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**Dr. Billye Peterson, President**

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## Have a Star Spangled Holiday!

The past few months have been full of fun ESA happenings! Seven Oklahoma sisters traveled to Omaha for the MARC Leadership in October.

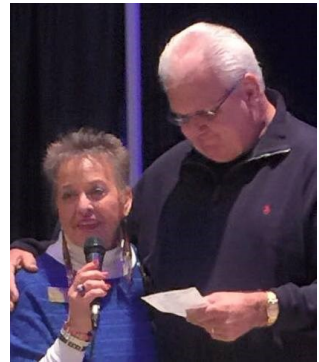


What great workshops we had all day Friday, a gently used accessory fund-raiser, along with a cork pull, and terrific entertainment! Wish everyone could have attended-- I learned so much! Plan on going next year—second weekend in October. This was Oklahoma’s first year as a MARC member.



If you missed the November State Council meeting featuring Hope For Heroes, you missed a presentation from Karen Stark, The Hugs Project Executive Director, who updated everyone on how they’re helping the troops who are coming home through The Patriot Clinic hyperbaric treatments. Doris Cook’s grandson, Terry Anderson, who has been deployed 4 times in Iraq and Afghanistan also spoke. What a great job Robin Ryan did planning the Hope for Heroes Celebration!

2<sup>nd</sup> Vice President Peggie Sprinkle, had a great Oklahoma Stars interactive educational on Oklahoma athletes. She then introduced an Oklahoma Athletic Star, Jim Riley, former OU Coach’s All American and 1972 Miami Dolphins Super Bowl winner. Jim founded Jim Riley Outreach to help recovering drug addicts.



After a great lunch, we had fun making kitchen towel bunnies—if you’d like the easy instructions, let me know. Great day of learning!

After the State Meeting, the Executive Board went to my house where we worked on “Cleaning ESA’s Closet” to try and make things better for our membership. Stay tuned in the next issue of the PJ for updates! Have a wonderful Christmas filled with family and fun, and a safe New Years!

*Billye*

Dr. Billye Peterson, Oklahoma State President  
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Christmas Greetings ESA Sisters!

It's a little hard to believe that the holiday season is upon us and everyone is busier than ever. So let's not forget about your Oklahoma State Council. Without officers & committee chairmen, we don't have a State Council. It really is an honor to serve as a state officer or chairman.

Nominations are still open for the elected offices. I'd love to have an election again this year! Offices are 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice-President, Recording Secretary, Treasurer, Parliamentarian, Project Director and Petticoat Journal Editor. If you're interested and would like to run for one of these offices, PLEASE, PLEASE, PLEASE contact me or any one of the nominating committee members: June Miller, Judi York, Janice Shockley, and JoAnn Rott as soon as possible. If you need the qualifications for these offices, they can be found in the Blue Book on the Oklahoma state website – [www.oklaesa.org](http://www.oklaesa.org).

Nominations are due March 1<sup>st</sup> and the nomination form can be found on our website as well. Just click on forms.

Remember, as a candidate, once you've been nominated, I need you to send me your letter of acceptance along with your credentials (qualifications) and a photo.

I also have several committees open: Auditor, Awards, Contest Chair, Credentials, Distinguished Achievement Award (DAA), Easter Seals, ESA for St. Jude, Membership, Publicity and Scrapbook. These are also outlined in the Blue Book on the website. Likewise, PLEASE, PLEASE, PLEASE contact me as soon as possible if you'd like to serve as one of the committee chairmen.

I know there are a lot of well qualified and talented ESA members out there that should be willing to accept the challenge of one of the offices or committees. So come on! Indulge yourself and share those wonderful talents with your Oklahoma ESA sisters! It will sweeten your life!

I hope everyone has a very Merry Christmas and Happy New Year and may God richly bless you and your families now and always!!

Nancy Baucom  
1<sup>st</sup> Vice President  
Nominating Committee Chairman

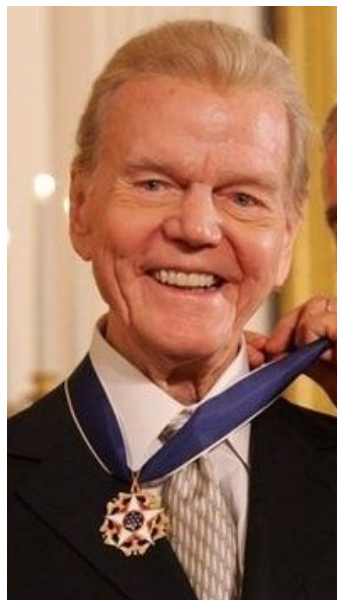


**Peggie Sprinkle - 2nd Vice President/Educational Director**

## ***"OKLAHOMA STARS"***



Hope you are learning a lot about the **great people of Oklahoma**. Please read all the instructions on the Oklahoma Educational report form. An Educational Report Form should be completed. Provide **all** the information requested on the form and be sure to use the current year's form. You can find the form on the Oklahoma ESA web site. I am looking forward to reading about your educational! I would love to visit your chapter, so let me know! Hope you enjoy this educational:



Harvey receiving the [Presidential Medal of Freedom](#) in 2005

2nd Vice President, Peggy Sprinkle continued

**Paul Harvey Aurandt** (September 4, 1918 – February 28, 2009), better known as **Paul Harvey**, was a conservative American [radio broadcaster](#) for the [ABC](#) Radio Networks. He broadcast *News and Comment* on weekday mornings and mid-days, and at noon on Saturdays, as well as his famous [The Rest of the Story](#) segments. From the 1950s through the 1990s, Harvey's programs reached as many as 24 million people a week. *Paul Harvey News* was carried on 1,200 radio stations, 400 [Armed Forces Network](#) stations and 300 newspapers.

Harvey was born in Tulsa, Oklahoma. He attended [Tulsa Central High School](#) where a teacher, Isabelle Ronan, was "impressed by his voice." On her recommendation, he started working at [KVOO](#) in Tulsa in 1933, when he was 14. His first job was helping clean up. Eventually he was allowed to fill in on the air, reading commercials and the news. While attending the [University of Tulsa](#), he continued working at KVOO, first as an announcer, and later as a program director. Harvey, at age nineteen spent three years as a station manager for KFBI AM, now known as KFDI, a radio station that once had studios in [Salina, Kansas](#). From there, he moved to a newscasting job at [KOMA](#) in [Oklahoma City](#).

In the latter half of his career, Harvey was also known for the radio series *The Rest of the Story*, described as a blend of mystery and history, which premiered on May 10, 1976. The series quickly grew to six broadcasts a week, and continued until Harvey's death in 2009. *The Rest of the Story* series was written and produced by the broadcaster's son, Paul Harvey, Jr., from its outset and for its thirty-three year duration. Harvey and his radio network stated that the stories in that series, although entertaining, were completely true.



## Project Director

The school year is well under way at Oklahoma School for the Blind and Oklahoma School for the Deaf. We have sponsors for all students at OSD and for almost all students at OSB. Thank You for continued support of the students!!

We held the OSD Annual Tour on October 3<sup>rd</sup>. We had a great meeting, hosted by Linda Leveridge. There was lots of fun with games, pumpkin decorating, a silent auction and good food prepared by OSD employees.

Football is winding down at OSD and basketball is just getting started. Many of our sponsored students participate in these activities. We met several of our students; they loved getting the Halloween cards and gifts.

We said "Good-bye" to Sue Cole the day of our OSD Tour. Sue retired the end of October 2015. She did such a great job; she will be greatly missed by ESA sisters and the students.

Be sure to remember your sponsored children at Christmastime, if you need another information sheet, please contact Tawanna Cathey and she will email or mail you the requested information. We will need to get cards and gifts to our students prior to December 14<sup>th</sup> to make sure they receive them before they leave for the Christmas break.

"Save the Date" - Our OSB Tour is scheduled for February 13, 2016, please plan to attend, we are looking forward to seeing you there.

THANK YOU FOR ALL YOU DO!! Our students are very appreciative of the help and attention given to them. I received hand-written thank you cards from my students, very nice.



# State Parliamentarian



## Merry Christmas and Happy New Year!

We are quickly approaching convention and our annual meeting. Please review our by-laws and be familiar with parliamentary procedure.

What is Parliamentary Procedure?

Parliamentary Procedure is simply a set of rules to make meetings more efficient and effective. Parliamentary Procedure is designed to help members of organizations discuss common issues and decide on actions. There are some good reasons for using Parliamentary Procedure:

- You will get more done in less time by following orderly procedures
- You will encourage greater participation by all members
- You will ensure fair decision-making
- You will protect the rights of all members, including those present at the meeting, those absent, the majority, the minority, and the entire organization
- You will develop more effective leaders

You will help ensure the legal status of your meetings according to the laws of society and your own organization

Enjoy your holidays!

God Bless you and your family.

Peggy Campbell

ESA State Parliamentarian



Hello ESA Sisters

Just a few lines to remind you that the Disaster Fund needs your donations... I have sent in four reports and that just totals \$1212. I also want to remind you that the deadline to get credit for your donation has to be prior to December 31<sup>st</sup>. Let's try real hard to get in our donations so if anyone needs to apply for the grant, the money will be there.

Linda Southerland, Jr. Past President/Disaster Fund Chair



## DISTRICT II PUBLICITY

Greeting Sisters

You can tell Fall is here with all the beautiful foliage. I love this time of the year. Also, it is the start of football season and of course Thunder Basketball.

We enjoyed our State Council Meeting on November 14th, 2015 in Edmond. Please brought a kitchen towel and made holiday bunnies—very useful with 2 washcloths and the towel. You know our President Billye always has surprises for us.

There is not much going on in District II, but we hope to get organized with the new year planning. District II members Billye Peterson, Aletha Bolt, and Billie Fritch attended the MARC convention and stated they really enjoyed the meeting. It was good to put faces with the names that we correspond with. It does add new meaning. They got lots of new ideas. It would be great if others could go next year.

Hope each of you who have been sick are on the mend. We will continue to keep you in our prayers.

Looking forward to seeing all of you at the March State Council Meeting. Please drive carefully, be safe and God Bless

Doris Cook  
District II Coordinator  
estracai@yahoo.com



## DISTRICT III PUBLICITY NOVEMBER 2015

Don't forget our next meeting! It is at the Oklahoma School for the Blind on February 20. We could use your feedback on bylaw changes and still need a nomination for vice-coordinator. Let Charlene, our Parliamentarian, know please?

Connie Bartlett





Greetings from District IV, we have had a very productive year. I am sorry some of you missed the “Spice Girls” they were absolutely great. Their performance was a stellar one. We said Goodbye to Sue Cole in Sulphur and presented her with a cash donation to her retirement fund. I look forward to seeing you in Edmond for the State Council meeting. Being with each of you makes my day brighter and fulfilling.

Our next meeting, will be installation to be held in Shawnee. Keep watching for more details there are surprises on the horizon and a great time is being planned.

Have a safe and wonderful Holiday season.

Linda Leveridge  
District IV  
Coordinator



ATTENTION DISTRICT V  
MEMBERS WE NEED A



Contact Lori Few at [LoriLfew@gmail.com](mailto:LoriLfew@gmail.com) if you are interested in serving.



IT IS TIME TO START THINKING ABOUT YOUR  
ASSOCIATION OF THE ARTS ENTRY FOR THE 2016 STATE  
CONVENTION (get a form at [www.oklaesa.org](http://www.oklaesa.org))

PLEASE GO ONLINE TO SEE THE DIFFERENT OPTIONS YOU HAVE.  
WRITE A POEM OR SHORT STORY, PAINT A PICTURE, COMPOSE AN  
ORIGINAL SONG, CREATE A HOLIDAY DECORATION.  
REMEMBER THIS YEAR, WE WILL GIVE A BEST OF SHOW AS DECID-  
ED BY YOUR SISTERS. YOU ARE ALL SO CREATIVE. I'D LOVE AN  
ENTRY FROM EVERY CHAPTER IN THE STATE IN ORDER TO MAKE  
THIS THE BEST ASSOCIATION OF THE ARTS EXHIBIT EVER.



JO ROTT,  
ASSOCIATION OF THE ARTS CHAIRMAN



## State Chaplain Report

***Since my report in the last PJ I've sent a total of 19 Cards. That was 14 Get-Well, 3 Thinking-of-You, 1 Congratulations and 1 Sympathy.***

***I ran across this little inspirational "Chicken Soup For The Soul" writing. Thought it was neat. Next year on my Birthday, I know what I'm wishing for. (you might as well dream)***

***Hope you like it.***

***Love ya,***

***Peggy Hughes, Chaplain***

### The Love Squad

***Like a band of angels, this group of friends helped remind me that 'God has everything under control.'***

By Virelle Kidder

"Oh, no! Not company!" I groaned, the moment my car rounded the corner and our house came into full view. Usually I'd be thrilled to see four cars lined up in our driveway, but after I spent a weeklong vigil at the hospital with an ill child, my house was a colossal mess. Turning off the car engine, I dragged myself to the front door.

"What are you doing home so soon?" my friend Judie called from the kitchen. "We weren't expecting you for another hour! We thought we'd be long gone before you got home." She walked toward me and gave me a hug, then asked softly, "How are you doing?"

Was this my house? Was I dreaming? Everything looked so clean. Where did these flowers come from?

Suddenly more voices, more hugs. Lorraine, smiling and wiping beads of perspiration from her forehead, came up from the family room where she had just finished ironing a mountain of clean clothes. Regina peeked into the kitchen, having finished vacuuming rugs and polishing and dusting furniture in every room in the house. Joan, still upstairs wrestling with the boys' bunk-bed sheets, called down her "Hello," having already brought order out of chaos in all four bedrooms.

"When did you guys get here?" was my last coherent sentence. My tears came in great heaving waves. "How come . . . how come . . . you did all this?" I cried unashamedly, every ounce of resistance gone.

I had spent the week praying through a health crisis, begging God for a sense of his presence at the hospital. Instead, he laid a mantle of order, beauty and loving care into our home through these four "angels."

"You rest a while, Virelle," Lorraine said firmly. "Here's your dinner for tonight—there are more meals in the freezer." The table was set with flowers and fancy napkins, and a little gift was at my place. A small banquet was arranged, complete with salad and dessert.

"Don't you worry; we're all praying," my friends said. "God has everything under control."

After my friends left, I wandered from room to room, still sobbing from the enormity of their gift of time and work. I found beautiful floral arrangements in every room . . . and little wrapped gifts on each bed. More tears.

In the living room I found a note under a vase filled with peonies. I was home and found it as their only identity: "The Love Squad was here."

And I knew that God had everything under control.

***~Chicken Soup for the Soul***



to

# Sisters!!

How are you coming on the “Road to Convention 2016”?

I hope you are on your way in a big way!! Many of you are already registered and are saving for the fun stuff. Some of you are lagging behind a bit, but there’s still time to be sure you have a GREAT time!! Please send in your registration ASAP.

This ensures so many things such as:

The main thing, registration, is finished and your name tag, goody bag, a place at the table to enjoy the great food and fellowship with your sisters will be there and ready to go!

You can now look to the fun things that you might want to do such as shopping, participating in the Auction! And don’t forget, there are plenty of fun things to take a chance on.

You will definitely sleep better knowing these things are taken care of and in your future!

So stop what you are doing and send in that registration form now!! Sleep better tonight!!

Everyone wants to be there and we don’t want anyone to be left out. Be sure your registration is in and then help a fellow sister and remind her that it won’t be near as fun without her there!



Please don’t give me eye strain looking for

**your** registration in the mail!!



I’ll be looking forward to adding your name to the list! — Linda Voss, Convention Registration Chair

Convention Chairman

Robbin Brown

2016 Convention

April 29, 30 & May 1, 2016

Sheraton Hotel & Reed Center

Midwest City

HAVE YOU SENT IN YOUR CONVENTION REGISTRATION? We sure hope so. Thanks to all of you who have sent them in. It's never too early. The hostess chapters have been very busy making decorations, food menus, entertainment, workshops, and a few extra surprises. Now you don't want to miss out any of those. We are selling ads for the convention program and we hope every chapter will put an ad in to support the members who are running for office or just to say "Hello" or "Thanks". A copy of the ad form is on the web site: [oklaesa.org](http://oklaesa.org). Please send that to me and if you need any assistance, just let me know. It needs to be sent in before April 1. Convention will be here before you realize it and you don't want to miss out on the fun we are planning! It's time to **"get on the road again"** to "America the Beautiful"! I wish everyone on a very Merry Christmas and a healthy and Happy New Year!





## Oklahoma State Council 73<sup>rd</sup> 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](http://www.sheratonmidwestcity.com)

MEMBER NAME			
ADDRESS:		CITY, STATE, ZIP:	
PHONE:	Best way to contact you: __phone; __text; __email	EMAIL:	
CHAPTER NAME:	CHAPTER NUMBER:	CITY:	
<b>CHECK ALL THAT APPLY:</b>			
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<input type="checkbox"/>	SPECIAL DIET MENU/MEDICAL REASONS ONLY ** CONTACT: ** Linda Voss at <a href="mailto:lindas5311@hughes.net">lindas5311@hughes.net</a> or <a href="mailto:lvoss@insurica.com">lvoss@insurica.com</a>		
<b><u>MEN'S REGISTRATION:</u></b>			
NAME:		HUSBAND/ESCORT OF:	
<b><u>DESA/ELAN REGISTRATION:</u></b>			
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NAME:		GUEST OF:	
<b>CHECK ALL THAT APPLY</b>			<b>HOW MANY</b>
<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"/>	<b>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</b>		
Total			

**Enclose Check Payable to: 2016 ESA State Convention Fund**

Mail payment to:

Linda Voss  
17520 NE 164<sup>th</sup> St.  
Luther, OK 73054

**Registration Deadline:** Registration deadline is Wednesday, March 30, 2016. Registrations postmarked after Wed., March 30, 2016, will be assigned seating where vacancies exist. Late registrants will NOT be seated with their chapters after Wed., March 30, 2016. **HOTEL REGISTRATION DEADLINE IS APRIL 15, 2016.**

**CALL NOW! Phone: 1-405-455-1800. Be sure to mention you are with ESA.**

## ESA FOR ST. JUDE

ESA introduced a campaign in the spring called "Push to 200 Million." The goal was to encourage chapters to hold an additional spring event benefiting St. Jude to ensure that ESA would reach the 200 million lifetime donation. Three Oklahoma Chapters participated in this campaign. Thank you to Beta Mu, Lawton; Beta Psi, Clinton; and Kappa Alpha, Tulsa. ESA's total lifetime donation to St. Jude since 1972 is \$208,481,968. ESA made history by "reaching the milestone of more than 200 million for St. Jude, and the Jonquil notes that "the total for the 2014-15 year was the highest single year donation in ESA and St. Jude history."

The fall was especially rewarding as OK City and Tulsa ESA members helped to sponsor the St. Jude Walk/Run to End Childhood Cancer. OK City held their walk at the Zoo, had over 400 participants, and have raised \$50,029.00. Tulsa's Walk/Run was held in Stone Canyon and had great representation from NE OK with 35 ESA volunteers assisting and participating in the event. Tulsa raised \$89,101.16 and those campaigns are still open until December 1. The total for OK presently is \$139,130.16 and climbing. Great Job.

And, on a beautiful fall afternoon, Barbara and I had the pleasure of participating in the groundbreaking in Stone Canyon for the 2016 St. Jude Dream Home. Jeff Starkweather and Kirk Murdoch of Epic Custom Homes have once again volunteered to build another beautiful Dream Home for St. Jude. Stone Canyon in Owasso has generously donated a \$75,000 lot for our Dream Home. Epic Custom Homes and Stone Canyon...great sponsors.

Many of our OK ESA members are participating in the December 5<sup>th</sup> St. Jude Memphis Marathon. I know they would appreciate our sponsorship and support.

Barbara and I want to wish everyone a Happy and Blessed Holiday.

Barbara Childers

Darlene Cushenberry





# ST JUDE'S WALK IN INOLA



Winter Greetings Sisters!!!

Still lovin' this time of year. Christmas is right around the corner. A fun time with family and food.

I finally received an answer, about our long awaited question, from our August Leadership meeting. If you recall, we had a deep discussion about how to count meeting hours for our Philanthropic points. According to IC, we only count hours at State meetings while we are working on a State Project. If we just sit and enjoy the meeting, we cannot count hours on the Philanthropic Service report. We can, however, count hours shopping for gifts and decorations that we intend to give/ use at meetings, on our Philanthropic Service Reports.

Even though we can't count hours if we are attending a State meeting, we still get points from the Pallas Athene Program for each state meeting we attend.

Just to explain the difference between Pallas Athene and our Philanthropic Service Report; The Pallas Athene Program has a point system where different things we do or participate in are worth a certain amount of points. The Point Schedule for the Pallas Athene Program is listed in our Ideals booklet. This is how we receive our degrees for our Pallas Athene Awards.

The Philanthropic Service Report is where we count our hours, time and money spent. Service Report points are how we receive our awards at Convention. So, there is a definite difference. One is for Convention awards. The other is for Pallas Athene Degrees of Service.

Well, I know this was as clear as mud. If you have any questions, please ask and I will try to explain better.

Remember the real reason for this season. And I send each of you God's richest blessings.

Darla Barton, Philanthropic Chair

135 Rawlings

Clinton, OK 73601

580-309-0167



## Outstanding Youth

# YOUTH AWARD

What a great opportunity your chapter has to search and recognize an Outstanding Youth in your community. Recognition of outstanding youth in your community sends a very positive message. What a motivator it can be for students to achieve. Please begin searching for candidates. We want as many entries as possible this year. Forms may be obtained from [www.oklaesa.org](http://www.oklaesa.org) You can take applications to the junior high school (grades 7-9) and high school (grades 10-12) and work with teachers and counselors to find those special students. Let's show them how special they really are. If you have questions or need any assistance, please contact me via telephone 405-206-6222 or e-mail [outstandingyouth@oklaesa.org](mailto:outstandingyouth@oklaesa.org)

Brenda Beed  
Outstanding Youth Chairman



### **Distinguished Achievement Award Chair (DAA)**

Hello ESA Sisters

REMINDER: Are you looking for that special person in your community who deserves to be noticed? There is some one out there that needs to be recognized for going above and beyond.

Come on sisters, fill my mail box.... Sylvia Ochs 405.641.1830  
[ochsrealestate@att.net](mailto:ochsrealestate@att.net)

## **State Easter Seals Chairman**

Judy Cravens, Easter Seals Chairman

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

So far this year I have sent Easter Seals Oklahoma \$968.00

Contributors are:

Foundation State Convention Silent Auction

Raffles

Sigma Chi, Inola #5053

Zeta Gamma, Shawnee #4253

Alpha Rho, Broken Arrow #4350

Gamma Zeta, Edmond, #3464

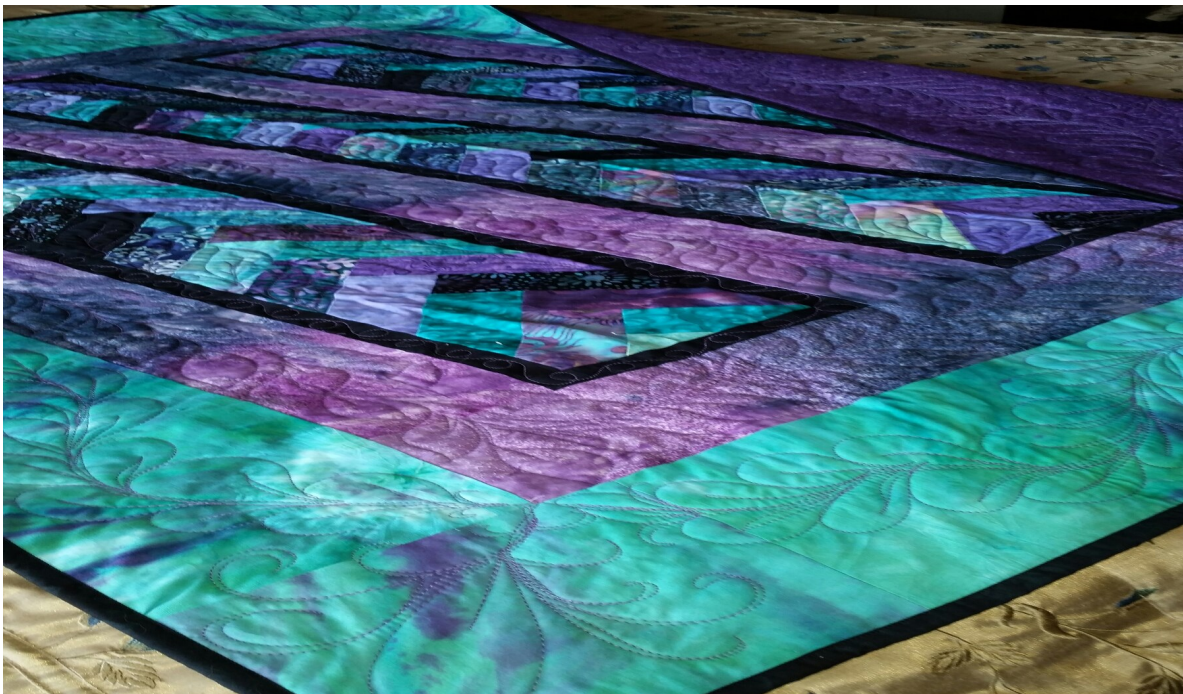
Beta Psi, Clinton #498

Hopefully more are on the way!

Our State Council project for Easter Seals is a beautiful Lap Quilt, in colors of turquoise, green, purple and other pretty batiks. I will be selling raffle tickets at all the meetings. I will try to have other raffle items that we can draw for at each meeting but the drawing for the Quilt will be at our 73rd Annual Oklahoma State Convention "America the Beautiful", April 29, 30, May 1, 2016.

Please put Easter Seals as a priority for your chapter and give generously.

Easter Seals Lap Quilt, in colors of turquoise, green, purple and other pretty batiks.



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

By Pamela Fink

According to Wikipedia... "Social media has been broadly defined to refer to 'the many relatively inexpensive and widely accessible electronic tools that enable anyone to publish and access information, collaborate on a common effort, or build relationships'".

In the book “Networked – The new social operating system” by Lee Rainie and Barry Wellman, social media are used to form friendships. It has never been easier to make friends than it is right now, social networking sites offer a chance to communicate in a speedy and efficient manner. Furthermore, Rainie and Wellman discuss that everybody has the possibility to be in touch with people around the world. It isn't just your inner circle of close friends and even closer family members that social networking sites allow you to communicate with easily and effectively, either. They open the world up to you, making it a smaller place than it has ever been before.

Moreover, Rainie and Wellman also discuss that social network is an open place to find common ground . Social networking sites can help you find people you share interests with. Facebook, for example, asks you to list who and what you are into right from the start, meaning common ground with others is much easier to find. This does require sharing information, and giving up a certain amount of privacy in order to do so. Keeping key personal information private is necessary, but likes and dislikes, interests and obsessions, thought and views, isn't.

According to 2011 Pew Research data, nearly 80% of American adults are online and nearly 60% of them use social networking. Take the leap.... Get online, then find our ESA groups to join!



***To save this date on your calendar ... February 4-6, 2016!***

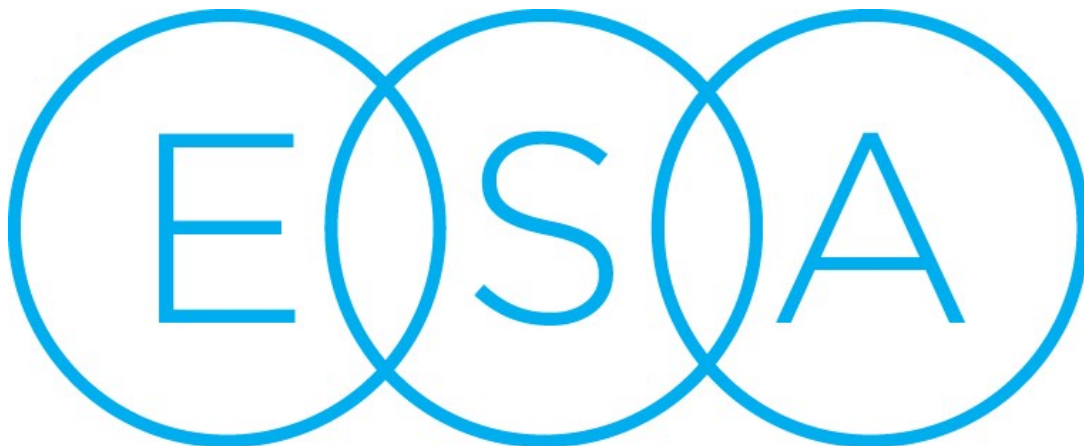
Are you planning on attending the 2016 ESA Leadership Conference in Denver? This is just a reminder that the Early Bird deadline is December 1st so please get your registration forms in (& save \$\$\$) right away!

We are planning a great weekend and hope to see many of you there. Remember the conference is open to ALL ESA members ... You can get the registration form from your State President—[billyepeterson@gmail.com](mailto:billyepeterson@gmail.com)

Please don't hesitate to contact either me or Charlotte ([charlottec@epsilonsigmaalpha.org](mailto:charlottec@epsilonsigmaalpha.org)) if you have any questions about the conference.

You won't want to miss this amazing conference ... so send your registration in now!

**Cathy Lyons** Administrative Coordinator  
***Good friends. Good works. Good times.***  
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EPSILON SIGMA ALPHA



## **2016 INTERNATIONAL CONVENTION**

### **“REACHING NEW HEIGHTS IN ESA”**

**July 10 – 17, 2016**

**Embassy Suites Loveland - Hotel, Spa and Conference Center**

**Loveland, Colorado**

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2016 IC Convention Committee



# Chapter Chatter

*Beta Gamma Publicity*

**November 2015**

Hello in ESAland! Beta Gamma has it going on! We're celebrating our 71<sup>st</sup> birthday in Bristow with one of our newest members, Marilyn Fairchild! There will be a luncheon at her new residence then on to see "A Dickens Christmas Carol" at the Bristow Freeland Center for Performing Arts. Her nephew, Chapman Shields, will be performing!

Many of us were there to celebrate nuptials of our sister, Jeanne Kindley and Richard Lifton in Eureka Springs, AR. It was a grand, sunny, day for a lovely wedding in a Victorian style home. Beautiful bride, Jeanne, and handsome groom, Richard, stood together with their family in a sweet ceremony to pledge their betrothal. Congratulations Richard and Jeanne Lifton!

We played Bunco and enjoyed a baked potato lunch at the home of members Steve and Judi York. Donna Rother traveled in from her new home in Tahlequah to attend, so there was a perfect opportunity to celebrate her birthday then. Miss her!!

We planned our meeting at Frances Mann's home/retirement community, Burgundy Place during the time Judi and Steve were on their extensive tour of Europe, and Judi was back after all. So we met there anyway! At meeting in October BG made Halloween tray favors for the people who attend Life Senior Services lunches. Thank you, Andi Schafer, for presenting an outstanding educational report. We're revisiting the ideals, rituals and their meaning, as well as the traditions, and history of ESA this year. Cool!

We met for the annual Chili's St. Jude fundraiser, this year in Broken Arrow. YUM!

The St. Jude Walk/Run began in the elementary school parking lot at Stone Canyon in Owasso. Beta Gamma was there to support the cause. It was a great day for another successful fundraiser. Fun!

Our year, led by President, Hali Simmons, is full of more fun--please stay tuned for the details. Yay!

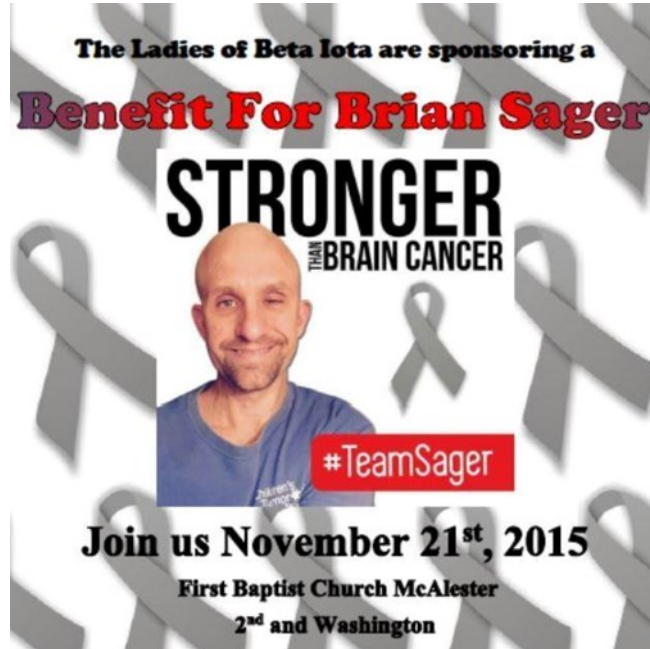
Till next time, keep happy in ESAland!





**Beta Iota, McAlester**

The ladies of Beta Iota have been busy planning and making things happen. We are getting ready to host our first Family Fundraiser Benefit. We are supporting a local family through a spaghetti supper and pie auction on November 21, 2015 at First Baptist Church in McAlester. Tickets can be purchased at the door and we would love for you to join us.



Our ladies will gather to support our military men and women during McAlester's 1<sup>st</sup> Annual Veteran's Day Parade on November 11<sup>th</sup>.

Our next chapter meeting is coming up on November 19<sup>th</sup> at 6:00p.m.

We are also planning our upcoming Christmas Party Recruitment event, we will have potential new members come for a fun filled evening. We are always busy in our community and we always have a great time. We are a strong, committed, and supportive group of women. We are happy to serve ESA and we are always working hard to build our chapter. We want to become even stronger and more committed through new membership and mentorship from our current members. Look for more great news about what our chapter is up to on our Facebook page: [www.Facebook.com/BetaIotaMcAlester](http://www.Facebook.com/BetaIotaMcAlester)



Beta Zeta is still going although we didn't have an article in the last issue. Seems a long time ago but Aletha was the only one to attend the IC convention in July and reported that it was very worthwhile.

August brought the District 2 Leadership and since our Doris Cook is the Coordinator ,we all helped set it up, attended and enjoyed a great and informative day with the best lunch I can remember catered by Rick's Smoking' Grill owned by friends of Doris.

Aletha and Billie worked at the Dream Home and after the drawing, went out to the home and met the winner who was still in shock that he won.

Doris, Aletha , and Billie also attended the State LS meeting ; couldn't have been better. Our state president is doing a fantastic job. Beta Zeta is proud that she's representing us.

In October Aletha and Billie went to the MARC conference in Omaha. Maxine Wheelan took her van ,loaded it literally with us ,Billye P. and Jerry's, ESA professional photographer, daughter, Kamry, who was going to be the photographer for the conference as he had a previous assignment. She had never done a job for an ESA group before and seemed to really enjoy the whole experience. It was an excellent conference, enjoyed by all of us. On the way home we went to Lincoln to see the Capitol ,took lots of pictures and arrived in Edmond around 10 pm after a great weekend.

We bought season tickets to the Jewel Box Theatre on Sundays and meet there for the performance; call it a social with no effort for any of us.

Billie F.



Delta Kappa - Norman

Even though October seemed to whirl by Delta Kappa was able to accomplish several projects and make plans for November events. Our October garage sale was a huge success thanks to our dedicated and hardworking members. Our profit will enable us to make some nice donations to our local projects.

Our Educational Director, Marcia Crook, has done a tremendous amount of research to present interesting and informative programs about famous Oklahoma entertainers. Each program has been unique telling about little known facts about each person. Great job Marcia!!!

Linda, Gwynn Nell, Nancy and Vivian are making plans to attend the Nov 14 State Council meeting in Edmond. It will be another “star spangled day” of fun and learning.

To honor our Veterans for Veteran’s Day, we took a cash donation along with coffee cups, coffee, creamer and sugar for approximately 500 hundred people to the Veteran’s Corner at Goldsby, OK. They have recently moved into their much needed new and beautiful facility.

November brings one of our favorite socials, our traditional Thanksgiving dinner with so much delicious food. This is a special time for us. We will honor our DAA, Bob Magarian. He is truly deserving of this recognition. We are very proud to present him with a personalized plaque and a cash donation to help support the St. Michael’s Community Christmas Dinner for Cleveland County which he helps chair and promote

.Our next project for this month will be to assist Goodrich Church in filling Christmas wrapped shoeboxes with toys, school supplies, candy, hygiene items and miscellaneous items for Operation Christmas Child. These Christmas boxes will be sent worldwide to children who otherwise might not have anything for Christmas. Another project for November is to donate money to Among Friends Activity Center to go towards their goal of raising \$25,000.00 by the end of 2015. By reaching this goal they will be able to continue to help serve the adult disabled population in our community. Linda Leveridge does a great job of coordinating our projects to help this charity.

Several of our members need your prayers. Vivian Gibson’s friend, Charles is recovering from hip surgery, but is doing well. Betty McCallister is caring for her 93 year old mother in her home. Donna Wiley is caring for her husband, Jim, who is homebound. Judy Butcher is confined to a hospital bed in her home and her husband, Billy, is recovering from heart surgery.

Janice Shockley is caring for her husband, Gary, who had knee replacement surgery. We have a wonderful Jonquil member, Helen, who showers us with cards to bring words of joy, comfort or get well wishes. To each of our sisters mentioned above – you are in our loving thoughts and prayers.

Wishing all of you a very festive Thanksgiving season filled with many blessings. And may your Christmas season be merry and bright and filled with peace, love and joy!

Until next time.....eat lots of turkey and be good because Santa is watching. Ho Ho Ho!!!

Janice Shockley





## November 2015

### GAMMA DELTA, TULSA

Our September Chapter meeting was a Tacky Party where everyone had to dress their tackiest. Its kind-of scary that we all excelled at dressing tacky! We had more fun and more laughs; it's good to be able to laugh at ourselves J

We participated in the St. Jude Walk/Run on September 26<sup>th</sup> and it was perfect in every way; perfect weather, perfect participants and the most perfect ESA volunteers anyone could ask for!!!! Deb Hughes did a fantastic job will coordinating the ESA volunteers to make this such a successful event.

For our social, we met at Hop Bunz for lunch and then walked across the street to the Purple Glaze for pottery painting. Another social was our Halloween Party. Everyone dressed in costume, brought great food and we played some fun games.

In October we had a Pampered Chef fundraiser with the proceeds going to Emergency Infant Services. We had a great turn-out and lots of good food/beverages to sample! We were able to donate \$410.00 to Emergency Infant Services in Tulsa.

Mara is doing a wonderful job as our Educational Chair. For October she had two ladies from Dillard's come to properly fit us for bra's and discuss the importance of mammograms and self-detection as October was breast cancer awareness month.

Charlene and Donna both had shoulder surgery and we are wishing them a speedy recovery!

Hope everyone has a wonderful holiday season and a very happy new year!

With ESA Sisterly Love,  
Dawn Haley



## Gamma Zeta—Edmond

Gamma Zeta raised over \$1,000 at our Applebee's pancake breakfast Oct 24. If you have an Applebee's close to you, you should try this fundraiser. We sell our tickets for \$8 each, and make almost \$6 per ticket. We work from about 7:30 to 10 a.m. and always make more than \$1,000—easy money! Our next fundraiser will be in February at Fish City, which donates 15% of their profits all day to Gamma Zeta.

We took over 150 Christmas cards to the VA center for our Hope for Heroes project to thank our vets for their tremendous service. We're also planning a caroling party for the senior citizens at Bradford Village in December, then going out for dinner afterwards. In January we'll have our annual Left-Right-Center social, which everyone loves.

Gamma Zeta welcomes Cindy Littlejohn as our newest member!



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## KAPPA THETA

Guthrie, Ok

We have been discovering "Oklahoma The Beautiful" with different activities. We have been to the Oklahoma Historical Museum, toured the Masonic Temple building in Guthrie, viewed the Faberge Exhibit, Had lunch at "POPS" Route 66 Red Barn, We inducted new member Ramona Bench. Furnished goodies to our Philanthropic project, Eagle Ridge Institute, furnished refreshments for Veterans at American Legion ceremony. We want to wish everyone a happy fulfilling Thanksgiving!

Sylvia Ochs



Happy Fall Everyone!

Zeta Gamma has been very busy this Fall.

We have attended Leadership. Meetings and enjoyed the programs.

We recently had a Zeta Gamma Rush Party conducted by our Rush Chairman, Lora Thompson and assisted by Lola Jaegers. We had 13 guests in attendance. Each guest was given a ESA packet explaining our goals, our history and a membership form. Lora and Lola hosted a fashion show with Kim Paxson conducting the show for us. Lola and Lora were our very lovely models wearing beautiful fashions. The evening was completed with delicious refreshments. We just signed up one new member to our chapter! We want to give a big ESA welcome to JAKKI GATZKE!!!

We are looking forward to lots of Zeta Gamma good times!

October 27th we had a Fall Social at the home of Patty Heer. It was pot luck with many delicious dishes to sample. We finished the dinner off with tasty s'mores around Patty's fire pit! It was a great evening outside to visit and tell stories. Robbin Brown, our Educational Chair presented an educational on "Hoboes, Tramps and Bums. It was very informative.

A good time was enjoyed by everyone!

Happy Thanksgiving and Merry Christmas to everyone!

Peggy Campbell

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