to help the budget committee plan for next year. Ms. Lemmings brought to the attention of the group that the budget was not adjusted to reflect the increase in State Convention fee from \$100 to \$110. Upon recommendation of the Executive and General Board, Synovia moved the State Convention Registration for the President, IC Rep, and MARC Rep be increased from \$100 to \$110. Coming from a committee, no second was required. There was no discussion. A vote was conducted and the motion carried. The Treasurer reported the follow account balances as of March 5, 2016:

General Fund Balance – November 24, 2015	\$ 4269.91
Income	\$ 3137.75
Expenses	\$ 2149.00
General Fund Balance – March 5, 2016	\$ 5258.66
Speakers Fund Balance	\$ 937.97
IC Campaign Fund Balance	\$ 219.36
2012 IC Convention	\$ 5515.14
Certificate of Deposit	\$ 4000.00
Total	\$15531.13

Petticoat Journal Editor, Patty Heer reported that 28 copies of the PJ were mailed to members. Beginning balance \$623.00, income \$375.00, expenses \$239.00 leaving current balance on hand \$759.00. Patty further reported that the cost of printing and mailing of each PJ's was in excess of \$17.00 yearly. Upon recommendation of the Executive and General Board, Patty moved the price of the Petticoat Journal, for first class mail be increased from \$15 to \$20. Coming from a committee, no second was required, no discussion, the motion carried on vote.

State Project Director – Tawanna Cathey reported that OSD was allocated \$2,356.44 and OSB \$1,893.56 at the State Convention 2015. Tawanna informed the group that there were a few newly enrolled students who were in need of sponsors for the remainder of the school year and if anyone was interested in sponsoring them to let her know. To date donations to the State Project fund is \$1,475.01; there was no service charges or interest to report. Ms. Cathey reminded the membership that the donation deadline is April 1 to be eligible to participate in contest. Tawanna shared with the group that a student that Steve and Judi York sponsor at OSD, Montrell Adams had articles printed about his "Spirit and accomplishments as a Cheerleader". Tawanna read the inspiring article. Judi and Steve had the articles framed and President Billye will be presenting it to OSD at a future date.

Social Media Chair, Pam Fink, thanked everyone for utilizing the OK ESA webpage. She then requested the group to identify their favorite app and discuss why it was their favorite. A representative from each group had the opportunity to share their favorite apps with the group. Informative and useful information was shared. A list of the suggested apps will be printed in the PJ.

Jr. Past President/Disaster Fund Chair, Linda Southerland, reported 19 chapters donated to the fund to date amounting to \$2152.00. Two (2) claims were submitted, one (1) was granted and the other one (1) was denied because it did not meet the criteria.

Parliamentarian Peggy Campbell moved that Oklahoma State Council Standing Rule #4 be accepted as proposed. Coming from a committee, no second was required. Motion carried.

Nancy Baucom and Peggie Sprinkle shared their respective experiences at Leadership Conference they attended in Denver, Co. The focus was on membership and creative ways to recruit new members while being open to change and putting emphasis on multi-generational fun for all ages.



IC Easter Seals – Deb Hughes reported that Easter Seals does not have chapters in all states and each state has a different focus that emphasizes meeting the needs of their respective areas. Easter Seals is also in the process of rebranding and changes are in progress.

Deb informed the membership that MARC will be hosting the 2017 IC Convention at Union Station, St. Louis and the red ESA Volunteer apron will be worn by MARC hostesses. The aprons are available to order only through April 1.

ESA Foundation Newsletter – Judi York informed the membership that she and Cathy Holsted attended the mid-year Foundation Board of Directors meeting and found it to be interesting and very informative. The ESAF newsletter will be delivered electronically starting in March, saving the Foundation a considerable amount of money. A printed copy will still be available, all one needs to do is inform Judi and she will get them on the mailing list. She can be contacted at 918-605-2860.

ESAF Fantasy event information will be sent out soon and Judi asked that the chapters consider making a contribution to help fund the operations of the Foundation.

Awards Chair Dana Terrell encouraged the membership to submit “What ESA Means to Me” by April 1. The deadline to submit names of members receiving Years of Service awards, First Pearl and Pallas Athene awards is April 15.

2016 Convention: Robbin Brown, Convention Chair apologized for any problems people might have experienced attempting to make reservations at the Sheraton. She assured everyone the problem has been rectified and to be sure to mention Epsilon Sigma Alpha, not ESA, when calling in a reservation. The room rate is \$97.00 per night plus tax. Convention registration fee is due by March 30 or a \$25 late fee will be added. Mail your registration forms and payment to Linda Voss. Friday night mixer will include a Bingo County Fair. Bingo cards will be available for \$5.00 each or 3 for \$10.00 with proceeds will go to State Convention. Silent Auction will be held Friday night as usual and Vivian Gibson asked for both donations and helpers starting at 3 pm in Reed Salon D. The proceeds of the auction will be split between Easter Seals, St. Jude and the Foundation. Lola Jaegers will be conducting the Flag Ceremony on Saturday morning and encouraged all chapters to represent their respective chapters proudly. Please notify Lola with name of the person who will be presenting your flag. Dr. Peterson reported that Tina McKamie, Workshop Coordinator, has many exciting workshops planned to include Fun for All Ages: Membership, Paint and Pour (\$35.00 fee and pre-register with Tina), Social Media, Gardening and Composting, Make and Take Cards, Photography with Jerry as well as a workshop presented by the IC representative.

Directory Chair, Gwynn Nell Swanson, reported that 90 directories were printed and 87 sold at \$8.00 each and 1 sold at \$4.00. Upon recommendation of the Executive and General Board, Gwynn Nell moved that the price of the State Directory remain at the cost of \$8.00 each. Coming from a committee no second was necessary, there was no discussion, and a vote was conducted, the motion carried.

The meeting was recessed for lunch at 11:45 a.m. Peggy Hughes, Chaplain gave the meal blessing.

Dr. Peterson reconvened the meeting at 12:43 p.m.

First Vice President Peggie Sprinkle focused her educational on the Oklahoma Military Hall of Fame and several of the Oklahoman military who were inducted and their respective accomplishments. Peggie then introduced Brad McClard, 16 year veteran, retired U. S. Navy Aviation Electronics Technician. Brad felt the need to help Veterans returning from combat transition to civilian life. He started a local business that is owned and operated by Veterans and Military Family Members, JDog Junk Removal and Hauling servicing the Greater OKC area. Brad also is involved in the Hugs Project.

There was no Unfinished Business.

There was no New Business.

Dr. Billye Peterson discussed fun multigenerational creative social and recruiting ideas.

The membership then participated in playing a Left Right Center (L R C) dice game. Handouts were also provided for Dubs Bridge.

Door prizes were won by Peggy Hughes, Billie Fritch, Sue Patterson, Jakkie Goetzke and Wanda Lucas.

The Bunny Wreath, made by Billye, was won by Carrie Willingham.

Sue Patterson won the Easter Seals garden ornament raffle.

#### Announcements

Orders for Tee shirts worn by Convention hostesses can be ordered for \$20.00 and will be delivered at Convention.

Convention charms are available for \$8.00.

Nancy Buck informed the members that past IC President Grace Mullenix donated an Indian dress and full headdress and it will be donated to the Indian Heritage Center.

President Peterson reflected on a great ESA Star Spangled year and thanked everyone for their support. She is looking forward to a really fun convention with fun workshops. Billye encouraged each chapter to attend the convention and reminded them the deadline for registration was March 30 or a late fee of \$25.00 will be added.

The meeting was adjourned at 2:02 p.m. The membership formed a circle and recited the Closing Ritual.

Respectfully Submitted,

Margaret Kramer  
Recording Secretary

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