

Oklahoma State Council Petticoat Journal



Dr. Billye Peterson, President

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PRESIDENT

We had a Star Spangled Leadership!

If you missed the August State Leadership, you missed an entertaining presentation by Deputy Kim Lopez of the Oklahoma County Sheriff's office. If anyone would like her handout about personal safety, just email me and I'll be glad to email you a copy. 2nd Vice President Peggie Sprinkle had us all guessing who the Oklahoma singers were she displayed up on the screen with her Musicians & Composers Native to Oklahoma program. Darla Barton presented a philanthropic workshop--be sure to go to www.oklaesa.org and get a 2015-16 service report form. Firecracker Rosalie Griffith also had us guessing on the ESA Trivia (found in this issue of the PJ)—a fun activity!

Darlene & Barbara were amazing and raised over \$1,000 for St Jude with their silent & live auction. Great job! During lunch, everyone was entertained with a Service Is In Style Fashion Show featuring Hopefully Yours, a resale shop that helps fund The Hope Center for the less fortunate in Edmond. Dr Tori McKee was our afternoon speaker, and her informative talk on women and wellbeing really emphasized our need to take care of ourselves! I had a slide presentation of the highlights from the IC convention, and then we "hunkered down" for a "Cleaning of ESA's Closet." **What would you change in your chapter, district, and state to make ESA more meaningful to you? Please let me know** as we will be having an Executive Board meeting after the State Council meeting Nov. 14 to tackle some of these issues. As you can see, we had a very full day!

And I must thank Gamma Zeta sister, Liz King, for donating ALL her profits from her Pampered Chef table. She raised \$500 for Oklahoma State Council!

I had a fun visit with Talihina Chi Epsilon Chapter on Sept 14 and judged their Cupcake Wars. Yum! I'll be heading to Sulphur October 3 for the OSD Tour. Hope to see everyone there! And then I'll drive to MARC in Omaha, NE the next weekend as this is the first year Oklahoma has become a part of MARC. I'll be visiting Eta Epsilon in Skiatook on October 12. Invite me to YOUR chapter!

Mark your calendar November 14 for our next State Council meeting—I have a fun hands-on day planned. Don't forget to bring a decorative hand towel as we'll be making something easy & creative to take home! Hope for Heroes will be featured at our November meeting so you won't want to miss that. A Star Spangled Fall is in the air! I can feel it!!! I'd love to come visit your chapter—please invite me!

And finally, thanks to Jacque Cantrel for a great job as my Corresponding Secretary. She has had to resign due to health reasons. A big THANK YOU to Tietje German for taking on this job. Please change your directory listing for Peggy Pate to peggyepate9@yahoo.com

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Nancy Baucom
First Vice President
Nominating Committee Chair



Happy Fall, Ya'll!

I know, it was corny but I couldn't resist saying it. Where has the time gone? Thanksgiving is around the corner. A time to be thankful for our many blessings, a time for our family and friends but also a time to indulge in good food, especially those sweets!

Why not indulge yourself and be on the 2016-2017 board? All it takes is a sweet desire to serve others.

I have several positions to be filled. If you aren't sure of the responsibilities of a particular position, the Blue Book is a great place to start. You can look at the Blue Book on the website at www.oklaesa.org. If you have any questions about a particular position or you need help finding the perfect fit, please contact any of the nominating committee: Judi York, June Miller, Janice Shockley, Jo Rott or myself. We are more than happy to assist you in anyway.

Chapter Presidents, this is a good time to nominate one of your chapter members for a seat on the board. The nomination form can be found on the website at www.oklaesa.org then click "Forms". Don't wait until the last minute to nominate a very capable member of your chapter for a State Office.

We need a full slate of officers, and I know there are so many well-qualified members out there. So let's have at least 2-4 people running for each of the offices and make a difference while giving in to our sweet indulgences.

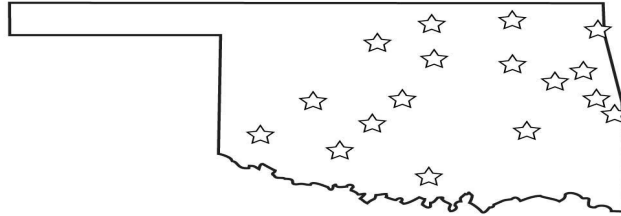
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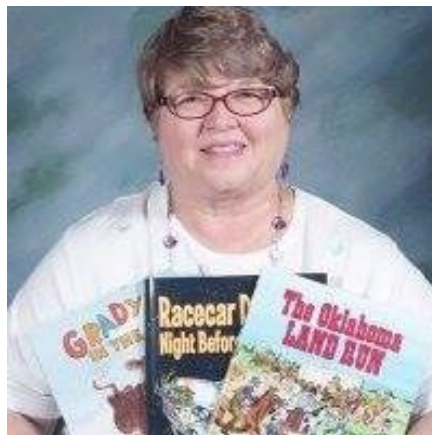
"OKLAHOMA STARS"



Hello Oklahoma sisters - I hope you are learning a lot with your chapter's educationals. Please - I would be willing to come to your chapter and do one for you - let me know!

I hope you will like the following educational:

Oklahoma Children & Young Adult Writers



Una Belle Townsend is the author of four children's books. '*Grady's in the Silo*' is the story of a famous cow in Yukon, OK. '*The Racecar Driver's Night Before Christmas*' has Santa racing on Christmas Eve. '*The Oklahoma Land Run*' tells of a boy helping his family get land - Author of the Month for Oklahoma Children's' Authors and Illustrators (OCAI).

'The Great Elephant Escape' is the story of the elephants in Hugo, OK that ran away for the circus -winner of the "OWFI Best Juvenile Award for 2013.

She has been an elementary-school teacher for nearly twenty years and has lived in Yukon for over twenty-five years. She has a new book coming out '*Sunsets in Haikus*' with her own photos.

(oklahomachildreauthors.com/biographies/unabelletownsend)



Susan York Meyers has lived in Oklahoma for over 40 years. She is the author of '*Callie and the Stepmother*' and '*The Princess and the Pee*'. Her book '*Grrr...Night*' won an Honorable Mention in the Eccentric Chi Children's Story Writing Contest and just won the Creative Women of Oklahoma award for writing in a Children's Book. This is a state level award given out by Delta Kappa Gamma, society for Women Educators. Her new book just out is '*The Mystery of the Red Mitten*'. She has two books to be published in 2016 - '*I Spy Something Wicked*' and '*Two Little Old Ladies*'.

"Keep reading and dreaming" - her favorite saying.
(susanameyers.com/home)

Peggie Sprinkle-2nd Vice President/Educational Chair



State Project Director Announces Tour Oct 3!



Oklahoma School for the Blind and Oklahoma School for the Deaf are back in session with many returning students and a number of new students attending this school year. If you have not signed up to sponsor, and want to sponsor, go ahead and get your sponsorship form to me as soon as possible.

Activities are just now getting under way at both schools.

OSB used their State Project monies for much needed cheerleading uniforms while OSD used their State Project monies to update the student union. Both schools were very appreciative of our donations.

The OSD annual tour is scheduled for October 3rd. Make plans to join us in Sulphur for a fun-filled day with your ESA sisters and students of OSD. Please see attached flyer for more details.

State Project Director

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Oklahoma School For The Deaf Tour

Don't miss out on a chance for a wonderful day of fun and fellowship. Come join your ESA Sisters for a day with the students of OSD.

Mark your calendars for:
Saturday, October 3rd 2015
10:00am-2:00pm

Registration Begins at 9:30am

Cost of lunch is - \$10.00

RSVP by 09/28/2015 to tawanna.cathey@ssa.gov

Meet us at...
1100 East Oklahoma Street
Sulphur, Oklahoma 73086-3108

This is homecoming week for OSD so we will have the pleasure of meeting many of the students. We look forward to seeing you there!!!



Petticoat Journal Ass't Editor

Marilyn Fairchild

It is hard to believe Fall is just around the corner. There have been a lot of changes for me since I volunteered to help with the PJ. First, I started a part-time job. Then I bought a house so my new address is 6 Meadowhill Dr, Bristow, OK 74010 and my new cell phone # is 918-219-2022. My email is still the same: marilynhight@yahoo.com.

Please include PJ in the subject line when you are sending your articles in. You can send them to marilynhight@yahoo.com or pjeditor@oklaesa.org.

If you want to have the PJ mailed or have questions on the mailing, please contact Patty Heer at pjlwhr@aol.com.

I am compiling the articles then with Dr Billye's help I get it ready. A very big thanks to my friend, Billye, for proofreading it for me. After it is completed, it is sent to Patty for distribution. Her home # is 405-275-2928 and cell is 405-203-0000.

Have a great October and then I will be looking for the next articles by November 5th.

Marilyn Fairchild

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District II



The District II meeting held in Oklahoma City was a great success. Thanks to all my ESA sisters. We had 27 members attend, which was average and great.

Randy Willingham is a professor at Harding University. He is a church consultant with expertise in leadership and conflict management. He leads a no profit ministry called "Pure Heart Vision". Beta Zeta presented a monetary gift in his name.

Libby Zaage also gave a talk on leadership. She made some interesting points on how to be a good leader, well done, Libby.

The nominating committee is working on new officers for next year. They will be presented at the next meeting, March 19, 2016. This will be at Forrest Hill Christian Church, Oklahoma City.

We attended the State Leadership meeting in Edmond.

Who else but our State President could think of a day of seriousness plus fun at a meeting? We had shopping on the mall, a style show, prizes and a delicious meal. Our lunch was prepared by her own Gamma Zeta sisters.

St. Jude 5k Walk/Run is September 19, 2015 at the zoo, in Oklahoma City.

Ok School for the Deaf, is October 3, 2015. You will be well awarded to attend these activities.

Doris Cook

District II Coordinator

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DISTRICT III

Connie Bartlett, Coordinator



To all who attended the District III Leadership Meeting August 8 we extend many thanks. Deb Hughes spoke eloquently of the analogy of most important things we carry with us each da. We played a game, “What do I carry in my purse.” She compared it to vital things that make ESA such a rewarding organization. She challenged us to reach out to people to share our fine community. “Dare to Reach the Perfect 10”

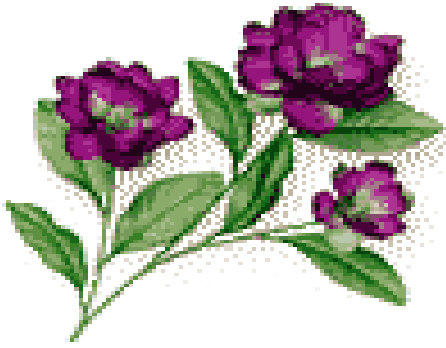
We had two women who volunteer at Clarehouse, tell us the mission of Clarehouse for people to live comfortably in their final days/months of terminal illness. They explained how our group could assist with their goals.

Peggie Sprinkle, Oklahoma State Council 1st Vice President, gave a biographical speech of an “Oklahoma Star” (her theme), Tulsa Philanthropist Peggy Helmerich, who was a movie actor before she married Oil billionaire, W.E. Helmerich and moved to Oklahoma then became a strong supporter of arts culture and the well-being of her fellow Tulsans.

Jan Kendal, a former member, brought a page with an illustration for each person attending we spoke among ourselves to decide the sequence the pages should be as a book titled: “Zoom” When we lined up in the order of our pages, she explained that some of us see the big picture, like the first page, and some of us focus on more details, like the last page, but both types are needed to successfully get the things we in ESA do, done.

Special thanks to these four ladies. Special thanks to our hostesses, Tulsa Area Council, who provided lunch. Special thanks to these ladies who each played a large part in making our meeting a success. Barbara Childers, Darlene Cushenberry, Dawn Haley, Peggy Hughes, Charlene Law, and Peggie Sprinkle .

Celebrate a Star Spangled ESA in 2015-2016!



Oklahoma State Chaplain Report

Well, looking back over the summer I thought my duties had slowed, but I've sent 4 Get Wells, 6 Sympathys and 2 Thinking-of-yous. I ran across a little old lady reciting a poem she had written on Facebook. I was so moved by the poem I thought it needed repeating in the PJ. So here it is:

THE GIFT WRAP AND THE JEWEL

*I looked in the mirror and what did I see?
A little old lady peering back at me.
With bags and sags and wrinkles and wispy white hair.
And I asked my reflection "How did you get there?"
"You once were straight and vigorous
And now you're stooped and weak.
When I tried so hard to keep you from becoming an antique."
My reflection's eyes twinkled as she solemnly replied,
"Look underneath the gift wrap and that's a jewel inside.
A living gem and precious of unimagined worth.
Unique and true the real you the only you on earth.
The years have spoiled your giftwrap
With other things more cruel,
Should purify and strengthen & polish up that jewel.
So focus your attention on the inside not the out.
On being kinder wiser more content and more devout.
Then when the giftwrap is stripped away.
The jewel will be set free
To radiate God's glory through all eternity"*

Have a glorious Fall.

With love,

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ESA FOR ST. JUDE



Barbara Childers

Darlene Cushenberry

Congratulations, Oklahoma ESA. It was announced at IC Convention that Oklahoma was in the top ten states for fundraising for St. Jude Children's Research Hospital. For 2014-15, ESA contributed \$606,355 to St. Jude. Great job, Everyone.

A special thank you also to all those who attended the State Leadership meeting in Edmond on August 22nd. Barbara and I enjoyed sharing highlights from our trip to Memphis, and we appreciated having our guest Taylor Johnson, our ALSAC representative, join us for our meeting. Thanks to your generosity, a silent and live auction allowed us to raise over \$1,200 for St. Jude. Nancy Buck was our awesome auctioneer, and she did a great job. Thank you, Nancy.

Dawn Haley and Deb Hughes are working tirelessly to promote and enlist participants for the St. Jude Walk/Run to End Childhood Cancer that will be held September 26th in Owasso's Stone Canyon. Oklahoma City will be hosting their St. Jude Walk/Run on September 19th at the OK City Zoo. Please plan to join us.

Thank you all so much for all you do for St. Jude. So much to be so proud of. And, Barbara and I are proud to represent Oklahoma ESA for St. Jude.

OUTSTANDING YOUTH
Brenda Beed - Chairman



Greetings ESA Sisters:

School has begun and it is time to think about honoring our outstanding youth in your community. Please contact the school principal in your area and start looking for students who are leaders, community servants, and have outstanding qualities. We will award students from two categories. Those categories are: Outstanding Junior High Youth Award and an Outstanding Senior High Youth Award. Additional information and guidelines can be found on the Oklahoma ESA Website: Oklaesa.org. If you have any questions or need additional information, please contact me by phone or by email.

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Distinguished Achievement Award Chair (DAA)



Hello ESA Sisters

Now that fall is here, please take a good look around your area and choose someone who deserves recognition for their many accomplishments or someone you think needs to be recognized by our Oklahoma ESA organization.

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State Easter Seals Chairman

Judy Cravens

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

As of this date (August 28, 2015) I only have one chapter that has sent in their donation: Gamma Zeta #4253, Shawnee for \$100.00. We received \$608.00 for the silent auction at the 2015 Oklahoma State Convention. Hopefully at the time you are reading this PJ, several more chapters have sent in their donations.



For our State Council 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. The drawing for the Quilt will be at our 73rd Annual Oklahoma State Convention "America the Beautiful", April 29, 30, May 1, 2016.

I am going to try to have one item at each state meeting to raffle and give away to help with our State Council Easter Seals contributions.

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

Philanthropic Chair



Happy Fall Sisters!!!

What a wonderful season! It's my absolute favorite time of year!

The State Leadership meeting was packed full of information. Those that weren't there missed one heck of a time! Those that were, should recall my Philanthropic presentation. Unfortunately, I have not heard back yet from IC on our "question of the day," of how we count hours for meetings. I dispatched a message that same day and then another, but haven't received a response. I will keep trying and hopefully have an answer for you in the next PJ. Until we hear from IC, my advice is to follow Aletha's suggestion and keep track of our hours. As Aletha said, "What will it hurt?"

A quick recap of what I shared with you is for each chapter (which I'm sure you have already done) to make a list of projects that you work, a Blanket Statement. Keep a small notebook with you and jot down the time, money and miles you put in working on your projects. Remember any points counted, must be time put in, "In The Name Of ESA."

Please use the 2015-2016 Service Report, located on the oklaesa.org website. Mileage is counted by the driver only. And your church activities may not be counted. Remember to keep your ALSAC sponsored events (Dream Home, Radiothon and Give Thanks Walk) separate from your "other" St. Jude activities, on your Service Report.

And finally, Manufacture's Coupons are counted as money at face value stated on the coupon. Time spent on this project may be counted as chapter hours.

That's all I have for now. Remember to cherish your family time. And as always, I wish you God's richest blessings.

Darla Barton, Philanthropic Chair

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



Facebook was a lot easier to use and understand a few years ago.

Managing its growing sea of features can be daunting, but there are ways to make the social network more to your liking.

Here are a few tips and ideas:

1. Reduce notifications

You can't get rid of all notifications on Facebook's website. But you can disable a lot of them.

Go into your Settings, and click on Notifications. Once you're there, adjust the alerts you want to get on your computer and your phone.

Unfortunately, Facebook doesn't let you disable email notifications through Settings. You have to click Unsubscribe to every type of notice until you stop receiving them.

To stop alerts for a group or a page, you have to go into each page and individually select Off. You can also click Unlike or Hide on the page.

For an event, remove yourself from the guest list, which can be a handy way to avoid the RSVP, or select Hide From News Feed.

2. Figure out who might see your likes and comments on their News Feeds

If your friend shares something on Facebook, she dictates the privacy setting for that item.

When you like or comment on it, anyone who falls under that privacy setting may be able to see that action in their News Feed or news ticker.

Let's say your friend posts a group photo. She tags all 20 people, and sets the privacy to Friends Of Friends.

If you comment on that photo or like it, all 20 people, plus all of their friends, and all of those people's friends can see your comment.

So if you're hesitant about potentially having your name and Facebook activity visible to people you don't know, hover your mouse over the privacy setting for each post before you interact with it. Excerpts by Hope King



2016 INTERNATIONAL CONVENTION

“REACHING NEW HEIGHTS IN ESA”

July 10 – 17, 2016

Embassy Suites Loveland - Hotel, Spa and Conference Center

Loveland, Colorado

Mark your calendar now! The Rocky Mountain Regional Council invites you to attend the 2016 IC Convention. Join the states of Colorado, Idaho, New Mexico, Utah and Wyoming as well as President Rickie Brown and the International Council at the Embassy Suites in Loveland, Colorado where we will be “Reaching New Heights in ESA”.

The Embassy Suites Loveland, Hotel, Spa and Conference Center is a beautiful, award-winning facility. Amenities include free parking, free breakfast, and manager’s reception with complimentary drinks.

Member full registration is \$250. Room Rates are \$144.00 single/double, \$154.00 triple, \$169.00 quad plus tax. (Current tax rate is 9.55%.)

Be watching the ESA News and your state newsletter for more information throughout the year.

It is not too early to start making plans to attend the 2016 IC Convention where you can meet new friends, renew old friendships and create lasting ESA memories.

See you there,

Members of the Rocky Mountain Regional Council



Chapter Chatter

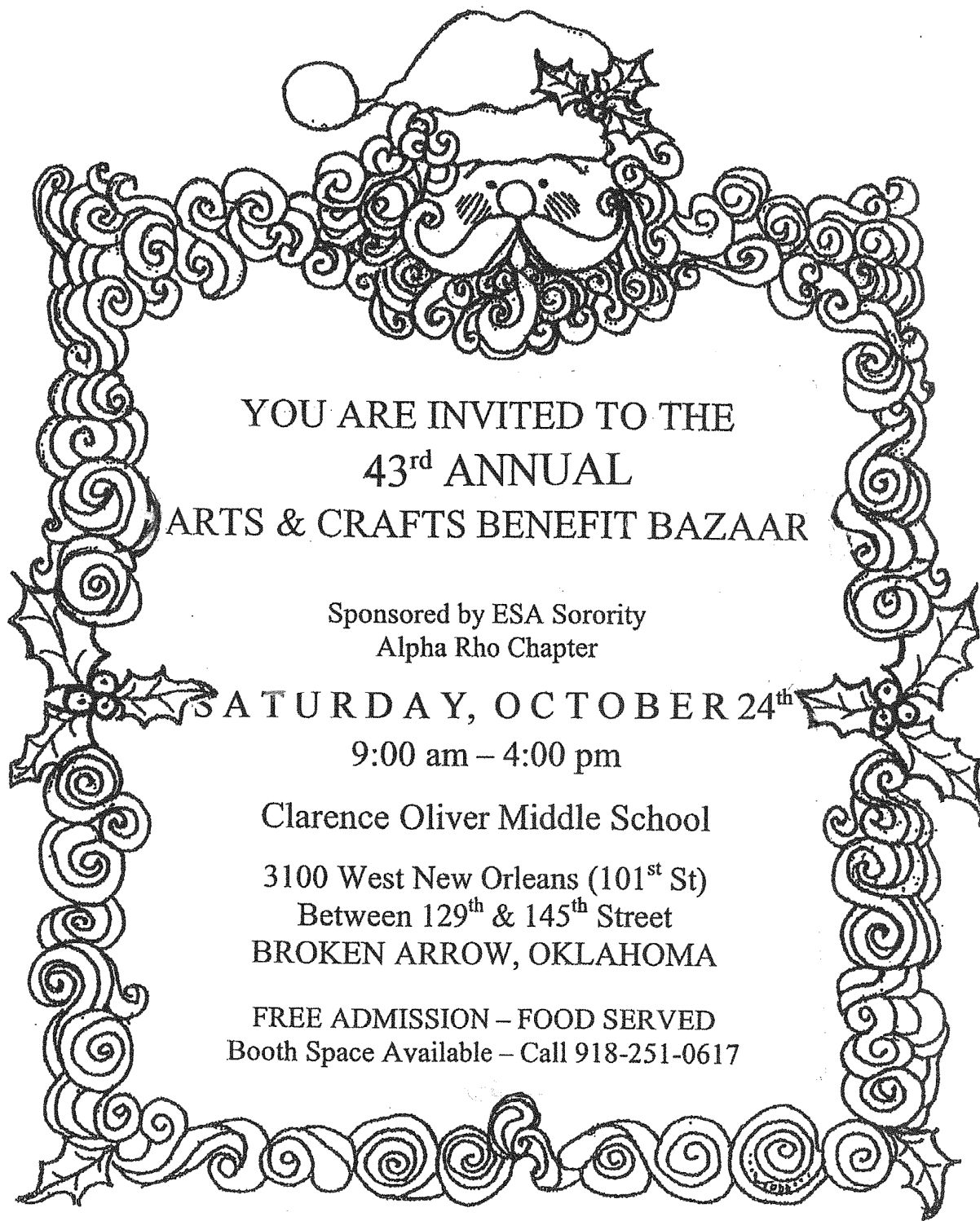
Alpha Rho #4350

Broken Arrow

Alpha Rho started off the fall with a Garage Sale on Saturday, September 26th. The Garage Sales held twice a year allows the chapter to donate towards local projects. This year we had tons of holiday items, household goods and gently used clothing to choose from.

Next up is our 43rd Annual Arts and Crafts Bazaar which will be held on Saturday, October 24th. The show is from 9:00 a.m. until 4:00 p.m. Last year we had over 100 vendors participate. The funds raised from the \$50.00 booth rental and concessions allow us to help St. Jude, Broken Arrow Neighbors and Meals on Wheels.







Beta Iota #4283 of McAlester

Be “Hoo” You Are

Beta Iota has had a wonderful summer. We are looking forward to getting started on another wonderful year in ESA. Our planning Pow Wow in August led us to The Art Spot in McAlester. We enjoyed an evening of planning and painting. Our first event of the year will be hosting the District V Leadership Meeting on Saturday, September 12th at the First Methodist Church in McAlester. If you have not RSVP'd please do so to: Lo-riLfew@gmail.com or 918-360-8818.

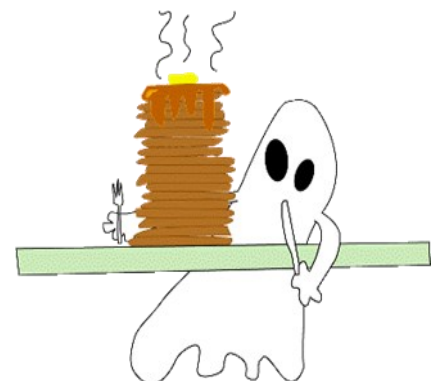
We have a very exciting and fun filled year planned for Beta Iota to Be “Hoo” We Are! We are looking forward to serving our local community through our philanthropic projects and chapter activities. Our first chapter meeting is Thursday, September 17th at 6:00pm. We will also be participating in the St. Jude Give Thanks Walk coming up on September 26th.

Beta Iota is proud of our long standing traditions in ESA. This year we are going to focus on being the best group of ladies we can be. We are going to work hard, support each other, contribute, encourage, and commit to doing great work through ESA. Follow us on Facebook at www.facebook.com/BetaIotaMcAlester

Gamma Zeta #3464, Edmond

We loved seeing everyone at the Aug 22 State Leadership. We hope you'll join us November 14 for the next State Leadership meeting. We just completed our major fundraiser of the year, our annual basket auction—our theme was The Wizard of Oz. We had lots of red glitter all over the place! Oleta Dennison, chair, did a fantastic job!

Our next ways and means fundraiser will be at Applebee's on Saturday, October 24. If you're in the area, come have breakfast with us from 8 to 10 a.m. We'll serve you some hot, fluffy pancakes!



Delta Kappa, Norman

Delta Kappa PJ Article – October/November 2015 issue

We gathered in August at Gwynn Nell's for a pool side summer social. What a great evening with Gwynn Nell treating us to homemade chicken salad and tuna salad . And of course for desert Gwynn Nell made home-made ice cream with her special toppings. She really does spoil us. We enjoyed eating and talking and eating and talking some more. What an enjoyable evening. We all look forward to this annual trip as part of our summer socials.

With our first business meeting in September lots of plans were made to get our year started. Our next garage sale will be October 2 & 3 at Goodrich Church in Norman. You name it and we will probably have it at our sale. We even have an electric organ to sell. Several of us will meet on Sept. 24 to bake about 12 cakes or more. Part of the cakes will go to Among Friends (adult day care for the handicapped) for a fund raiser to promote their projects. The remainder of the cakes will go for the District IV bake sale at the Leadership Seminar on Sept. 26 in Norman. It will be a fun "cake bakin" afternoon.

Linda Leveridge, District IV Coordinator, has a great leadership planned for Sept.26 in Norman with interesting speakers and a unique educational. Her theme, "Spicing up ESA ", is very appropriate because she is going to make it a spicy year. A variety of delicious salads will be provided by Delta Kappa for lunch. And of course there will be a yummy desert.

We are providing monthly birthday baskets again this year to the high school students who reside at Bridges in Norman. This facility provides independent living for high school age students who want to finish high school but for one reason or another do not have a place to live. They are provided with counseling and on site supervision to help them maintain a healthy & responsible life style to finish school. This month we have 3 boys to help celebrate their birthdays. We will provide each of them a basket filled with a cake mix, icing, candles, birthday card, Wal Mart gift card and a variety of gifts.

Vivian was on her way to the business meeting when instead she had to go the ER at Norman Regional with heart problems. Please help us pray for our sister that she will feel better soon. She was admitted and was scheduled for specific heart test to determine a plan of treatment.

We love you Vivian and pray you will be well and back with us very soon.

We will have divided duties on October 3 between our garage sale & the tour at OSD. Part of Delta Kappa will attend the tour & the District IV meeting and enjoy a day at the school hopefully with some of our adopted kids. The remainder of the chapter will stay home to wheel and deal at our sale to offer those bargains that just can't be passed up.

Until next time.....enjoy the fall season.

Janice Shockley



Gamma Delta, Tulsa

The Bunco Bash that TAC held on July 31st was an extremely successful and we raised a lot of money for Ronald McDonald House in Tulsa. We attended the District III Meeting in Tulsa and the State Leadership meeting in Edmond. Billye had a wonderful program. It was a very worthwhile day full of good speakers and fellowship.

Gamma Delta has a busy fall ahead of us. We're planning our Chapter Social on September 20th at the Purple Glaze Studio in Brookside; providing some quality time to show off our artistic abilities! Afterwards, we'll walk across the street for dinner at HopBunz. We're also planning on attending Chili's on Sept 14th; where all the proceeds that day go to St. Jude Children's Research Hospital!

We'll be at the St Jude Walk/Run to End Childhood Cancer in Owasso on Sept 26th and hope you've formed a team and "dared" to get 10 people registered! It should be a great event; outside, hoping for nice weather, getting our exercise, all while raising money for St. Jude!

Gamma Delta is holding a Pampered Chef Party on Sunday, October 18th at John Stapleton's home (6514 S. 72 E. Ave, Tulsa) from 2pm-4pm. Please stop buy and do some shopping for yourself and maybe even stock up on some of your Christmas shopping! We also have our annual Halloween Party on October 30th which is always a lot of fun, great food and crazy costumes!

With ESA Sisterly Love,

Dawn Haley



Kappa Theta #5414

We have been busy. Took \$500.00 worth of supplies for school children at Eagle Ridge Institute her in Guthrie. Our Philanthropic project this year.

As a group, we visited the “Red Barn on 66” and then had lunch at the famous “Pops” restaurant. Then we visited the Oklahoma History Museum to view the “Centennial Treasure Chest” exhibits for our August Social event. If you haven’t seen it, try to put it on your agenda. Jo Rott was our Tour Guide,

We are excited about our New Year with Billye’s Team! Our new member, Ramona Bench attended her first State Council Leadership meeting in Edmond....A fun interesting time.

Sylvia Ochs, President





Tulsa Area Council Fast and Furious Summer

Tulsa Area Council (TAC) has had a busy summer. In May and June, TAC and several area chapters volunteered hundreds of hours at the St. Jude Dream Home to achieve our goal of selling 10,000 tickets. When the home was given away June 28th, over a million dollars had been raised for St. Jude Children's Research Hospital.

July was also busy for TAC as they sponsored a Bunco Bash at Highland Park Christian Church to benefit The Ronald McDonald House. The Ronald McDonald House serves many families who have loved ones in the hospital who live out of town. This takes the burden of food, travel, and hotel expense off the families because there is no charge for staying at the house. This allows them to concentrate on their loved ones. Over a hundred people enjoyed the fun and festivities, and we were able to raise over \$1,000 to benefit the Ronald McDonald House.

In August, District III enjoyed a fabulous salad luncheon and heard a special presentation about Clarehouse. Clarehouse is a facility for families who have family members that are in the last stages of life. They provide a room, food, and care at no cost. Clarehouse is a home away from home that assists in giving care to the hospice patient. Staff also helps comfort and support these loved ones as they make this journey together.

TAC enjoyed all these activities this summer, and we are all looking forward to the fall and the St. Jude Walk/Run to End Childhood Cancer, September 26th in Stone Canyon in Owasso. We hope everyone can join us to benefit St. Jude and ultimately "end childhood cancer."

Janet Thompson



HIGHLIGHTS FROM ESA OKLAHOMA STATE COUNCIL

LEADERSHIP MEETING

Saturday August 22, 2015

If you did not get the chance to attend the Leadership Meeting, you sure missed out on a great opportunity for a pleasurable day of shopping, new found knowledge, entertainment, delicious and plentiful food, and especially priceless ESA sisterhood.

Registration, light breakfast and Shopping on the Mall started the day off.

The meeting was called to order by President Dr. Billye Peterson.

The new version of the ESA Opening Ritual was recited:

Members of Epsilon Sigma Alpha, we meet here again to pledge ourselves anew to the vows we accepted. Let us be ever mindful of the responsibilities that we pledged to our organization, keep faith with ourselves and the other ESA members, be tolerant and sincere, and ever worthy to wear the badge that symbolizes virtue, honor and truth.

Peggy Hughes, Chaplain, gave a Thought for the Day after leading the membership in the Flag Salute.

Dr. Peterson recognized New Pledges and First Time State Leadership attendees. They were presented with a gift.

Sooner Senioresses were recognized. They were acknowledged for all they do for Billye and ESA.

Billie Fritch, Beta Zeta, OKC, donated her chapter's profit of \$200 from the 2015 Convention to the State Council.

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Deputy Kim Lopez, TRIAD Coordinator for the Oklahoma County Sheriff, gave a very informative presentation on how to protect yourself from a perpetrator in your home, car, shopping mall and other places that you might be vulnerable.

Second Vice President, Educational Director, Peggie Sprinkle presented a Slide Show picturing many Oklahoma Stars. The membership had an opportunity to test their Oklahoma knowledge by guessing who these people were. The persons with the highest number of correct answers were given a prize.

Darla Barton, Philanthropic Workshop Coordinator, gave an overview of her job description and reviewed what chapters that participate in "Contests" were required to submit.

OK State Council St. Jude Co-Coordination, Darlene Cushenberry and Barbara Childers, had a slide show of their recent trip to St. Jude, Memphis. They both shared their experiences during the days they spent with other ESA members from around the country during a training seminar. Taylor Johnson, ALSAC Representative, addressed the group. She thanked OK ESA for all their hard work supporting St. Jude. Dawn Haley along with the Give Thanks Walk Team challenged the members to sign up for the walk and get 10 other members to sign up. Gold and white striped ribbons were given to those who were already signed up for the walk and all names of members who were registered to walk were entered into a drawing. There was a live auction conducted by Nancy Buck, Delta Kappa, Norman, as well as a silent auction, wire ring sale and donations netting \$1,247 for St. Jude.

ESA State Council Convention Committee members, Linda Voss, Robin Brown, Lola Jaegers and Gwen Beasley, reminded the members that today was the last day to "Fast Track" and pay convention registration and there was still time to "Slow Track". All the names of members who had registered were entered into a bucket and a winner was drawn.

We were adjourned to a bountiful salad lunch prepared by Gamma Zeta, Edmond. While dining we had a brain challenging ESA Trivia handout prepared by Rosalie Griffith to complete. Shirley Moore, Gamma Zeta, Edmond, hosted a "Service is in Style" fashion show. The models were ESA members and the clothing was from the Hopefully Yours second-hand clothing store in Edmond.

At 1:22 p.m. the meeting was reconvened by Dr. Peterson.

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Dr. Tori McKee, Professor of Marketing at the University of Oklahoma was the second guest speaker. Dr. McKee spoke on Women, Leadership and Well Being. She focused on relationships, thriving and defining success.

President Peterson showed a slide show highlighting the ESA International Convention held in Orlando, Florida, July 2016. IC awards were presented to the recipients.

ESA Foundation Counselor, Vivian Gibson, presented the Foundation Scholarship recipients and other awards.

Dr. Peterson read a story about "Planned Abandonment" and another from an OK ESA member who was reluctant to serve on the Council Board. The members present were then asked to form groups and answer several questions about what their thoughts about making positive change in ESA by Cleaning ESA's Closet while moving forward and remaining service motivated. After the individual roundtable discussion, each group's spokesperson shared their ideas with the entire group.

President Peterson sat on stage next to an empty chair and asked a very pondering question. Who would be sitting in the empty chair in ESA's future? If everyone doesn't work on membership, then both chairs are eventually going to empty!

Nancy Baucom, First Vice President, Nominating Committee Chair, invited and encouraged members to contact the nomination committee if they were interested in running for an ESA Board position for the year 2016-2017. Committee members are: Chair Nancy Baucom, Jo Rott, Judi York, Janice Shockley, and June Miller.

Announcements from the floor were made.

The meeting was adjourned using the new closing ritual:

Here as we close, may we guide and direct each other so that we remain steadfast in our hearts and faithful to our pledge. May we be reminded of our goals, and as we go our separate ways, may we ever hold aloft the ray from the lamp of learning that those who follow in our footsteps may be guided by its light.

Respectfully submitted,

Margaret Kramer – Recording Secretary



TRIVIA was presented by Rosalie Griffin at the State Leadership

Who in Oklahoma participated in a cross country Bike Ride for St. Jude?	What State president visited the White House?	What state will host the 2016 IC Convention?	What state president's theme was "ESA – No Dream Too Tall"?	Who was Mrs. J. G. "Mom" Sartin?
Who introduced ESA to ALSAC?	How many years has the Oklahoma School for the Blind been a State Project?	Who is always our doctor on call?	What year did Oklahoma have 140 Chapters?	What is the new name for the DIANA Award?
Who made and designed the first ESA Flag?	In what year was the 1 st State Leadership held and who was State President?	What year was the first State Convention held?	Who wrote "Oklahoma Celebrating 60 Years in ESA"?	What Chapter submitted the winning name of our newsletter the "Petticoat Journal"?
Who was the state's first Philanthropic Chairman?	Who was the first Chairman of the ESA Foundation?	When was name ESA World Center Foundation changed to the ESA Foundation?	What is the current State President's Theme?	Who is Robert Palmer?

ANSWERS TO ESA TRIVIA

Q. What Oklahoma ESA couple participated in a cross-country Million Dollar Bike Ride for St. Jude?

A. Dr. Billye Peterson & her husband the summer of 1974 – Began in Memphis, TN and ended in Los Angeles at Rancho Park. Danny Thomas was there to greet them.

Q. What State president visited the White House?

A. Rosalie Griffith – She got a private audience with President Bill Clinton when she visited during her years as President of the OSSBA and was IC President.

Q. What state will host the 2016 IC Convention?

A. Rocky Mountain Regional states – Colorado, Idaho, Montana, New Mexico, Utah and Wyoming. It will be held in Colorado.

Q. What state president's theme was "ESA – No Dream too Tall"?

A. Lola Jaegers - 1992-93

Q. Who was Mrs. J. G. "Mom" Sartin?

A. J.G. "Mom" was an organizer of Chapters in Oklahoma and acted as an advisor to them. She helped the chapters form what is now known as the Oklahoma State Council.

Q. Who introduced ESA to ALSAC?

A. Judy Lester from Indiana

Q. How many years has Oklahoma School for the Blind been a State Project?

A. Forty seven years. The State Project was voted on in 1968 when Norma Moore was president.

Q. Who is always our doctor on call?

A. Doc Holsted

Q. What year did Oklahoma have 140 Chapters?

- A.** 1977 – Billie Fritch was State President
- Q.** What is the new name for the DIANA AWARD?
- A.** The Distinguished Achievement Award
- Q.** Who made and designed the first ESA Flag?
- A.** Myre Starr – Myre served as the Oklahoma State President in 1955-56 and as IC President in 1960-61
- Q.** In what year was the 1st State Leadership held and who was State President?
- A.** First Oklahoma Leadership was held in 1966 and Betty Andrews was State President.
- Q.** What year was the first State Convention held?
- A.** The first convention was held April 17-18, 1945.
- Q.** Who wrote “Oklahoma Celebrating 60 Years in ESA”?
- A.** Rosalie Griffith - 1990 she served as Publicity Chair
- Q.** What Chapter submitted the winning name of our newsletter the “Petticoat Journal”?
- A.** Alpha Theta #1036 – Muskogee – The year was 1951.
- Q.** Who was the state’s first Philanthropic Chairman?
- A.** Blanch March – 1960-61 Ardyce Buse Briggs was State President.
- Q.** Who was the first Chairman of the ESA Foundation?
- A.** Judy Lester from Seymour, Indiana – Kitty Rodman served as the first Director in 1970-71
- Q.** When was name ESA World Center Foundation changed to the ESA Foundation?
- A.** It became the ESA Foundation in 1977-78.
- Q.** What is the current State President’s Theme?
- A.** Star Spangled ESA
- Q.** Who is Robert Palmer?
- A.** Robert Palmer and his wife Dixie were the founders of ESA in 1929.