



Oklahoma State Council Petticoat Journal



Dr. Billye Peterson, President

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PRESIDENT

Oklahoma's Off To A Star Spangled Year!

If you missed the June State Council meeting, you missed a fabulous presentation by "Will Rogers." He made a grand appearance thanks to 2nd Vice President Peggie Sprinkle's excellent educational, introducing a Will Rogers impersonator from Claremore. He was a great entertainer just like the real Will!

We had workshops on membership, social media and how to get the ESA word out, Easter Seals, ESA protocol, Outstanding Youth Award, and Distinguished Achievement Award. I think everyone took home some "new" information.

I'm planning a day-of-learning for our August 22 Leadership with a Service Is In Style fashion show during lunch from The Hope Center, a second-hand shop that benefits the needy. Please bring any used clothing to donate to The Hope Center. We'll focus on St. Jude Children's Research Hospital and hear from Barbara & Darlene, who toured the hospital in March. We'll also have a "Closet Cleaning" roundtables event as well as excellent entertaining speakers.

We'll need YOU to make it successful, however! I appreciated the opportunity to represent Oklahoma at the International Convention in Orlando July 12-18. Thank you! It was wonderful. Hope everyone had a Star Spangled summer! Load up your car for August 22 and experience why Service Is In Style!!! –

Billye

Dr. Billye Peterson, Oklahoma State President

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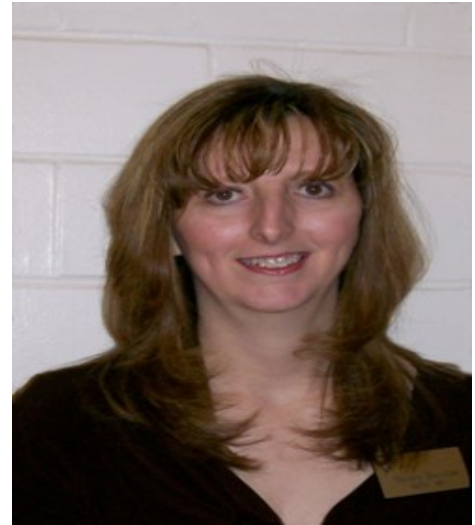
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1st Vice President

**Mmmmm—
ESA NEEDS**



I NEED YOU!!! I need each of you to love ESA enough to volunteer to serve on the Oklahoma State Council Executive & General Board for the 2016-2017 year.

I know summer is here, but it's not too early to start thinking about how you can make a difference. Please don't think you're too shy. Believe me, I used to think that I was, and now here I am! So, if I can do this, I just know any one of you can as well.

The nominating committee helping me consists of June Miller, Judi York, Jo Ann Rott, and Janice Shockley. Please contact any one of us to let us know you are eager and willing to serve! The qualifications are easy to meet and we'd be ecstatic to help. You can go to the www.oklaesa.org website click on "Blue Book" and read about the qualifications and duties required for an office/position in which you might be interested.

Remember, it takes a team of dedicated Oklahoma ESA'ers to make our state function, so please **INDULGE YOURSELF** and be on the State Board!

Nancy

Nancy Baucom

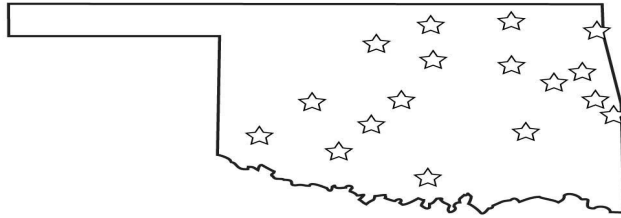
Nominating Committee Chair

138 SE Surrey Ln

Lawton, OK 73501

2nd Vice President

"OKLAHOMA STARS"



The Great State of Oklahoma has many examples of men and women pursuing their American Dream - past and present. These 'Oklahoma Stars', with their many talents and inspiring stories, both born & raised in Oklahoma or have done amazing things for the state of Oklahoma, is my educational theme for 2015-2016. I hope you will have educationals this year and learn about the amazing people of Oklahoma!

I am available to help --

Peggie Sprinkle

2nd Vice President 2015-2016.

Wilma Pearl Mankiller (November 18, 1945 – April 6, 2010) was the first female chief of the Cherokee Nation. She served as principal chief for ten years from 1985 to 1995.

She was born in Tahlequah, Oklahoma, the sixth of eleven children, to Charley Mankiller and Clara Irene Sitton. Her father was a full-blooded Cherokee and her mother was a Caucasian woman of Dutch and Irish descent who acculturated herself to Cherokee life.

Mankiller's bachelor's degree in the social sciences was from Flaming Rainbow University in Stilwell, Oklahoma.

2nd Vice President, Peggy Sprinkle continued

Mankiller faced many obstacles during her tenure in office. At the time she became chief, the Cherokee Nation leadership was male-dominated. Over the course of her three terms, Mankiller reinvigorated the Cherokee Nation through community-development projects where men and women work collectively for the common good. Her administration founded the Cherokee Nation Community Development Department, revived the tribal Sequoyah High School

Sequoyah High School in Tahlequah, and saw a population increase of Cherokee Nation citizens from 55,000 to 156,000.

"Prior to my election," says Mankiller, "young Cherokee girls would never have thought that they might grow up and become chief.

She won several awards including *Ms. Magazine's* Woman of the Year in 1987, Presidential Medal of Freedom in 1998, the Oklahoma Women's Hall of Fame in 1994, Woman of the Year, the Elizabeth Blackwell Award, John W. Gardner Leadership Award, Independent Sector, and was inducted into the National Women's Hall of Fame in 1993. In 1993, Mankiller received the American Association of University Women's Achievement Award.

Wilma Mankiller, the first female chief of the Cherokee Nation and a descendent of one of the people President Andrew Jackson forced to walk the "Trail of Tears," was one of four candidates in a popular vote for who should grace the next \$20 bill.

"I've run into more discrimination as a woman than as an Indian."

"I want to be remembered as the person who helped us restore faith in ourselves."



Learn more about Wilma Pearl Mankiller - [Women's Rights Activist](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Wilma_Mankiller)
[wikipedia.org/wiki/Wilma_Mankiller](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Wilma_Mankiller)

<http://www.biography.com/people/wilma-mankiller-214109>.

State Project Director



Greetings Oklahoma ESA Sisters, I hope this finds you well, in good health with high spirits. Serving as Project Director is still a “learning experience” for me, but I am learning and receiving much needed support and assistance from Margaret.

MARK YOUR CALENDARS for our Oklahoma School for the Deaf Tour, **October 3, 2015**. This is also Homecoming for OSD so most of the students will be present during our visit and tour.

Attached is the sponsorship form for OSB and OSD, please consider being an individual sponsor for one of the students. Most of us cannot understand the challenges these students face every day, yet they carry on with resilience and joy. What an inspiration they are for us. It will be **GREAT** if every student has a sponsor again this year. Please get your completed forms to me as soon as possible, so we can determine which students have sponsors and which students need a sponsor. Please include the students’ name, if you want to sponsor the same student(s) as last year. I will get the information sheets out to you as soon as I get the information from Sue Cole (OSD) and Jane Thomas (OSB).

I disbursed the State Project Funds and both schools are very thankful and appreciative. Be sure you include the State Project Fund in your 2015-2016 budgets as well. The sponsorship form is on the next page

State Project Director

Tawanna Cathey

C: 918.470.7575

projectdirector@oklaesa.org

STATE PROJECT SPONSORSHIP FORM

Tawanna Cathy 134 Tannehill Loop Rd., McAlester, OK 74501 918-470-7575

tawanna.cathy@ssa.gov or projectdirector@oklaes.org

Please forward this request NO LATER THAN SEPTEMBER 1, 2015.

Chapter Name, Number, City: _____

Philanthropic Chairperson Name, Address: _____

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

Please circle one:

SPONSOR

RE-SPONSOR

State Projects	Student Name(s) (if known)	Chapter/Individual
Oklahoma School for the Blind	_____	_____
3300 Gibson	_____	_____
Muskogee, OK 74403	_____	_____
Oklahoma School for the Deaf	_____	_____
1100 East Oklahoma Street	_____	_____
Sulphur, OK 73086-3108	_____	_____

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):



ESA for St. Jude

Barbara Childers

Darlene Cushenberry



Danny Thomas' mission

was that “No child should die in the dawn of life.” And to accomplish this, Danny Thomas established the St. Jude Children’s Research Hospital in 1962. It has since become the world’s premier pediatric research institution. In 1972, ESA joined St. Jude in its dedication to end childhood cancer.

This year as Oklahoma’s St. Jude co-chairmen, Barbara and I get to share with you our love and appreciation for St. Jude. This spring, Barbara and I had the opportunity to visit the St. Jude Campus and meet with other St. Jude coordinators to share ideas and information. It was a phenomenal trip.

Oklahoma is fortunate to host numerous fundraisers to benefit St. Jude. On June 28, 2015, the St. Jude Dream Home in Owasso was given away. All 10,000 tickets were sold raising over one million dollars for St. Jude. A special thank you to all ESA members for the hundreds of hours you volunteered to help make this possible. On August 16, the Oklahoma City Dream Home will be given away, and all 6,800 tickets were sold out the first week in August!

Please plan to join us September 19 at the Oklahoma City Zoo or September 26th in Owasso’s Stone Canyon for our annual St. Jude Walk/Run. Form your chapter’s team now and get it out on Facebook—ask all your friends to help you in this endeavor!

Thank you so much for allowing us to represent ESA for St. Jude.

Philanthropic Chair

Happy Fall Sisters!!!

Hope everyone is ready to work for ESA. Let's make the 2015-2016 year the best Philanthropic year it can be!!

My name is Darla Barton and I am from Beta Psi Clinton. I am the Philanthropic Chair. I have cleaned out the old stuff from my state Philanthropic account and am ready for the new. Never fear, when you send me an email, I will respond that I received it. So if you don't hear from me, please re-send it or call me.

The biggest question I have been getting is about how to count coupons toward our points. The official answer is that manufacture's coupons are taken at face value only. If you have a 50¢ coupon, you count fifty cents, etc. Also, you will count chapter hours for preparing (cutting, sorting, etc.) coupons. Pretty easy.

There are several ways to get your Service Reports to me. My state email address is philanthropic@oklaesa.org. My preferred choice is my personal email: darton0903@gmail.com. I do not have a land line. So 580-323-3493 is no longer valid phone number for me. My cell phone number is 580-309-0167. My home address is listed below.

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me. If I don't know the answer, I will find out and get back to you.

Let's have a wonderful year!!!

Darla Barton
Philanthropic Chair
135 Rawlings
Clinton, OK 73601
580-309-0167





Distinguished Achievement Award Chair (DAA)

Hello ESA Sisters

Start looking for an outstanding person in your area. Look around you at church, social activities, neighbors, family, friends....I hope to receive several applicants...Summer time is here and people are busy...Good Luck.

Sylvia Ochs 405.641.1830 ochsrealestate@att.net

Association of the Arts

Association of the Arts form was changed at the June State Council Meeting. See the new form elsewhere in the PJ. Please consider entering Association of the Arts in April—you've got 9 months to be creative!

Jo Rott 405.330.1028 jrott081847@gmail.com



Outstanding Chapter Changes

Changes were made to the Outstanding Chapter Form at the June State Council Meeting. The new judging form is elsewhere in the PJ showing the additions. Turn in all your hours, monies, and events & become the Outstanding Chapter!!! Chair: Catherine Poe 520.515.4464 ncpoe1985@gmail.com

State Easter Seals Chairman

Submitted by Judy Cravens

For many years, ESA has partnered with Easter Seals, the leading non-profit provider of services for individuals with autism, developmental disabilities, physical and mental disabilities and other special needs. The support ESA gives Easter Seals helps the disabled children and adults have equal opportunities to live, learn, work and play in their communities. I would like to encourage each Oklahoma Chapter to have some type of fund raiser for Easter Seals this year. For our state Easter Seals Project, I have a beautiful Lap Quilt, in colors of turquoise, green, purple and other pretty batiks that I will be selling raffle tickets for at the meetings. Please try to have Bake sales, walks, garage sales... any type of chapter fundraiser would be great. Please put this on your calendar for the upcoming year.....it is a much needed cause.

ESA Foundation News

Thanks for your participation in the auction at State Convention. In case you did not hear, we made \$1824, which was divided between Easter Seals, St. Jude, and the Foundation. It was distributed as follows: St Jude Turn Around Fund \$608 ; Easter Seals Turn Around Fund \$608 ,and the Foundation \$608 divided between State Council Endowments as follows:

Vi Gardner Memorial Endowment Balance \$6,788.00-----
Donation \$203

Myre Starr Honorarium Endowment Balance \$6,857.00-----
Donation \$203

Hawkins-Tuma Memorial Endowment Balance \$7,332.00-----
Donation \$202

Oscar and Joyce Whitewing Honorarium Endowment Balance \$17,450

For a total of \$608.00.

You may donate to the Foundation or specifically to these Endowments anytime. You may donate on-line at epsilonsigmaalpha.org/esaf or print out a form. Go on line and look at all of the endowments that Oklahoma has. We give hundreds of scholarships each year. There are several that's not fully endowed which you may also donate to.

The Foundation has many programs and awards. Take the time to explore the website, learn at least one thing. Throughout this year, I may ask you one thing you learned, or I may ask a trivia question about the Foundation. This will also let me know how many of you read this article. Please bring a printed fact about the Foundation to the first meeting after this PJ.

It is scholarship time; please contact all of the high schools in your area about the availability of the scholarships. Oklahoma awarded more than 79 scholarships ranging from \$550 to \$7500 this year. Scholarships for the 2016-2017 academic year will be available on the site October 2015. Go to the web site epsilonsigmaalpha.org/scholarships and grants to view the scholarships and to apply. You can only apply on line.

Another way you can donate to the Foundation, if you are a Federal employee, give to the Combined Federal Campaign Fund (CFCF); designate your contribution to go to the ESA Foundation #10031.

Vivian Gibson
ESA Foundation Counselor



SOCIAL MEDIA CHAIR PAM FINK – TIPS TO HELP GET THE ESA WORD OUT THERE!



Supporting St. Jude: Tips for Social Networking (Give Thanks. Walk., Memphis Marathon, etc.)

Facebook:

NOTE: Tag ESA in your post at any time by typing one of the following in your status:

@Epsilon Sigma Alpha (ESA) Community Chapters

@Epsilon Sigma Alpha (ESA) Collegiate Chapters

Tag St. Jude in your post at any time by typing **@St Jude** in your status bar, then selecting St. Jude Children’s Research Hospital from the dropdown menu. You must “like” St. Jude in Facebook to tag them in a post. Do not type the period (.) in St. Jude while tagging.

Create a Facebook event. From your Facebook home page, click the “events” link below your profile picture. When the new page opens, click “create an event.” Fill in the boxes, choose whether to make the event public and click “create event.”

When mentioning the party on your Facebook status, be sure to tag any contacts for the event by using the @ symbol, and then the contact’s Facebook name. For example:

Be sure to stop by Main Street Park this Saturday for a fundraiser to support **@St Jude** Children’s Research Hospital! Contact **@Mary Wilson** for details.

Join us at 123 Main Street in Fort Collins this Saturday from 12-4 p.m. for the party event of the year! We’ll be supporting **@St Jude** Children’s Research Hospital, so bring a small gift for a child! Message **@Kate Wilson** for more details!

Come out and watch me walk to support **@St Jude** Children’s Research Hospital in the Give Thanks. Walk.

Post a link to the ESA website with your status update by clicking “link” and typing or pasting www.epsilonsigmaalpha.org.

Twitter:

NOTE: To mention ESA in your tweets in a sentence, use **@ESAtweets** and mention St. Jude **@StJude**. Be sure to tag people who are contacts for the event. Do not type the period (.) while tagging St. Jude.

Hashtags: **#childhoodcancer, #stjude, #givethankswalk, #memphismarathon, #goals4stjude, #bunco**

Here’s a few examples:

Come play **#bunco** tonight and raise \$ to beat **#childhoodcancer!** **@kate_esa** for details

Follow **@ESAtweets** for more on how to fight childhood cancer through **@StJude** and other good works!



**STATE LEADERSHIP
MEETING NOTICE**
OKLAHOMA STATE COUNCIL OF ESA
Saturday, August 22, 2015

RESERVATIONS PLEASE BY AUGUST 15

Fill a carload, and come spend a fun-filled day with great speakers, meeting new friends, taking new ideas home, and SHOPPING!!!

Special Guest Speakers – Deputy Kim Lopez & Dr. Tori McKee

Service Is In Style Show during lunch!

**SHOPPING ON THE MALL! – a great fundraiser for your chapter!
Reserve your table now (see below)**

& SO MUCH MORE IN THIS FUN-FILLED DAY!

pampered|chef Is graciously donating 32% of all sales
to the Oklahoma State Council
Plan to do your Christmas shopping early!!!

**Meeting Location:
New Covenant United Methodist Church North End
2700 S. Boulevard, Edmond, OK 73013**

Directions to the church (also see attached map): From Kilpatrick Turnpike, exit Eastern. Go North (Eastern turns into Boulevard) to 2700 S. Boulevard. The church will be on the east side of the road and the North End Building is north of the main church. **From I-235**, (also called Broadway Extension) go North to 33rd Street. Turn east 1 mile to Boulevard. Turn North on Boulevard to 2700 S. Boulevard. The church will be on the east side of the road and the North End Building is north of the main church.

**Room Accommodations:
Stratford House Inn**

3020 S. Broadway, Edmond, OK 73013
405.340.5693 Fax 405.216.8717

From I-235 (also called Broadway Extension) go North past 33rd Street to 3020, which is on the east side of the street. Stratford House Inn is just north of Hobby Lobby. There's a great resale shop, Clothes Mentor, just south of Hobby Lobby, a Hallmark store, and lots of restaurants around. The Stratford House is **BRAND NEW**—just opened April 1.

ROOMS MUST BE RESERVED BY AUGUST 15

to guarantee the **Room Rate of \$69**, plus tax (includes continental breakfast)
Double Queen (sleeps 1-4) or King
Please mention **ESA** when booking your room

SATURDAY MORNING MEETING

8 a.m. – Sooner Senioresses

LEADERSHIP MEETING

8:30 –REGISTRATION BEGINS

9:00 – LEADERSHIP BEGINS

SALAD LUNCHEON

Compliments Edmond Gamma Zeta Chapter

Please let us know you're coming **by by AUGUST 15** so we can make sure we have plenty of good food just for you! You can pay at the door.

\$10 per person

RSVP by Saturday, August 15

Jacque Edwards-Cantrel – Corresponding Secretary

Cell: 405.623.5884 or jerae09@hotmail.com

To reserve your table for **SHOPPING ON THE MALL**, send \$10 per table to Synovia Lemmings, Treasurer, 1412 N. Glenn L. English St., Cordell, OK 73632 by August 15, 2015.



Soaring with ESA

Please Join Us!

Oklahoma Epsilon Sigma Alpha **District II Leadership Meeting Saturday, August 15, 2015**

Forrest Hills Christian Church

2121 N MacArthur, Oklahoma City
(Park and enter on WEST side of Church)

Registration Begins at 9:30am Leadership Meeting 10:00am-2:00pm Light Breakfast

Lunch

Smoked Chicken or Pork Tenderloin Party Potatoes – Green Beans

Salad - Rolls

Iced Tea – Peach Cobbler

\$12.00 per person

Please RSVP by August 8, 2015:
(Specify Chicken or Pork for lunch)

Doris Cook (405)440-0073 estracai@yahoo.com





OKLAHOMA ★ DISTRICT III
SOAR LIKE AN EAGLE

SAVE THE DATE!

LEADERSHIP MEETING

AUGUST 8, 2015

REGISTRATION BEGINS 10:00 AM

HIGHLAND PARK CHRISTIAN CHURCH
5708 E 31ST ST
TULSA, OK

FLYER WITH MEETING DETAILS TO FOLLOW SOON!



DISTRICT IV NEWS-IN-A-FLASH


I HOPE EVERYONE HAD A SAFE AND RELAXING SUMMER. DISTRICT IV IS HEATING UP FOR A NEW AND EXCITING YEAR. WE INVITE YOU TO NORMAN ON SATURDAY, **SEPTEMBER THE 26TH** FOR OUR LEADERSHIP MEETING. THERE IS A DAY OF EXCITEMENT AND ADVENTURE PLANNED. YOU WILL NOT WANT TO MISS THE “SPICE GIRLS”. THEY WILL BE THERE HELPING US AS WE SPICE THINGS UP IN DISTRICT IV THIS YEAR.

DON'T GET TO “COMFEE” NOW!!! JOIN US IN SULPHUR ON OCTOBER 3RD FOR THE OKLAHOMA SCHOOL FOR THE DEAF TOUR AND MEETING (MORE INFORMATION WILL BE COMING SOON).

DISTRICT IV IS MOVING, SHAKING, AND ROLLING — COME JOIN US AS WE SPICE IT UP THIS YEAR.

Linda

LINDA LEVERIDGE
DISTRICT IV COORDINATOR
lleveridge@att.net
405.364.0721



Please join us for the
Oklahoma Epsilon Sigma Alpha
District V Leadership Meeting and
Bake Sale Benefitting Kelly B. Todd Center



BE "HOO" YOU ARE

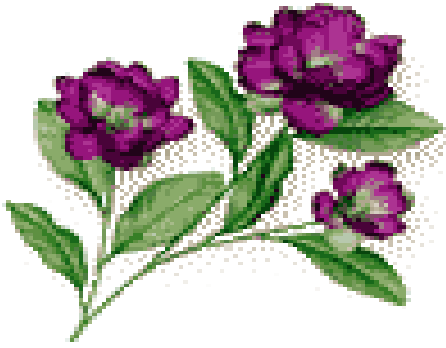
Saturday, September 12, 2015
First United Methodist Church
1501 South 13th Street, McAlester, OK

Registration begins at 8:30am
Leadership Meeting 9:00am-2:00pm
Light Breakfast & Lunch will be served. \$8.00 per person

please bring a baked good for the bake sale

RSVP to Lori Few at 918-360-8818

LoriLfew@gmail.com



Oklahoma State Chaplain Report

Hello Oklahoma!

I've been a little busy. Sympathy cards were sent to Lee Ann Schafer (cousin), Andi Schafer (cousin), Mary Johnson (husband) and Carrie Willingham (husband). Get Well cards were sent to Robbin Brown, Jerry Askling and Glenda Holt. Thinking of you cards were sent to Carrie Willingham and Linda Sander. Steve York received a big Congratulations for winning the ABC (American Builders and Contractors) Lifetime Membership award in Washington, DC.

Don't forget to let me know if someone in Oklahoma ESA needs a card from the Oklahoma State Council. That's what I do.

I'd like to leave you with a lesson from Geese:

Nature has a reputation for finding pretty efficient ways of surviving, and the goose is a prime example. It has been found that geese who travel together in formation are able to travel between 75-80% farther than a single goose traveling alone.

Geese that travel in formation, fly in the shape of a V. By traveling this way, geese are able to maximize the amount of energy that gets output from each goose during flight. The goose in the front creates a slipstream for which the geese following can pass through, creating less drag on the overall group. The geese in back help to push the geese in front of them. When they push their wings up, it creates an upward draft. The effect is similar to a push-pull motion, and helps all members of the flock.

The lead goose uses a lot more energy than the following geese, and so gets tired much more quickly. To mitigate this problem, the lead goose position is rotated among all members of the flock, so that each goose takes the lead position, but then gets to rest before taking the lead again.

Another fact that may help geese in formation travel further, scientists think, is honking. Honking has two effects on the entire flock. First off, it probably allows the geese to locate each other, in order to avoid hitting one other. Secondly, and possibly more important, it is widely thought that this honking is a way of encouraging one another, in order to keep up flock moral. By honking, geese are able to communicate their mutual success, and really put forth a full effort for the entire flock.

So, keep on honking!

***Peggy Hughes, Chaplain
Oklahoma State Council
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918-742-5591
918-398-1113***

2016 CONVENTION

America The Beautiful



The convention is already in the works with hostess chapters Gamma Zeta, Zeta Gamma, Zeta Epsilon, Beta Psi & Epsilon Rho planning for “America the Beautiful.” April 29, 30, May 1, 2016, which will be here sooner than you know. It will

be held at the Sheraton Hotel Reed Center in Midwest City. Room rates are \$97 for up to four guests. State President Billye is looking forward to all ESA sisters coming for a glitzy red, white and blue bombs-bursting-in-the-air fun time! Linda Voss is ready to receive your registration of \$110. We are all looking forward to seeing all of our ESA sisters. You don’t want to miss out, so register early.

Convention Chair
Robbin Brown
convention@oklaesa.org



Ladies

Are you on the road to Convention 2016? If not, you still have time! At the June State Council meeting, I showed you how the road to Convention 2016 can be managed easily by decorating a jar and placing money in it weekly. (If you weren’t there, so sorry you missed the show!)

Please consider doing this as a chapter fun project! We all know that the “more the merrier” certainly applies to State Convention so don’t leave anyone behind. Get together and decorate your jars. Only \$9.17 per week from June State Council meeting (June 6th) will get you ready to pay your registration at August Leadership or \$4.54 per week will get your registration money ready to pay at the November Council meeting. Please make your goal to pay your registration at the August Leadership or the November Council meeting. You will be so glad that you did!! That makes it so easy then to save for your room and extra fun times! You are not going to want to miss this convention!! It’s going to be Star Spangled!!

The registration form is in this issue of the PJ and I will surely have some on hand at the meetings. So get “On the Road Again!” and I’ll see you at August Leadership with your registration money in hand. Don’t forget to bring your decorated jar to encourage others to pay early and receive something fun and those who register at August Leadership will have their name put in the “Happy Bucket” for a prize.

See you soon!

Linda Voss
2016 Convention Registration Chairman
405.694.0928



Oklahoma State Council 73rd Annual Convention

"America the Beautiful"

April 28, 29, & May 1st, 2016

Sheraton Hotel & Reed Conference Center, 5750 Will Rogers Road, Midwest City, OK

Phone: 1-405-455-1800 – **Hotel Registration Deadline Friday, April 15, 2016**

REQUEST THE GROUP RATE FOR "EPSILON SIGMA ALPHA"

www.sheratonmidwestcity.com

MEMBER NAME			
ADDRESS:		CITY, STATE, ZIP:	
PHONE:	Best way to contact you: __phone; __text; __email	EMAIL:	
CHAPTER NAME:	CHAPTER NUMBER:	CITY:	
CHECK ALL THAT APPLY:			
<input type="checkbox"/>	CHAPTER PRESIDENT	<input type="checkbox"/>	1ST TIME CONVENTION GOER
<input type="checkbox"/>	EXECUTIVE BOARD MEMBER	<input type="checkbox"/>	GENERAL BOARD MEMBER
<input type="checkbox"/>	CURRENT/PREVIOUS IC OFFICER	<input type="checkbox"/>	CURRENT/PREVIOUS ESAF BRD
<input type="checkbox"/>	SPECIAL DIET MENU/MEDICAL REASONS ONLY ** CONTACT: ** Linda Voss at lindas5311@hughes.net or lvoss@insurica.com		
<u>MEN'S REGISTRATION:</u>			
NAME:		HUSBAND/ESCORT OF:	
<u>DESA/ELAN REGISTRATION:</u>			
NAME:		ESA MEMBER/CHAPTER:	
<u>GUEST REGISTRATION:</u>			
NAME:		GUEST OF:	
CHECK ALL THAT APPLY			HOW MANY
<input type="checkbox"/>	MEMBER'S/DESA/ELAN FULL REGISTRATION FEE POSTMARKED BY Wednesday, March 30, 2015 includes Friday night mixer, general assemblies, workshops, Recognition Luncheon, Banquet & Sunday Brunch		\$110.00
<input type="checkbox"/>	GUEST'S REGISTRATION FEE includes Friday night mixer and Banquet		\$ 50.00
<input type="checkbox"/>	Sunday Morning Brunch Guest		\$20.00
<input type="checkbox"/>	LATE FEE of \$25 will be assessed after March 30, 2016. After March 30, 2016, you will need to call Linda Voss at 405-694-0928 and arrange to bring cash.		\$25.00
<input type="checkbox"/>	Cancellations must be made 96 hours or more before the beginning of convention for a refund. Please make your request in writing to the Convention Treasurer, Lola Jaegers		
Total			

Enclose Check Payable to: 2016 ESA State Convention Fund

Mail payment to:
Linda Voss
17520 NE 164th St.
Luther, OK 73054

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2015 OKLAHOMA STATE CONVENTION FINAL REPORT

Submitted by Lola Jaegers

EPSILON SIGMA ALPHA INTERNATIONAL

As of 5/4/15

Beginning Checking Account Balance	\$ -	EXPENSES:	
INCOME:		Checks	
Oklahoma Members Registrations - 101	10,100.00	Ways and Means (Leadership Table)	10.00
Out of State Member Registration - 2	200.00	Tips	260.00
Sooner Senioresses Board Dinner (5)	125.00	Biltmore Hotel	7,619.82
Banquet Guests (27)	1,080.00	Biltmore Hotel (I.C. Rep's Room)	102.50
Banquet Guests (St. Jude - 4)	110.16	Refunds (2 lunches, Late Charges & Donations)	230.00
5 Lunches - OY 4, DAA 1,	100.00	Tote Bags	97.99
Lunch Guests - 5	100.00	Free Registration	100.00
Brunch Guests - 4	80.00	Banquet Favors and Centerpieces	138.14
Charms	512.00	Programs (black and colored ink only)	225.00
Donations	40.00	Registration Supplies	120.48
Ads	1,040.00	Awards Luncheon Decorations	75.00
50/50 Jar (Net)	200.00	Charms	600.00
Walmart Card Raffle (Net of \$100 card)	320.00	Oklahoma State Council (Re-Payment of Loan)	92.50
Centerpieces	150.00	Oklahoma State Council (Overpay of IC Rep Room)	54.56
Late Fees	150.00	Oklahoma State Council 1/2 Profit	2,111.39
I. C. Rep's Room	157.06	Bets Psi 1/7 First \$1,000 + 1/7 of 1/2 Profit	444.48
Bake Sale - Leadership	392.05	Beta Zeta 1/7 First \$1,000 + 1/7 of 1/2 Profit	444.48
Loan from OK State Council	<u>92.50</u>	Gamma Zeta 1/7 First \$1,000 + 1/7 of 1/2 Profit	444.49
Total Income	<u>14,948.77</u>	Kappa Theta 1/7 First \$1,000 + 1/7 of 1/2 Profit	444.49
		Delta Kappa 1/7 First \$1,000 + 1/7 of 1/2 Profit	444.49
		Theta Tau 1/7 First \$1,000 + 1/7 of 1/2 Profit	444.48
		Zeta Gamma 1/7 First \$1,000 + 1/7 of 1/2 Profit	444.48
		Total Expenses	<u>14,948.77</u>
		Checking Account Balance	<u>\$ -</u>

**2015-2016
ASSOCIATION OF THE ARTS ENTRY FORM**

NAME _____ PHONE () _____

ADDRESS _____ CITY _____ ZIP _____

CHAPTER NAME _____ DESA Yes/No _____ CHAPTER NO. _____

Indicate your area of participation and note the deadlines for the particular area you are entering. Divisions I & II are contests; all other categories are for display purposes only.

Division I – Literature

- Poetry
- Short Story or Essay (500 words or less)

Division II – Music*

- Original Words to established tune
 - Original Words to Original tune
- *Music entry must be mailed with form, submitting both in sheet music and on tape.

Deadline for Division for I and II: MUST BE POSTMARKED BY APRIL 1.

Division III - Crafts (Wearable Art)

- Sewing
- Smocking

Division IV - Photography

- Black & White or Color Photo
- Graphic Design
- Computer Assisted Design

Division V - Crafts (Painted Art)

- Tole Painting
- Painted Pottery
- China Painting
- Porcelain
- Calligraphy (matted for display)
- Fabric Painting

Division VI - Visual Arts

- Oil Painting or Acrylics
- Drawings, Pastel or Charcoal
- Watercolors
- Sculpture
- Pottery (hand formed or wheel thrown)

Division VII- Crafts (Mixed Media)

- Basket Weaving
- Scrapbooking
- Jewelry
- Origami
- Rubber Stamping
- Cards
- Decoupage
- Glass
- Wood

Division VIII-Needlework (Fibers)

- Embroidery (including Hardanger and Silk Ribbon)
- Counted Cross Stitch
- Needlepoint
- Quilting
- Knitting
- Crocheting
- Stuffed Animals
- Cloth Weaving
- Latch Hooking
- Crewel

Division IX- Holiday (Ornaments & Decorations)

Please describe: _____

The rules for Divisions III, IV, V, VI, VII, VIII, and IX are as follows:

1. All participants must be members of Epsilon Sigma Alpha International.
2. To enable us to have sufficient space for display, all interested individuals must file an entry form with the chairman by the deadline date in order to participate.
3. Items must be brought to convention and picked up by each participant by announced time (usually between 10 & 11 p.m. after Saturday night banquet).
4. Items not claimed by the close of the convention become the property of the Oklahoma State Council and will not be returned to the participant.
5. Graphics, paintings, drawings, calligraphy, and photography must be framed or matted, ready for exhibit.

DEADLINE: Entry forms must be postmarked by April 1 for DIVISION III through IX.

The following applies to DIVISION I through IX:

1. Up to two (2) entries per division per member may be entered.
2. An item can be entered one time only; i.e., if an item is entered one year, it may not be entered in subsequent years.
3. Although security precautions will be enforced, please remember that we are not covered by casualty insurance should damages or theft occur.
4. The Clara Vaughan Association of the Arts "Dream Award" will be presented to the chapter having the highest percentage of member participation.

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Revised June 2015

OUTSTANDING CHAPTER - OFFICIAL JUDGING SHEET

15 OR LESS _____ 16 OR MORE _____
 CHAPTER NAME AND NUMBER: _____ CITY: _____
 STATE DUES PAID BY JANUARY 1, 20__ YES _____ NO _____

DUES:

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|----|---|---------------------|------|-------|
| 1. | A) State Council dues paid on or before Jan. 1, 20__ | *State Treasurer | (10) | _____ |
| | B) International dues paid on or before April 1, 20__ | *IC Treasurer | (10) | _____ |
| | C) District dues paid on or before Jan. 1, 20__ | *District Treasurer | (10) | _____ |
| | D) ESAF Chapter dues on or before March 1, 20__ | *ESAF Counselor | (10) | _____ |

CONVENTIONS:

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|----|---|------------------------|-------------|-------|
| 2. | A) Hostess Chapter for previous State Convention (each chapter) | *Past Convention Chair | (25) | _____ |
| | B) Each chapter member in attendance at previous year State Convention - Total Members at both General Assemblies | *Recording Secretary | _____ x (5) | _____ |
| | C) Each chapter member attending previous year IC Convention | *President | _____ x (5) | _____ |

PARTICIPATION:

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|----|--|-----------------------|------|-------|
| 3. | A) Bring Chapter scrapbook to Convention (Displayed in Association of Arts room) | *Scrapbook Chair | (10) | _____ |
| | B) DAA Contest Entry | *DAA Chair | (10) | _____ |
| | C) DAA Award Chapter Presentation (max 10 points) | *DAA Chair | (10) | _____ |
| | D) Outstanding Youth Contest Entry | *Outst. Youth Chair | (10) | _____ |
| | E) Outstanding Youth Award Chapter. Presentation (max 10 points) | *Outst. Youth Chair | (10) | _____ |
| | F) Association of the Arts Entry (Div. I or II) | *Assoc. of Arts Chair | (10) | _____ |
| | G) Association of the Arts Entry (Div. III through IX) | *Assoc. of Arts Chair | (10) | _____ |
| | H) "What ESA Means to Me" Entry | *Awards Chair | (10) | _____ |
| | I) Chapter Awards Information Submitted | *Awards Chair | (10) | _____ |

EDUCATION:

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|----|---|---------|--------------|-------|
| 4. | A) Each Educational reported by April 1, 20__ (max 90 points) | *2nd VP | _____ x (10) | _____ |
| | B) Gold Seal Contest Entry | *2nd VP | (10) | _____ |
| | C) Distinguished Athenian Nomination | *2nd VP | (10) | _____ |

PHILANTHROPIC:

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|----|--|-------------------------|--------------|-------|
| 5. | A) Service Report reported by April 1, 20__ | *Philanthropic Chair | _____ x (25) | _____ |
| | B) State Project Report submitted by April 1, 20__ | *Project Director | _____ x (10) | _____ |
| | C) Child adopted at OSB or OSD | *Project Director | _____ x (5) | _____ |
| | D) Donation to International Project | | | |
| | 1. St. Jude | *ESA for St. Jude Chair | (10) | _____ |
| | 2. Easter Seals | *Easter Seals Chair. | (10) | _____ |
| | E) Donation to Disaster Fund | *Jr. Past President | (10) | _____ |
| | F) Hope for Heroes | *Hope for Heroes Chair | (10) | _____ |

PUBLICITY:

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|----|---|---------------------|-------------|-------|
| 6. | A) Each Chapter Chatter article in PJ | *PJ Editor | _____ x (5) | _____ |
| | B) An article submitted for any publication | *Publicity Chairman | (10) | _____ |

RUSH:

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|----|--|-------------------|--------------|-------|
| 7. | A) New Pledge (each) | *Membership Chair | _____ x (10) | _____ |
| | B) MAL, Transfers, and Reinstatements (each) | *Membership Chair | _____ x (10) | _____ |
| | C) Form a Sister Chapter | *Membership Chair | (25) | _____ |
| | D) Held recruitment party | *Membership Chair | (15) | _____ |

MEETINGS:

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|----|--|--------------------------|-------------|-------|
| 8. | A) Each chapter member, Desa, Mesa and Elan attending a District Meeting | *District Coordinator | _____ x (5) | _____ |
| | B) Each chapter member, Desa, Mesa and Elan attending a State Meeting | *Corresponding Secretary | _____ x (5) | _____ |
| | C) Each member Desa, Mesa and Elan attending a State Project Tour | *Project Director | _____ x (5) | _____ |

***Source**

JUDGING APPROVED BY:

Outstanding Chapter Chairman

District Coordinator

Sooner Seniorettte Advisor

Chapter Chatter

Beta Gamma #0391

Tulsa

Hello in ESA land!!

It seems like a long time ago the last report on Beta Gamma activities; we have been so busy! Our Jeanne Kindley, is the Vice President of Tulsa Area Council. She presented a lovely 2015 Founders' Day Tea, May 17. Three members of Beta Gamma were honored for years of service in ESA at the Tea held at Clarehouse. Peggie Sprinkle presented Beta Gamma members Judi York and Peggy Hughes their awards for 35 years each then Judi York lauded Frances Mann for 65 years with a little bit of pop, world, and tech history of the years since she first became a member.

Judi York and Deb Hughes were Co-Chairs of the 2015 St Jude Dream Home. Peggie Sprinkle chair volunteer coordinator for ESA member's hours working the Dream Home. Many of us volunteered time at the home, office or both. Together with chapters from North-eastern Oklahoma and visiting members from throughout the state we saw the goal of 10,000 ticket sales achieved. Member volunteers helped make it happen by assisting local participants with their entries and 'manning' the open house, also answering phones at the KOKI 'sellathons'

Actually, these are just a couple of myriad events, meetings, parties and FUN we have in ESA. Help us spread the word!

Connie Bartlett

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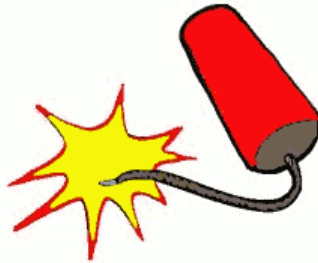
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*Beta Gamma members
receiving Years of Member-
ship Awards*





Francis Mann receives
65-Years of Service
Award from Judi York



Kappa Theta - Guthrie

Looking forward to summer time fun. We have given assistance to Eagle Ridge Institute and plan to furnish refreshments for July 4th celebration. Saturday we are taking 2 prospective members to the Cowboy Hall of Fame . This is part of our educational theme this year. Libby and I attended the St Jude House Training and Sneak Peek Open House Fun, and if you haven't signed up to help, please do! Submitted by Sylvia Ochs

Beta Iota, McAlester

Beta Iota has had a wonderful start to the summer. In May we had our annual Installation and Awards Banquet at the McAlester Country Club.

Our 2015-2016 Officers are:

President: Lori Few

Vice President: Megan Higgins

Corresponding Secretary: Alice Cornwell

Recording Secretary: Annette Nichols

Treasurer: Cindy Pingleton

Educational Director: Holly Stachmus

Parliamentarian: Margaret Kramer

Beta Iota sisters also spent time volunteering during the St. Jude Dream Home in Tulsa. Several of our members also attended the Oklahoma ESA June State Council meeting.

We sponsored our annual Miss McAlester and Miss McAlester's Outstanding Teen Pageants on June 27, 2015. Our pageant provides scholarships to young women in our local community and help to raise funds for Beta Iota's local philanthropic projects. Camryn Sanders was named Miss McAlester 2016 and Kal-El Shelton was named Miss McAlester's Outstanding Teen 2016.

Beta Iota will also be helping to host the District V Leadership Meeting on Saturday, September 12, 2015 from 9:00-2:00pm at McAlester First United Methodist Church. We hope that you can join us.

Lori Few, President
Beta Iota



Gamma Zeta #3464 — We've been busy with the Oklahoma City Dream Home, which is located in Edmond. We've sold all the tickets, and give-away is August 16. We're also planning for our biggest fundraiser—our luncheon auction, and it will be held Sept 26 this year—so everyone is invited! We're having a Wizard of Oz theme—so there will be lots of red glitter around! We've also helped with Project 66 and supported Mobile Meals. We welcomed a new member, Cookie Jennings, and said good-bye to our precious pledge, Linda Sander, who lost her battle with breast cancer. We hosting the Aug 22 State Leadership—so ya'll come! We promise to feed you good and entertain you with a style show!



Beta Zeta #3198

Rain, rain go away, but come back in August! This is the way we all felt in May and June, but we did need the rain. We hope all of you are okay and not in the flooded areas.

It is hard to believe we are starting a new ESA year! Our chapter is small, but we try to stay busy with volunteering our time around the OKC area. More on that in the next issue of the PJ.

Founder's Day we had a lovely salad luncheon in the home of member Merry Knowles. State President Dr. Billye Peterson was our special guest. Member Barbara Fairbairn treated us to an early morning breakfast in June. We had a wonderful time visiting. Fellowship is great.

We say to State President Dr. Billye Peterson – You did a great job with your first meeting! We really enjoyed the June State Council meeting. Members Aletha Bolt, Billie Fritch and Doris Cook were in attendance. The Firehouse Subs were delicious. Way to go – no fuss, no mess. Keep it simple.

We received a very nice check from the 2015 State Convention Fund for our share of the profits. At our May chapter meeting, we voted to give \$200 back to the State Council and \$100 to Epsilon Rho, the new El Reno chapter. The remainder is earmarked to help Doris Cook with her expenses as District II Coordinator.

Our July chapter meeting was spent making plans for the new year. We hope to have a garage sale at Merry's house in the spring. We also helped Doris finalize plans for the District II Leadership meeting coming up on Saturday, August 15th at Forrest Hills Christian Church in Oklahoma City. Hope to see many of you there!

Doris Cook

Beta Zeta Chapter #3158

Delta Kappa, Norman

Delta Kappa's last meeting for 2014-2015 sorority year was to install the new officers for the coming year. Our installation was held on the enclosed patio at Zio's in Norman. The ceremony was unique and festive for the following members, President, Gwynn Nell Swanson; Vice-President, Vivian Gibson; Secretary, Sharon McGuire Storms; Treasurer, Janice Shockley; Ways & Means, Georgia Smith; Parliamentarian, Donna Wiley; Educational, Marcia Crook; Philanthropic, Helen Checorski. History keeps repeating itself with some of these ladies continuing to serve in the same office year after year. Thank you and congratulations to each of these special ladies who continue to give their time and talent to Delta Kappa.

Even though DK does not meet for business and educational meetings during the summer, we still seem to stay busy with several projects and socials. Our garage sale to benefit Easter Seals was a huge success and will allow us to make a nice donation to them in memory of Daleene Sumrall. We still have a large storage full of merchandise for our next garage sale to be held in October. Delta Kappa members, Linda, Sharon, Jeanne, Gwynn Nell and Janice have been working at the Dream Home in Edmond. It's great to be involved in this project knowing that the proceeds are going to St. Jude's to help the kids to be free of cancer. Gwynn Nell will be leaving for IC Convention soon. We know she will represent us well and bring back lots of good ideas and info for DK. Linda, Georgia and Janice spent some time at the Norman Veteran's Center talking with some of the veterans and decorating their activity room for the 4th of July. It looked very patriotic with red, white and blue center-pieces and lots of balloons. Cookies were also provided for their 4th of July party. It is nice to honor these men and women who have given so much for our country.

Linda Leveridge, District IV Coordinator, is busy planning her year and will be holding her first organizational board meeting for the officers and chairmen of District IV on July 25 at Goodrich Church in Norman. I know Linda will make it another fun and informative year. She has lots of creative and fun ideas.

We have some fun summer socials to look forward to. The first being a pool party at Gwynn Nell's with her homemade ice cream and yummy toppings. This is always such a nice evening spent talking and eating and then eating some more. Did I mention we have lots of good food prepared by great DK cooks? Our social committee members Marcia, Sharon, Nancy and Jeanne are brewing up more fun loving socials for the summer. I will fill you in later on these events.

DK member Sharon McGuire will become Mrs. Sharon McGuire Storms on July 19, 2015. Bruce and Sharon will be married that afternoon in a private ceremony with family and close friends at a Chapel near Lake Thunderbird with a huge reception to follow at the Crazy 8 Cafe in Chickasha. We are looking forward to celebrating with Sharon & Bruce. Congratulations to our newlyweds!!!!

Joyce Gibson is a new Mom again which makes Grandma Vivian very happy. Aiana is a precious, healthy and happy baby girl. I know big sister, Erin, is very proud of her too. Congratulations to all!! Delta Kappa is blessed with so many good things happening in our midst with a new baby and a marriage to celebrate. Life is good!!! Until next time wishing each of you a fun and safe summer. Janice Shockley

Gamma Delta, Tulsa

Gamma Delta held our installation ceremony in April at McNellie's South. Our new slate of officers are: Dawn Haley-President, Charlene Law-VP, Donna McCandless-Treasurer, Pat Britt-Secretary, Mara Wheeler-Educational Chair, and Byrdie Emanuel-Parliamentarian. We had 5 guests joining us; Alan Law, Dick McCandless, John Stapleton, Bob Haley and Matt Farabee. Leslie Farabee of Eta Mu conducted a beautiful installation ceremony!

We're sad to report that no one from our Chapter was able to attend the State Convention; however, we were very excited to learn about the many awards we received – nine in all!!!! The Founder's Day Tea on May 17th at Clarehouse was attended by Byrdie, Donna & Charlene. Congratulations to Charlene who received her 25 year ESA attendance award!! We've been busy working the St. Dream Home, writing tickets and welcoming guests to the home. The home is truly amazing and the winners will be blessed to receive such a wonderful home.

Our next event will be the TAC (Tulsa Area Council) Bunco Bash Fundraiser to benefit Tulsa's Ronald McDonald House. It will be on Friday, July 31st with doors opening at 6pm and play time starting at 6:30pm at Highland Park Christian Church, 5708 E. 31 Street, Tulsa, OK. We'll have lots of food, fun and great prizes! We hope you'll be able to join us and bring your family and friends; please RSVP to Charlene Law.

We're having lots of fun in our Chapter; our first meeting was all about the Tropics and Pink Flamingo's, we played spoons and plan on enjoying a different game at each meeting. Our August Chapter meeting will be held at Ronald McDonald House where we'll provide delicious food for their guests.

Hope everyone has a wonderful summer!

With ESA Sisterly Love,

Dawn Haley



Dawn's Installation April 2015

GAMMA DELTA CHAPTER MEETING JUNE 2015



Gamma Delta and TULSA ST JUDE DREAM HOME 2015



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REGISTRATION FOR LEADERSHIP: \$ 45.00 _____

REGISTRATION FOR CONFERENCE:

FRIDAY LUNCHEON \$ 25.00 _____

SATURDAY LUNCHEON \$ 22.00 _____

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TOTAL CONFERENCE REGISTRATION: \$130.00 _____

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**EPSILON SIGMA ALPHA INTERNATIONAL
OKLAHOMA STATE COUNCIL
EXECUTIVE/GENERAL BOARD MEETING
JUNE 6, 2015
MINUTES**

The Executive and General Board of Oklahoma State Council of ESA meeting was called to order by President Dr. Billye Peterson at 9:32 a.m., Saturday, June 6, 2015, at New Covenant United Methodist Church, Edmond, OK.

Billye reminded the members in attendance that only Board members could vote during the Board meeting. The membership was also asked if they had confirmed their lunch reservations and if not to see Synovia Lemmings. Dr. Peterson requested everyone giving a report or making a motion to please be sure to give a copy to Margaret Kramer, Recording Secretary. Billye will make formal introductions at the General meeting.

The committee appointed to read the minutes of the June State Council is Linda Voss, Chair; Linda Coniglio and Brenda Beed.

Corresponding Secretary – Jacque Cantrel – no report.

2nd Vice President/Educational Director – Peggie Sprinkle announced her theme for the year “Oklahoma Stars”. Peggie encouraged chapters to have an educational on people who lived in Oklahoma and have done amazing things for the Great State of Oklahoma.

Treasurer – Synovia Lemmings presented the proposed budget for 2015-2016. Upon recommendation of the budget committee, Synovia moved the proposed budget be presented for approval by the membership at the State Council meeting later today. Coming from a committee, no second was required. Motion carried.

Project Director – Margaret Kramer, (in absence of Tawanna Cathey), presented the report from Tawanna. OSD had two proposals for the project funds of \$2,356.44; upgrade student union or move engraved bricks to area around the flag poles near the football field. They plan to add a plaque recognizing OK ESA at either site. OSB would like to utilize their allotted \$1,893.56 to purchase new cheerleader uniforms. Margaret moved that \$2,356.44 be given to OSD and \$1,893.56 be given to OSB for the schools to be used at their discretion. Coming from a committee, no second is required. There was no discussion, motion carried. Date for OSD Tour, October 3, 2015, and OSB Tour February 20, 2016.

2016 State Convention Registration Chair – Linda Voss shared with the group the most painless registration ever! The jar! Linda further explained if everyone went home today and put \$9.17 a week in the jar you would have enough money saved to pay your registration in full by the August 2015 Leadership meeting or if you preferred to put \$4.54 per week you would have adequate funds to pay for Convention registration by the November State Council meeting. Linda encouraged the membership to decorate their jars and bring them to the August meeting to show off and receive something fun. If you pay by registration by August your name will be placed in the “Happy Bucket” for a chance a something special. Linda made a motion to raise the Convention Registration fee to \$110 for members and the Banquet Registration to \$50, the motion was seconded. Motion carried.

PJ Assistant Editor – Marilyn Fairchild reminded the membership that the deadline for submitting articles for this year’s first edition is July 5.

Executive/General Board

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Contest Chair – Rita Hains recommended the following changes to the Contest rules:

Outstanding Chapter Official Judging Sheet: Rita moved Outstanding Chapter Contest Meetings Section 8A to read: Each Chapter Member, DESA, MESA and ELAN attending any District Meeting (5 points for each one in attendance) be presented for approval by the membership at the OK State Council meeting. Coming from a committee no second was required, motion carried.

Rita further discussed adding additional subdivisions under the **Division VII– Crafts (Mixed Media)** section of the Association of the Art's Entry Form to include scrapbooking, origami, and cards. It was also suggested to allow the Association of the Art's Chair to award a Certificate of Recognition or a Best in Show and change the Blue Book to reflect the change to encourage participation. The Blue Book changes will be forwarded to Linda Southerland, Jr. Past President for updating.

Secret Sister Coordinator – Joyce Lacey-Kinney suggested there be a job description for the Secret Sister Coordinator written in the Blue Book. Joyce agreed to do this and send to Linda Southerland, Jr. Past President for addition to the Blue Book.

New Business

New Hybrid Chapter – Epsilon Rho, El Reno

Synovia Lemmings made the motion: "Upon the recommendation of the Budget Committee, I move the Oklahoma State Council Doer's Fund be eliminated and given to Epsilon Rho, the new hybrid chapter, with the understanding this is not a loan and will be used to help the new chapter get started." After discussion a vote was taken and the motion did not carry. Synovia amended her motion to read: "Upon the recommendation of the Budget Committee, I move the Oklahoma State Council Doer's Fund be eliminated and be split between Epsilon Rho, the new hybrid chapter, and Eta Theta, Tulsa, with the understanding this is not a loan and will be used to help the new chapters get started." Coming from a committee no second is required, motion carried. The approved motion will be presented at the OK State Council meeting.

With no further business the ESA OK State Council Executive and General Board Meeting was adjourned at 10:22 a.m. by President Dr. Billye Peterson.

Respectfully Submitted,

Margaret

Margaret Kramer
Recording Secretary

EPSILON SIGMA ALPHA INTERNATIONAL
OKLAHOMA STATE COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES
JUNE 6, 2015
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The Oklahoma State Council meeting was called to order at New Covenant United Methodist Church, Edmond, OK at 10:32 a.m. by State President Dr. Billye Peterson. Billye thanked everyone for coming.

The membership recited the Opening Ritual.

Peggy Hughes gave the Thought for the Day, a quote from William James. Peggy then led the group in the Pledge of Allegiance. Peggy reported that since convention she sent 29 cards in total: 10 get-well, 10 sympathy and 9 thinking of you. Peggy created an email list that includes all OK ESA members. Peggy asked that if you have not been receiving her e-mail to let her know.

Dr. Peterson recognized and thanked her Gamma Zeta Sisters for helping her with her first Star Spangled year meeting.

Billye introduced Rosalie Griffith, ESA Membership Corporation President, Past IC President, Sooner Seniorette and Board "Firecracker". Rosalie led the membership in an activity. Each member had half of a paper plate and was instructed to find the member who had the match and learn something new about that member. Billye asked the Board members to stand and be recognized and thanked them for their service. She further informed the members that the Executive Board would not be at a head table and at lunch will be sitting among the membership so that everyone would have an opportunity to know the leaders better.

The Sooner Senioresses were acknowledged and were presented a small gift from Billye in appreciation for their willingness to help, their guidance, and dedication to ESA.

There were no guests. Pam Fink, Gamma Zeta, was a first-time meeting attendee and one ELAN was also present.

Roll call will be taken from the registration. Corresponding Secretary, Jacque Cantrel reported 55 present; 47 members, 1 ELAN and 7 working the St. Jude Dream Home, Tulsa.

The committee to read the minutes of the 72nd Oklahoma State Convention was Rosalie Griffith, Chair; Jacque Cantrel and Sue Knight. Rosalie reported the minutes were incomplete.

The committee to read today's meeting minutes is Linda Voss, Chair; Linda Coniglio and Brenda Beed.

OFFICER REPORTS AND PRESENTATIONS

Corresponding Secretary – Jacque Cantrel read regrets and correspondence.

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Treasurer – Synovia Lemmings presented the financial report

Balance transferred from 2014-2015	\$ 757.07
Income 2015 Convention Profit	\$2,258.45
Donations	\$ 100.00
Directories	\$ 216.00
Disbursements	\$ 0.00
General Fund Balance as of June 5, 2015	\$3,331.52

Synovia presented the proposed 2015-2016 Budget. Upon recommendation of the Executive and General Board, Synovia moved the 2015-2016 proposed Budget be approved. Coming from a committee, no second was required. Motion carried.

Project Director – Margaret Kramer (in Tawanna Cathey’s absence) reported \$2,356.44 is allocated to OSD and they would like to utilize the monies to update the student union or move engraved bricks to the flag pole area near the football field. OSB would like to spend their allocated funds of \$1,893.56 to purchase new cheerleader uniforms. Margaret moved: Upon recommendation of the Oklahoma Executive and General Board, I move that \$2,356.44 be given to OSD and \$1,893.56 be given to OSB for the schools to use at their discretion. Coming from a committee, no second is required. Motion carried.

Tour Dates for OSD October 3, 2015, and OSB February 20, 2016

2015 Convention Report – Gwynn Nell Swanson reported 127 were in attendance; members 100 - 99 woman, 1 man; and 27 guests.

2016 Convention Chair – Linda Coniglio, Co-Chair and Linda Voss, Registration Chair
Linda announced that America the Beautiful, the OK State Convention 2016, will be held at the Reed Conference Center, Midwest City, OK on April 30, April 31 and May 1, 2016.

Linda Voss shared with the group the most painless registration ever! The jar! Linda further explained if everyone went home today and put \$9.17 a week in the jar you would have enough money saved to pay your registration in full by the August 2015 Leadership meeting or if you preferred to put \$4.54 per week you would have adequate funds to pay for Convention registration by the November State Council meeting. Linda encouraged the membership to decorate their jars and bring them to the August meeting to show off and receive something fun. If you pay registration by August your name will be placed in the “Happy Bucket” for a chance for something special. Linda made the motion: Upon the recommendation of the Oklahoma Executive and General Board, I move the 2016 Convention registration fee be raised to \$110 for members, DESA’s and ELAN’s and \$50 for banquet guests. Coming from a committee no second is required, motion carried.

Dr. Peterson made a motion to request the use of monies from the Speaker’s Fund, not to exceed \$100, for guest speakers at the August 2015 State Council Leadership. The motion was seconded, motion carried.

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Contest Chair – Rita Hains recommended the following changes to the Contest rules:

Outstanding Chapter Official Judging Sheet: Rita moved Outstanding Chapter Contest Meetings Section 8A to read: Each Chapter Member, DESA, MESA and ELAN attending any District Meeting (5 points for each one in attendance). Coming from a committee no second was required, motion carried.

Rita further discussed adding additional subdivisions under the **Division VII– Crafts (Mixed Media)** section of the Association of the Art's Entry Form to include scrapbooking, origami, and cards. It was also suggested to allow the Association of the Art's Chair to award a Certificate of Recognition or a Best in Show and change the Blue Book to reflect the change to encourage participation. The Blue Book changes will be forwarded to Linda Southerland, Jr. Past President for updating.

Membership Chair – Jenny Lizama shared with the group in order to attract younger members to ESA it will be necessary to become “tech savvy.” Jenny encouraged all the chapters and members to post pictures of their chapter projects and philanthropic work on the Oklahoma ESA Facebook page. Recently on ESA International's Facebook page members from all over the country posted picture of themselves with posters telling something about “Because of ESA.” Jenny supplied posters and urged members present to complete the verse “Because of ESA” and she would take their photo and post it on the OK State ESA Facebook page. Jenny further said it was the responsibility of all members to recruit new members.

Social Media Chair – Pam Fink presented information about Pinterest, Twitter, Instagram, Hashtags, and Facebook communication. Pam sent around a form for the membership to sign with their e-mail information if they were interested in getting a copy of her presentation notes.

Second Vice President/Educational Director – Peggie Sprinkle gave a short presentation focusing on interesting facts about “Who is that Guy,” Will Rogers and his many accomplishments and contributions to Oklahoma. Then she introduced Andy Hogan, Historical Guide and Interpreter, for the Will Rogers Memorial Museum's. Mr. Hogan provided the group with a very entertaining program about Will Rogers.

Dr. Peterson recessed the meeting for lunch.

Chaplain, Peggy Hughes gave the meal Blessing.

The meeting was reconvened at 12:50 p.m.

Easter Seals Chair – Judy Cravens stressed the importance of sending any contributions to Easter Seals to her directly. If this is not done, the funds donated do not stay in Oklahoma; they go to the Easter Seals general fund that do not necessarily get utilized in Oklahoma. Judy then introduced Samantha Pascoe, Director of Child Development Program at the OKC facility. Ms. Pascoe gave an overview of all the programs that are available at the Center for both adults and children. Brochures were available on all programs.

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WORKSHOPS

Outstanding Youth Chair – Brenda Beed reviewed the contest rules and judging sheets for the Outstanding Junior and Senior Youth. She entertained questions from the audience and showed examples of the books submitted for judging. Brenda informed the group that the students were eligible to compete on the local level as well as the international level and there are cash awards on both levels. Brenda urged the chapters to submit candidates for this award, and if they had any questions or needed assistance she was available.

Distinguished Achievement Award Chair - Joy Agan, for Sylvia Ochs, shared what DAA contest was, who was eligible, and what each chapter’s responsibility was in order to submit an entry. This is also a local as well as an international competition.

Recording Secretary - Margaret Kramer presented a Power Point highlighting the important facts and tips for recording and preparing meeting minutes.

Webmaster – Aletha Bolt stressed in her presentation the Eleven Commandments for Meeting Etiquette: R.S.V.P., Arrive Early, Come Prepared, Do Not Interrupt, Abstain from Electronics, Speak in Turn, Keep Questions Brief, Pay Attention, Be Patient and Calm, Attend the Entire Meeting, and Respond to Action Items. R.S.V.P. was defined. How to wear your ESA pin was demonstrated. Handouts were provided.

REPORTS

OK MARC Rep – Deb Hughes is currently IC News Bulletin Chair and is candidate for International Council Recording Secretary. Deb apprised the membership of the upcoming MARC Regional Council Conference being held in Omaha, NE on October 9, 10 and 11, 2015. Michigan, Illinois, Indiana, Iowa, Minnesota, Missouri, Ohio, Wisconsin, Kansas, Oklahoma, Nebraska and South Dakota comprise the 12-state MARC membership; their website is esamarc.org. Each member state is being asked to bring a basket or two for the auction in addition to the items for the “Accessory Sale” such as necklaces, bracelets, earrings, scarfs and purses. These items should be valued at \$15 or more and can be new or gently used. MARC does not collect dues; they depend on fundraisers for their funding. For additional information or to make a donation contact Deb or the website.

ESA Foundation Counselor – Cathy Holsted for Vivian Gibson asked that all Foundation members and chapter representatives see her to sign their credentials for voting at IC Conventions. Monies from the State Convention Auction netted \$1,824.00

St Jude \$608.00 Turn Around Fund
Easter Seals \$608.00 Turn Around Fund
\$608.00 divided between State Council Endowments
Vi Gardner Memorial Endowment Balance \$6,788.00-----Donation \$203.00
Myre Starr Honorarium Endowment Balance \$6,857.00-----Donation \$203.00
Hawkins-Tuma Memorial Endowment Balance \$7,332.00----- Donation \$202.00
Oscar and Joyce Whitewing Honorarium Endowment Balance \$17,450.00-Donation \$000.00

Cathy is taking any donation for the ESA Foundation Auction Baskets that will be sold at IC Convention; suggestions were cash, gift cards, or items made in Oklahoma.

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ESA for St. Jude – Barbara Childers, Co-Chair, presented a copy of the St. Jude Fundraising Event Form available on the Website that is required to be completed and submitted to IC Headquarters to be eligible for credit for your efforts. She also showed a copy of the post event form to be sent upon completion of your special St. Jude Event. Darlene and Barbara will be on the OK State Council Leadership agenda and will share what they learned at the St. Jude Leadership training they attended in Memphis in March.

NEW BUSINESS

State Council Fundraisers – Raffle Tickets on patriotic wreath.

Doer's Fund – Dr. Billye Peterson moved: "Upon recommendation of the Oklahoma Executive and General Board, I move the Oklahoma State Council Doer's Fund be eliminated and be split between Epsilon Rho, El Reno, and Eta Theta, Tulsa, with the understanding this is not a loan and will be used to help the new chapter get started." Coming from a committee no second is required, motion carried.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Directories are available at \$8; see Gwynn Nell Swanson.

Petticoat Journal subscriptions can still be mailed to you at the cost of \$15. Contact Patty Heer, PJ Editor, to order a hard copy of the newsletter.

Door Prizes were furnished by District II.

State Leadership will be August 22, 2015, New Covenant United Methodist Church, Edmond, OK.

Dr. Peterson thanked everyone for coming and wished everyone a Star Spangled 4th of July and wonderful summer.

The meeting was adjourned at 2:43 p.m. The Closing Ritual was recited.

Respectfully Submitted,
Margaret Kramer
2015-16 Recording Secretary

2015 – 2016 OK ESA Meeting Schedule

June	6, 2015	Executive & General Board & State Council Meeting New Covenant United Methodist Church North End 2700 S. Boulevard, Edmond
July	11-19,	International Convention
August	8, 2015	District III Leadership Meeting Highland Park Christian Church, 5708 E. 31 st St., Tulsa 74135 Tulsa
August	15, 2015	District II Leadership Meeting Forest Hill Christian Church, 2121 N McArthur Oklahoma City
August	22, 2015	State Leadership Meeting New Covenant United Methodist Church North End 2700 S. Boulevard, Edmond
Sept	12, 2015	District V Leadership Meeting 1 st United Methodist Church, 1501 S. 13 th St., McAlester
Sept	19,	Give Thanks Walk Oklahoma City (Zoo)
Sept	26, 2015	District IV Leadership Meeting, Goodrich United Methodist Church Norman Okla Easter Seals Red Man Triathlon Oklahoma City Give Thanks Walk Owasso, Stone Canyon Lake
October	3	OK School for the Deaf Tour & District IV meetings Sulphur
October	10	MARC Conference
Nov	14	Executive & General Board & State Council Meeting New Covenant United Methodist Church North End 2700 S. Boulevard, Edmond
February	20 2016	OK School for the Blind Tour & District III & V meetings Muskogee
March	5, 2016	Executive & General Board & State Council Meeting New Covenant United Methodist Church North End 2700 S. Boulevard, Edmond
March	12	District IV Meeting Shawnee
March	19, 2016	District II Meeting & Installation Forest Hill Christian Church, 2121 N McArthur Oklahoma City
April/May	29-30/1 2016	Oklahoma State Convention “America the Beautiful” Sheraton Reed Conference Center, Midwest City