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Dr. Billye Peterson, President

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A Star Spangled Spring is Just Around the Corner

My year is really passing fast! I'm gearing up for my final State Council Meeting on March 5 and spring district meetings. I can hardly believe it!

There is a lot of information shared at these meetings with ideas you can take home and use. The fellowship is tremendous! One of our long-time members recently told me, "As long as I've been attending district and state meetings, I still learn something and besides it's great to see everyone from across the state. I'm glad I attend." I agree and hope you will take this opportunity and attend these spring meetings with me, too. It might also spur you to step up to the challenge and accept a position beyond your chapter. ESA needs all of us working together to keep us a viable organization. I truly believe you'll enjoy the meetings, gain a new understanding of ESA, and possibly grow personally.

DEADLINES! March 1 is the deadline for the DAA and Outstanding Youth entries, and April 1 for all other contests. It makes convention much more fun when your chapter has participated in contests. Chapter Presidents, don't forget to enter your chapter educational chair for the Distinguished Athenian Award. She deserves this recognition! Go to www.oklaesa.org for detailed information.

As I've traveled around the state this year, I've met so many outstanding ESA members. ESA'ers give from the heart and are not looking for public rewards. . .most never receive a "thank you" or any acknowledgement for their good deeds. I want to know about those members who have gone above and beyond for a fellow member as I would like to honor them with a special "Hats Off" award at convention. Please write a brief story about what they've done and send to me by email to billyepeterson@gmail.com or you can mail me at 19513 Fieldshire Dr., Edmond, OK 73012.

Have a Happy Valentine's Day! Load up your car for the February 20 State Project Tour at Oklahoma School for the Blind and March 5 State Council Meeting in Edmond. Join me for a great beginning to A Star Spangled Spring!!!

Dr. Billye Peterson, Oklahoma State President





Time is Running Out....but it's not too late yet for you to be a member of my board! If you'd like to run for office, Nomination Forms are due before March 1!

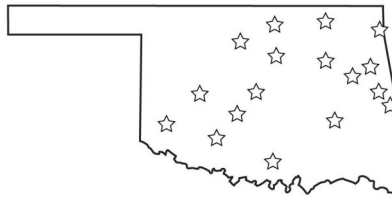
Please complete the nomination form (found on our website, www.oklaesa.org) and submit to me before March 1, 2015. All candidates must send their written consent, qualifications and a picture to me **BEFORE** March 1. The candidates for state offices will be presented at the March State Council meeting and their qualifications and picture will be published in the April/May issue of *The Petticoat Journal*.

I also have openings on the general board if you are willing to serve but might not be quite ready to run for office. Please contact me as soon as possible to see where you can indulge yourself and serve others at the same time.

Join me for a Year of Sweet Indulgence!



Peggie Sprinkle - 2nd Vice President/Educational Director
"OKLAHOMA STARS"



I am encouraging all chapters to have at least one educational on an individual who has done great things for Oklahoma. I hope you have been at State Council meetings or District meetings and have learned about some amazing people of Oklahoma. You are living in the greatest state in America, and we should be proud of all the accomplishments these great people have done or are doing now.

Please call if you need any suggestions or invite me to a meeting-918-813-3382 or peggieokesa@cox.net. Remember the report form is on the OK State website and all reports should be to me by April 1, 2016. I hope the New Year will bring many opportunities to learn something new!

My educational for this PJ:

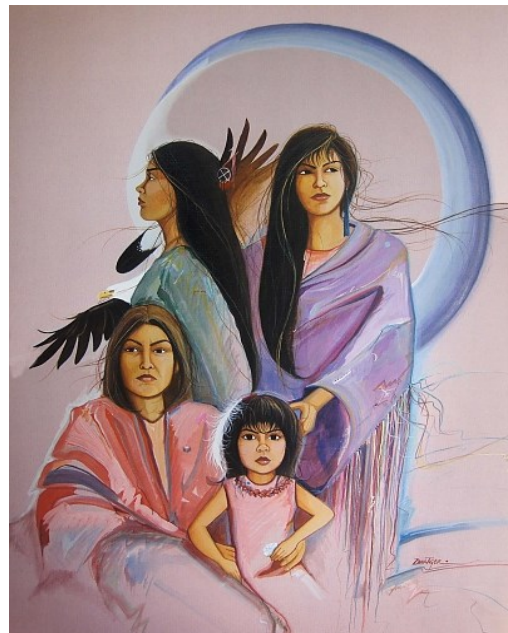
American Indian Artist Dana Tiger

Dana Irene Tiger is an award winning, internationally acclaimed artist. She is a member of the Muskogee (Creek) Nation and is of Seminole and Cherokee descent. She was born in 1961 in Muskogee to legendary artist Jerome Tiger and Peggy Richmond. Her father was a full blood Indian of Muskogee-Seminole heritage and her mother is a member of the Cherokee Tribe. Tiger's father died of an accidental gunshot wound when she was 5 years old. She turned to his art as a way to know him and that engagement, coupled with the tutelage of her uncle, renowned painter Johnny Tiger Jr., exposed Dana both to the richness of her culture and to the bounty of her family's artistic tradition.

Tiger attended Oklahoma State University from 1981-1984 as a student in the College of Arts and Sciences. She later attended Bacone College. Tiger first began painting at age 24, after she left Oklahoma State University. Her themes of strong women grew out of personal experiences of discrimination and tragedy. She uses art as a medium to empower women. Characteristics of her paintings are resilient women depicted in both historical and contemporary leadership positions, usually in watercolor or acrylic.

"By realizing the natural strength and courage of women in my ancestry, I hope to portray the historical dignity and contemporary determination of Native American women" Dana's work portrays Native American women as historical and contemporary leaders. Her art provides us with a glimpse of wisdom and spirit, embodied in the subjects' determination to resolve and persevere. This ability is drawn from her experiences as a young Creek, Seminole, and Cherokee woman, surrounded by the art of her father, Jerome Tiger, whose influence is felt wherever there is Native American art, and the guidance of her mother, Peggy Tiger. Tiger often combines art work and advocacy, promoting benefits for the AIDS Coalition for Indian Outreach, the American Cancer Society, the National Organization for Women, and the Ozark Literacy Council. Native American health is a particular focus.

In recognition of her accomplishments Dana was inducted into the Oklahoma Women's Hall of Fame in 2001.



<http://www.tigerartgallery.com/artist-bio>

https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Dana_Tiger

<http://americanindianartgallery.com/dana-tiger>

Project Director

Oklahoma School for the Blind (OSB) and Oklahoma School for the Deaf (OSD) students celebrated Christmas on their respective campuses on Thursday, December 17th, before leaving for the two week Christmas break. The students were so appreciative of all the wonderful gifts given to them by ESA chapters and members. A big “Thank you” goes out to Jane Thomas and Caitlyn Spencer for the great job they do at OSB and OSD coordinating; and then orchestrating this wonderful tradition. All but two students were sponsored, so the employees at OSB took care of those last two students. **THANK YOU TO ALL CHAPTERS AND MEMBERS** for your willingness to sponsor our well-deserved students! Sue Cole graciously delivered some of the OSD packages for us, “thank you” Sue!



If your chapter has not yet made a donation to the State Project Fund, now is the time. We encourage each chapter to allot at least \$50.00 to the state project fund. OSD is using the funds to update the student union and OSB used their funds toward new cheerleading uniforms. A shout goes out to every chapter who participated last year, great job!!

SAVE THE DATE - Oklahoma School for the Blind Tour and District III & V meeting will be **February 20th** at OSB 3300 Gibson, Muskogee OK 74403. We erroneously reported the date as Feb 13th previously; please update your records and calendars to show February 20th. Registration will start at 9:00 a.m. and the meeting will start at 10:00 a.m. Breakfast snacks and lunch will be provided by Oklahoma School for the Blind, the cost is \$12.00 per person. Please RSVP by Feb 16th to Tawanna Cathey at Tawanna.johnson@kiamichiwb.org or call 918-470-7575.



District V and District III will be conducting district meetings and installations. This is a great opportunity to meet members you may not know from around our great state. In addition, fund raisers will be held by both districts, so bring your pocketbook.

Be sure to remember your sponsored child(ren), many of our sponsored students are very needy and count on our willingness to help. **THANK YOU!! THANK YOU FOR ALL YOU DO!!** Our students are very appreciative of the help and attention given to them.



Be “Hoo”



You Are

&

Soar Like an



Eagle

With us at the District III and District V Meeting

Make plans to join us

Saturday, February 20th, 2016

at Oklahoma School for the Blind

3300 Gibson St, Muskogee, OK 74403

~Registration~ Continental Breakfast~ Fundraiser~

at 9:00 am

Meeting begins at 10:00 am

Tour will follow meeting

Please RSVP by February 16th to Tawanna Cathey at Tawanna.johnson@kiamichiwb.org or (918)470-7575

Cost for breakfast and lunch \$12.



Happy New Year Everyone!!!

The year 2016 will bring many changes in many areas.

If you have a proposed bylaw change to submit remember the deadline is no later than [March 1, 2016](#), to reach the State Parliamentarian. To refresh your memory I have listed Article 17 and 18 below for your review.

Time is quickly approaching for our deadlines and our State Convention so let's be ready and prepared for 2016!

Take care and have a blessed 2016.

Respectfully,

**Peggy Campbell
ESA State Parliamentarian**

ARTICLE XVII – PARLIAMENTARY AUTHORITY

Robert’s Rules of Order shall govern the Oklahoma State Council in all cases not provided for in these bylaws or International Council Bylaws.

ARTICLE XVIII – AMENDMENTS

These bylaws may be amended every odd year at the annual convention of the Oklahoma State Council by a two-thirds vote of voting delegates present and voting, provided amendments have been approved by the Executive and General Board, and published in the April/May issue of the Petticoat Journal. Proposed amendments must be submitted to the State Parliamentarian by [March 1](#).

These bylaws may be amended in even numbered years when deemed necessary by the Executive Board, with all the same rules and voting requirements as above.



Linda Southerland
Oklahoma Disaster Fund Chair

Greetings for the New Year.

I am so glad to report that I have sent all donations to the IC Coordinator for that I have received year.

If any of the chapters still have monies designated to the Disaster fund, it can still be sent to me. I really would like to thank all of the chapters in Oklahoma who have submitted to the Disaster fund.

My year as Junior Past President is on the last quarter, and it has truly been a snap job. I just hope that my year as Senior Past President will be just as fulfilling.



HAPPY NEW YEAR--2016

DISTRICT II NEWS

ESA Sisters-- Seems like only yesterday I was installed as District II Coordinator. I have had fun going to meetings and having fellowship with ESA Sisters. You are a great bunch. I truly enjoyed being District II Coordinator.

Now is the time to install a new Coordinator. The person we have selected is an asset to ESA, so make plans to attend her installation on March 19, 2016. The meeting will be at Forest Hill Christian Church in Oklahoma City, OK. Notification will be sent out soon. We want to support her and keep our ESA active.



Again, thank you for your support and keep on Soaring in ESA
Doris Cook, District II Coordinator



OKLAHOMA DISTRICT III
SOAR LIKE AN EAGLE

MEETING, INSTALLATION and TOUR

FEBRUARY 20, 2016

REGISTRATION BEGINS 8:30 AM

**PARKVIEW SCHOOL
3300 GIBSON ST
MUSKOGEE, OK 74403**

Lunch - \$12.00

(proceeds to go to District Project, Clarehouse)

RSVP – LINDA JONES
918-809-5621 or lin-
da.jones93@gmail.com
(by February 4 Please)



JOIN THE ESA SPIRIT CHAIN AND SPICE UP SOMEONE'S LIFE TODAY!

Greetings and Happy New Year!!!! Hope all had relaxing, safe, and pleasant holidays. Many New Year's resolutions were made, as usual some will be kept but most will fall by the way side. I hope one resolution you made was to make your presence and comment to ESA this year. We all must pull together to make Oklahoma a strong and powerful force. We have a lot of opportunities on the chapter, district and state levels for you to showcase your talents.

A great man was said, "We must not allow ourselves to become anchored like ships in the harbor instead we must hoist our sails and sail to new horizons." Come on ladies and gents it is time to sail.

We cannot wait to see you on March 12th in Shawnee as District IV kicks off a new year. We will be installing officers, eating and having FUN!!!!

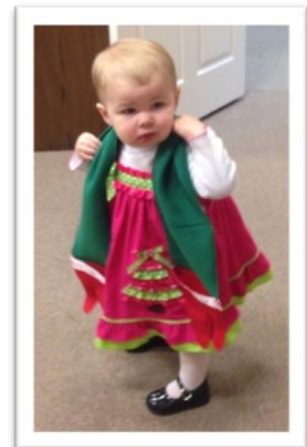
Linda Leveridge
District IV Coordinator



Please start making as many Santa Hugs as you can between now and the end of April and bring them to convention. I'm going to have a special treat for you!

NEED RIBBON? I purchased a bunch of ribbon from my China connection, and I will

be glad to share with you. I probably have 100 yards of Christmas grosgrain ribbon to use on the hugs—so call me at 405.812.0138 to tell me where to send it! Instructions for making the hugs are on www.epsilonsigmaalpha.org or I'll email you instructions. Billye Peterson, State President



ATTENTION DISTRICT V
MEMBERS WE NEED A



Contact Lori Few at LoriLfew@gmail.com if you are interested in serving—it takes everyone to make ESA work! Do your part!



Association of the Arts

Let me introduce myself. I'm Shirley Moore, and I've volunteered to fill out the rest of the year as your Association of the Arts Chair. I'm not new to the arts, however, as I've been china painting over 30 years traveling all over the world taking lessons and learning from the best.



Me & President Billye

I'm excited to see your AA entries. I know we have lots of talented ESA members, so I hope you'll look at all the categories you can enter at www.oklaesa.org. Just click on "Forms/Reports" then "Association of the Arts Entry Form". You can also click on "Contests" and study the Judging Sheet. The judged contests are: Division I Literature (Poetry, Short story) and Division II Music. The display categories are Divisions III to IX: Wearable Arts, Photography, Crafts (painted art), Visual Arts, Crafts (mixed media), Needlework (fibers), and Holiday (ornaments and decorations). Also, remember the Clara Vaughn "Dream Award" will be given to the chapter having the highest percentage of member participation. All entries are due April 1--we want to make sure we have adequate room for displaying all your creations at convention—so fill my mailbox!



State Chaplain Report

Since my last PJ Report I've sent 10 cards. That was: 1 Thinking of You, 1 Encouragement, 2 Sympathy and 6 Get Well.

Be sure to let me know if you know someone who needs a card or prayers.

I liked the following story and thought you might like it too:

Red Marbles!...

I was at the corner grocery store buying some early potatoes. I noticed a small boy, delicate of bone and feature, ragged but clean, hungrily appraising a basket of freshly picked green peas. I paid for my potatoes but was also drawn to the display of fresh green peas. I am a pushover for creamed peas and new potatoes. Pondering the peas, I couldn't help overhearing the conversation between Mr. Miller (the store owner) and the ragged boy next to me.

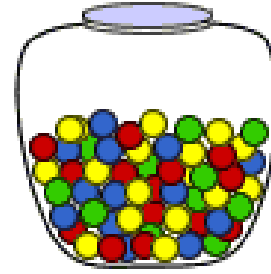
'Hello Barry, how are you today?'

'H'lo, Mr. Miller. Fine, thank ya. Jus' admirin' them peas. They sure look good..'

'They are good, Barry.. How's your Ma?'

'Fine. Gittin' stronger alla' time.'

State Chaplain Report continued



'Would you like to take some home?' asked Mr. Miller.
'No, Sir. Got nuthin' to pay for 'em with.'
'Well, what have you to trade me for some of those peas?'
'All I got's my prize marble here.'
'Is that right? Let me see it' said Miller
'Here 'tis. She's a dandy.'
'I can see that. Hmm mmm, only thing is this one is blue and I sort of go for red. Do you have a red one like this at home?' the store owner asked..
'Not zackley but almost.'
'Tell you what. Take this sack of peas home with you and next trip this way let me look at that red marble'. Mr. Miller told the boy.
'Sure will. Thanks Mr. Miller.'

Mrs... Miller, who had been standing nearby, came over to help me. With a smile she said, 'There are two other boys like him in our community, all three are in very poor circumstances.. Jim just loves to bargain with them for peas, apples, tomatoes, or whatever.. When they come back with their red marbles, and they always do, he decides he doesn't like red after all and he sends them home with a bag of produce for a green marble or an orange one, when they come on their next trip to the store.'

I left the store smiling to myself, impressed with this man. A short time later I moved to Colorado , but I never forgot the story of this man, the boys, and their bartering for marbles.

Several years went by, each more rapid than the previous one. Just recently I had occasion to visit some old friends in that Idaho community and while I was there learned that Mr. Miller had died. They were having his visitation that evening and knowing my friends wanted to go, I agreed to accompany them. Upon arrival at the mortuary we fell into line to meet the relatives of the deceased and to offer whatever words of comfort we could

Ahead of us in line were three young men. One was in an army uniform and the other two wore nice haircuts, dark suits and white shirts...all very professional looking. They approached Mrs. Miller, standing composed and smiling by her husband's casket. Each of the young men hugged her, kissed her on the cheek, spoke briefly with her and moved on to the casket. Her misty light blue eyes followed them as, one by one, each young man stopped briefly and placed his own warm hand over the cold pale hand in the casket. Each left the mortuary awkwardly, wiping his eyes.

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Our turn came to meet Mrs. Miller. I told her who I was and reminded her of the story from those many years ago and what she had told me about her husband's bartering for marbles. With her eyes glistening, she took my hand and led me to the casket.

'Those three young men who just left were the boys I told you about. They just told me how they appreciated the things Jim 'traded' them. Now, at last, when Jim could not change his mind about color or size.....they came to pay their debt.'

'We've never had a great deal of the wealth of this world,' she confided, 'but right now, Jim would consider himself the richest man in Idaho ..' With loving gentleness she lifted the lifeless fingers of her deceased husband. Resting underneath were three exquisitely shined red marbles.

Convention Chairman

HAVE YOU REGISTERED FOR CONVENTION YET? HAVE YOU RESERVED YOUR ROOM AT THE SHERIDAN HOTEL IN MIDWEST CITY? What are you waiting for? If you haven't registered for the Star Spangled "America the Beautiful" convention, you will be missing out on a fun-filled weekend APRIL 29 – MAY 1, 2016!!

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

Don't forget to buy tickets for the 50/50 jar and the free registration at the State Council meetings. They will be for sale up till the day we give them away at convention. Tickets are \$1 each or \$5 for six tickets (the odds of winning are better than the lottery). We also have President Billye's cute charms for sale \$8.

This will be the last PJ REMINDER you will receive before the March 30th, 2016 convention registration so.....REMEMBER: **1)** \$110 for registration by March 30th to Linda Voss. Late fee of \$25 after that; **2)** don't forget to make hotel reservations at The Sheridan Hotel by April 15, 2016 for \$97+tax (tell them you are with EPSILON SIGMA ALPHA); **3)** send convention ads to ME no later than April 1. **The chapter selling the most ads (at least \$400 each chapter) will receive \$100 for their chapter. (In case of tie, there will be a drawing).**

"AMERICA THE BEAUTIFUL"!

Robbin Brown

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FLAG CEREMONY - STATE CONVENTION



**Attention Chapter Presidents, District Coordinators and
Sooner Senioresses!**

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

ESA For St. Jude

Darlene Castleberry & Barbara Childers, Co-Chairs

2015 was a great year for Oklahoma ESA for St. Jude. Oklahoma was in the top ten states for fundraising for St Jude Children's Research Hospital for 2014-15. We had a radiothon in February, two fantastic Dream Homes in June and August, and two outstanding Walk/Run to End Childhood Cancer events in the fall. Thank you also to all the chapters who worked at numerous fundraising events to benefit St. Jude.

And now, 2016 brings another year of promise.

We are looking forward to our Tulsa St. Jude Radiothon February 11-12 sponsored by K95 FM Radio Station and the Oklahoma City Radiothon February 25-26 sponsored by the Twister 101.9.

We are also looking forward to our St. Jude Dream Homes this year. Epic Custom Homes is working tirelessly to build another beautiful

Dream Home in Owasso and the Oklahoma City Dream Home will be at 43rd and Western in Oklahoma City. Plan to donate your time to be a hostess at one of the homes for weekend open houses.



We hope you are planning to attend the March 19th Thank You ESA Day in Memphis. Lunch is included and rooms are \$113 per night, and be sure to ask for the Thank You ESA Day Block when making your reservation. You can register on the web under Service Projects or contact Kristin Hall at 970-223-2824 ext. 108. It will be such a rewarding day, so we hope many of you can attend.

Please remember to send your St. Jude donations to ESA Headquarters or to us, and we will forward them for you, so you and your chapter will be credited with



your donations. Also, please send your scheduling activity form and completed activity forms to ESA Headquarters or you may fill these out online.

Howdy sisters!!!!

Spring is just around the corner, and boy.....am I ready!! Ready to get outside again!



Not much to report this time around. I'm still getting questions about clipping coupons and I would like to pass on an article I received. I don't know when I received it or even how old it is.

But it was from Sherry Suggs, IC Hope for Heroes Chair—at the time. She had just returned from the Kentucky State Convention.

It reads as follows:

“The Hope for Heroes Workshop; this idea was inspired by an article that Deborah Willoughby, SERCH Editor from North Carolina had in a recent SERCH. She explained how she had engaged her company to collect coupons (easy and no money involved). The only effort was to sort through the coupons, clip them and categorize them (food/non-food). She mailed her coupons to <http://thekrazycouponlady.com/coupons-for-military>. She estimated they raised \$3,700.00 in savings from the coupons.

All she did was put a news bulletin up at work detailing coupons needed, why and who would benefit. She also had collection boxes and directions on where they would be located so they could drop off their coupons. How easy is that?

I sent out an email to the Kentucky State President, all Chapter Presidents and our web master, asking everyone to please pass on the message to bring coupons, clipped or not clipped to convention. They did! Some coupons were clipped and some were not. We had two tables of ladies and with patriotic music playing in the background, some ladies were clipping coupons and some were sorting. Once bagged, we had 5 pounds of coupons.

I already had contact information for individuals at both Ft. Knox and Ft. Campbell in Kentucky. The coupons will be mailed to them and then dispersed out to families.” Signed, Sherry Suggs, IC Hope for Heroes Chair.

State Convention is not far away! So keep working and sending me your service points. Blessings to all!!

Darla Barton, Philanthropic Chair, 135 Rawlings, Clinton, OK 73601

ESA Foundation State Counselor

It has been sometime since you have heard from me, but I have been "under the weather"waaaay under! I am back now and on the mend.

It is that time of year again when we think about dues. A reminder your Foundation dues are due March 1st. If you are not a member, please consider becoming a member for \$25.00 one time payment and \$15.00 annually thereafter. You also have the option of becoming a Lifetime Member for \$500.00, which can be paid in a one time payment or 2 payments of \$250.00 each.

Convention is just three months away, now is a good time to get your items together for the **state auction** and the **Foundation Auction** at International Convention in July (no not to early). The proceeds from the state auction will be evenly divided between Easter Seals, ESA for St. Jude, and the ESA Foundation. There will be a silent and oral auction so please **bring your enthusiasm, chapter members, friends and your bucks!**



As last year, we will need your assistance with the auction. That includes, checking in the items and setting up (early afternoon); pulling the sheets after the table has been closed; getting the items to the bidder after the bidder checks out. If you would like to assist please let me know: tigervip60@aol.com or call me at (405) 229-4731.

Consider nominating someone in your community for the ESA Foundation Humanitarian Award. Go to the website (epsilonsigmaalpha.org) for details or contact me. Also go to the website and read the history of the endowments, you might consider starting one. Questions? - don't hesitate to contact me.



Vivian Y. Gibson

Hope For Heroes

If you didn't go to the November Council Meeting you missed a very informational meeting. Karen Stark, Executive Director of The Hugs Project, talked about the Patriot Clinic. They help military members with PTSD/TBI problems. They are funded 100% by donations.

Terry Anderson also told us about his life in the military and the effects it has on him and his family.

The silent auction that I sponsored brought in \$62.00. I will send the money to the Patriot Clinic. I want to thank everyone who participated in the auction.

It's getting close to April 1st and I need to know what each chapter is doing or what they have done for our military persons, families, or veterans this year. This includes hours/money/monetary value to receive points on the Outstanding Chapter contest. You can send them snail mail or to my personal email robynrhuntinggirl@gmail.com.



Please continue to remember all in our prayers whether they are deployed, back home, or injured.

See you at convention.

Robyn Ryan

Hope for Heroes

Outstanding Youth

What a great opportunity for your chapter to search and recognize an Outstanding Youth in your community. Please make your final selections for your Outstanding Youth entries for your chapters. The **deadline** for entries for the Oklahoma State Council and International Council Outstanding Youth Award is **March 1**. Since the deadline for both is the same day, you must duplicate your entries. Entry packets for the International Council contest are available through ESA Headquarters or at: www.epsilonsigmaalpha.org. Entry packets for the State contest are available at www.oklaesa.org or from me your State Contest Chair contest@oklaesa.org or Outstanding Youth Chair outstandingyouth@oklaesa.org. Please contact me via e-mail or telephone if you have any questions. My cell phone number is 405-206-6222 and my e-mail address is listed above. Your Oklahoma State Council entries need to be mailed to my attention.

Oklahoma Outstanding
Youth Chair
Brenda Beed
P O Box 363
McAlester, OK 74502-0363



Distinguished Achievement Award



REMINDER ALL CHAPTERS: HAVE YOU FOUND THAT SPECIAL PERSON IN YOUR COMMUNITY?? Looking forward to receiving several recommendations....Please look all around you for that special someone---Send your entry in today!

Sylvia Ochs, Chairman



Awards Update

Happy New Year, ESA Sisters! I'm your new Awards Chair, and I wish each of you a new year filled with good health and much happiness and love.

I want to remind you that **April 1** is the deadline for entries for the "What ESA Means to Me" contest. Remember, this contest is divided into two categories: those who have been members for one year or less and those who have been members for more than one year. Please consult the website www.oklaesa.org and click on **Contests**. Next, click on **Judging Sheets**. Then click on **What ESA Means to Me**. The Judging Sheet will list the points given for each category. If you have any questions, please feel free to call me at home in the evenings after 5:00 at 405-853-4924 or on my cell at 405-420-6440. I look forward to receiving many essays and keeping my judges busy! Please mail your essays to me at 10445 N 2920 RD, Dover, OK 73734-5865.

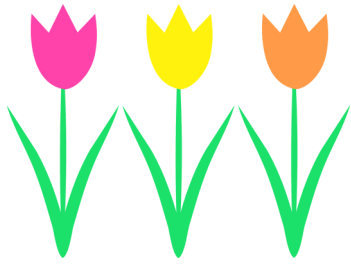
I, also, want to remind you to notify me **before April 15** with the names of those members who will be at the State Convention and will be receiving the **First Pearl** or **Pallas Athene Awards** since the last convention. Also, please send a list of all members who have 5, 10, 15, 20, 25, 30, and 35 or more years of service to ESA. We want to recognize these ladies, and we need the names before April 15 so that the proper certificates can be made.

Thank you for taking the time to enter the "What ESA Means to Me" contest and for sending me the names of your ESA members who will be recognized at the Convention for their years of service.

Happy Spring!! As far as I am concerned, Spring cannot come too soon. This icy weather and lack of electricity is not fun for me. I will see you at the Convention!

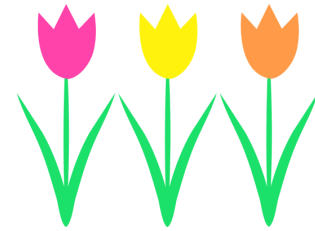
Dana Terrell
Awards Chairman





Easter Seals

**Judy Cravens, Easter Seals
Chairman**



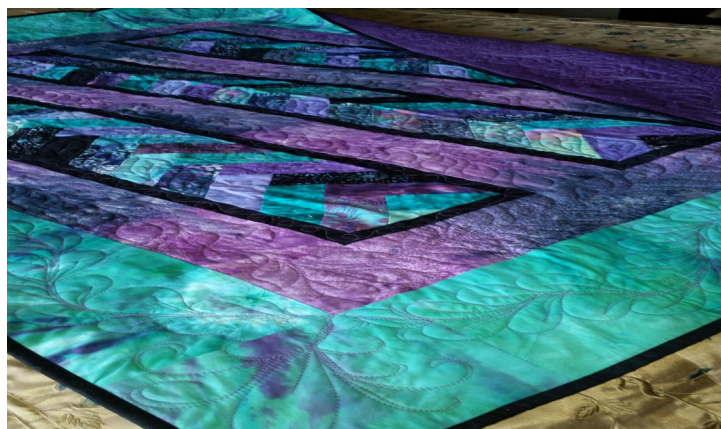
ESA has partnered for many years with Easter Seals, the leading non-profit provider of services for individuals with autism, developmental disabilities, physical and mental disabilities and other special needs. The support ESA gives Easter Seals helps the disabled children and adults have equal opportunities to live, learn, work and play in their communities. There are so many different needs that Easter Seals provides for and they depend on organizations like ESA to help with their financial support. Please ladies, have your chapter help with these needs and support.

It is getting close to Convention and I would love to have this a record year of chapter donations to Easter Seals. Wouldn't it be great at Convention to have your chapter acknowledged by having your name called, and receive a Certificate of Appreciation!

I have not heard from very many of the chapters so far and time is running out so have an Easter Seals fundraiser and please make this a priority for your chapter.

I have the State Council Easter Seals Project, a beautiful Lap Quilt, in colors of turquoise, green, purple and other pretty batiks that I will be selling raffle tickets for at the meeting. The March State Council meeting will be the last time you can purchase a raffle ticket because the drawing for the Quilt will be at our 73rd Annual Oklahoma State Convention "America the Beautiful", April 29, 30, May 1, 2016. I will have other raffle

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State Auditor 2015-2016

Greetings to everyone!

This is a reminder it's time for preliminary auditing of books, and I would like to have the following not later than the March 5 meeting to review before convention:

Convention Treasurer, Directory Chair, PJ Editor, Project Director, and State Treasurer.

I will be also happy to audit any Chapter books that you would like to send me. Email me at tmbowman@atlinkwifi.com, or call or text 405-473-9067 for questions. Looking forward to seeing you all on March 5th!

Tammy Bowman
10175 S Western
Guthrie, OK 73044



Outstanding Chapter Award



Just a reminder to all other contest chairs to share your information with me as soon as you can. I know that will be after April 1, but bear in mind I then have to have the Outstanding Chapter Award information compiled and determine winners by April 15. I know what a big job each of you have to do, and I appreciate your help in doing mine. Thank you!

Catherine Poe, Chair
1512 Redstone
Clinton, OK 73601

Membership

Just a reminder that if your chapter has a recruitment party, you will be awarded 15 points on the Outstanding Chapter competition. In order for those points to be awarded, please send me an email (jennylizama@gmail.com) or note to my home address (4829 S. 71st E. Avenue, Tulsa, OK 74145) informing me of the recruitment party.

Please remember that all of us are members of the membership team! Ask your friends, coworkers, family – even people you meet on the street – to attend a social event or a business meeting. How will others know about ESA if we don't tell them about this wonderful organization?

Oklahoma's website (www.oklaesa.org) has links to International Council and Headquarters website. There are great ideas and resources already available for recruitment parties. No need to reinvent the wheel!

Jenny Lizama
Membership Chair
4829 S. 71st E. Avenue
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jennylizama@gmail.com



ATTENTION!!!! YOU COULD BE A WINNER

The State Convention Committee is selling tickets for TWO raffles this year. One prize will be a free convention registration (\$110.00 value) and the other prize will be a 50/50 split (total value to be determined). The tickets are \$1 each or 6 for \$5. We will have tickets available for sale at the state meeting in March and also at the convention itself.

However, I will be happy to **sell** them to you **NOW** if you will contact me at lco-niglio@cox.net. The drawings will be held at the convention in April and winners will be notified. Please contact me with any questions or orders.

Convention Reminders: April 29 & 30 and May 1 at the Reed Convention Center in Midwest City. **Hotel Registration deadline is April 15** for group discount. **Convention Registration deadline is March 30**. Please remember that **late registrations WILL NOT be seated with their chapter** at the banquet .



Publicity Chairman

Hello Sisters!

Happy Winter. Spring will be here soon. That means time is running out to get your submissions for the Publicity Book. It is no longer a contest, but it is your opportunity to show off and be included in President Billye's book. The deadline is April 1st. I have received articles from a few chapters. Be sure and send me your articles NOW! Let's help fill Billye's book with Star Spangled Memories!

Hope to hear from you soon!

Susan Patterson , Publicity Chairman

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The 2016 IC Convention

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

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

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

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

Mail the check with the form and hard copy of the ad to Mary Humphrey at 56295 E. 28th Ct., Strasburg, CO 80136. Electronic copies of the ad must be sent to: marykh@tds.net

Please take time to browse to access all the convention you in Loveland!



through the IC Convention page info. We look forward to seeing

Chapter Chatter

Beta Iota 4283—McAlester

Beta Iota is off to a great start this 2016! We had a wonderful December. We were able to donate over 30 pairs of new bed sheets to Hope House, our local women's shelter that we continually support each year. A group of our members also attended the Hope House Benefit in December. As always, we celebrated at our annual Christmas party and ornament exchange. In January we held a social event at The Art Spot in McAlester, where we painted snowmen and discovered our inner artists. In February we are looking forward to the District V Meeting and Oklahoma School for the Blind Tour in Muskogee. We are working on submitting our Outstanding Youth and Distinguished Achievement Awards, we are so proud of local honorees this year and their incredible accomplishments. We are looking forward to a wonderful and busy spring. Hope to see everyone in February at the District V meeting and OSB Tour.



Lori Few



Delta Kappa - Norman

I am not sure just how 2015 slipped by so quickly but Delta Kappa members are ready to welcome 2016 with a year of more projects and services to help others. Of course there will be lots of fun times along the way too.

We finished our philanthropic projects for 2015 by giving the 18 students at Bridges (an independent living facility for high school students) Christmas gifts with lots of goodies and a gift card from Wal Mart.

We also gave a collection of toys to the St. Michael's Community Christmas Dinner to help Santa give toys to each child attending the dinner. It has become a tradition to bring a toy for this dinner to our annual Christmas party instead of exchanging gifts among ourselves. Our Christmas celebration was held at the Service Station Restaurant in Norman. There was lots of good food, storytelling, fun and laughter. If it's work or play, we always have fun together!!!



For our ways & means projects, we finished out 2015 by working at the OU basketball games, and we started 2016 by working more basketball games. We work a LOT of basketball games. Our ways and means chair, Georgia Smith, had good news for us by informing us we are half way through the games and that we have made half of our income budgeted for this project. We have several very dedicated members who work these games. Without them we wouldn't be able to handle a project that requires so much time. Thank you for being so generous with your time and energy to complete this ways and means project. It'll be time to celebrate when we work our last game on March 1!

Linda, Nancy, Vivian, Joyce, Janice and Gwynn Nell are making plans to attend the State Council Meeting in March. We are looking forward to what Billye has planned for another "star spangled meeting". March will also bring us to another philanthropic project by hosting a St. Patrick's Day party for Among Friends (adult day care for handicapped adults). We are planning to have everything green.

Oh boy – green PB & J sandwiches?!?! Until next time-----Happy Valentine's Day – wishing you a special time with your sweetheart. Also Happy St Patrick's Day, but watch out for those little short green men carrying pots of gold and making big promises. They are tricky little guys.



Kappa Theta, Guthrie

Our Educational this month was about our Oklahoma heroes. We are getting a new member in February!!! Enjoying a little quiet time before getting ready for this year's exciting State Convention!! Looking forward to the coming events, State Meeting, ground breaking of St Jude's house...
Happy Spring to all.

Sylvia Ochs



GAMMA DELTA—Tulsa

Happy New Year!

The ladies of Gamma Delta had a wonderful time at the Candlelight Dinner, which was held at Freddie's. As always, the food was delicious and we had fun visiting with our ESA Sister's and their families while spreading holiday cheer! The highlight of the evening was when Charlene Law, Special Project Chair, presented Jean Ann Hankins, the Executive Director from Ronald McDonald House, a generous check from the funds we raised this past year! Following dinner, the Installation Ceremony for new officers was beautiful. We wish everyone a very successful year!

Gamma Delta finished putting together large packages of bookmarks and distributed them to numerous libraries around the Tulsa area. The libraries were very excited to receive the bookmarks to pass along to their customers!



Our Annual Gamma Delta Christmas party was held at Donna McCandless' house where we had a pot luck dinner and Secret Sister Gift exchange. There was a delicious variety of food and we had fun trying to guess who our Secret Sister was this past year.

Donna and Charlene would like to thank everyone who sent cards and wished them well from both of their surgeries this year. We're hoping that everyone is healthy and well for the New Year!

2015 TAC Candlelight Dinner at Freddie's in Sapulpa



Greetings from Zeta Gamma—Shawnee!

Welcome Spring!



Hope everyone had a wonderful Christmas and a great NEW YEAR!!

Zeta Gamma had a busy and fun November and December. Many of our members attended the Oklahoma State Council meeting . We had a fun time and enjoyed the meeting and Christmas party!

Zeta Gamma had a wonderful Christmas Party with a delicious dinner and a fun dirty Santa Game. We revealed our Secret Sister for 2015 and then drew names for our 2016 Secret Sister.

Our Social Committee did a great job. We also had a fun adventure to Guthrie in December to feast at Gage's Steak House (delicious food) and attended a play... Territorial Christmas. Great food, entertaining play and fantastic company.

We are all geared up and ready for 2016! Have a safe and prosperous New Year!

See you soon.....

Peggy Campbell, Publicity



Gamma Zeta 3464, Edmond

Gamma Zeta finished 2015 with caroling at the Bradford Village Nursing Center on December 5, a gift exchange party on December 7, and dinner with husbands and friends at Bravo's on December 14. In January we had a lively Left Right Center party—always a fun event! Billye participated in the St. Jude

Dream Home Groundbreaking on a beautiful January day!

We'll be sponsoring a fund-raiser at Fish City on February 2. Everyone is invited to come eat there. A portion of all sales from the day will go to Project 66, a food bank here in Edmond.

We're planning on helping with the St. Jude Radio-thon on February 25 & 26 and gearing up for hosting the March 5 State Council meeting and "America the Beautiful" State Convention April 29, 30 & May 1—we hope to see all our state ESA sisters at these events!



**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 deadline 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
- Jewelry
- Rubber Stamping
- Decoupage
- Glass
- Wood
- Scrapbooking
- Origami
- Cards

Division VIII - Needlework (Fibers)

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

Division IX - Holiday (Ornament & 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.

Send Form To: Shirley Moore
3217 Asheton Court
Edmond, OK 73034
405.285.4540
405.596.3471
shirley.moore@cox.net or assocofthearts@okhsaa.org

Revised Jan 2016



***What ESA Means To Me
Entry Form and Requirements
Deadline April 1, 2016***

Contestant: _____
Chapter: _____
Chapter Number: _____
Chapter City : _____
Category: _____

State Chapter Dues paid by January 1, _____: Yes _____ No _____

Essay must be 300 words or less. Please include the following:

Folder & Cover Page

- A. Contestant's name
- B. Chapter name
- C. Chapter number
- D. Chapter City
- E. Category

Guidelines to follow:

- A. Typed
- B. Doubled spaced
- C. 8 1/2 x 11 paper
- D. 2 copies (1 in a folder)
(including cover page for both)

Send Entry to:

Dana Terrell
10445 N 2920 Rd
Dover, OK 73734

gdterrell@pldi.net

405.420.6440



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| CHECK ALL THAT APPLY: | | | |
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| <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 | | |
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| <input type="checkbox"/> | MEMBER'S/DESA/ELAN FULL REGISTRATION FEE POSTMARKED BY Wednesday, March 30, 2016 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

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.