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Sisters of Epsilon Sigma Alpha, we meet again to pledge ourselves anew to the vows of our ritual which we accepted in the golden glow of a candle-light room. May we be ever mindful of the responsibilities that we pledge to our sorority, keep faith with ourselves and our sisters, be tolerant and sincere and ever worthy to wear the badge that symbolizes virtue, honor, truthfulness, friendliness and loveliness.

As I listened to the Newly elected President of the United States tonight, it certainly gave me hope, and a sense of security, just as it does each meeting when I repeat our pledge to our sisters and each other.

If your political affiliation is Blue or Red, those lines are usually put aside in ESA as we join our sisters in our effort to help those in need. As ESA members, we always strive to be the Best We Can Be without selfish thoughts or attitude. Because we are such a strong organization.

This has been a year with many personal and situational struggles, but through this all, we have faith that our ESA sisters will pull us through.

I am not usually as introspective in my posts as your Oklahoma President, but I just want to assure you again that when you are having struggles, we are bonded just as our newly elected President of the United States desires for us to be.... *we already are because we have ESA.*

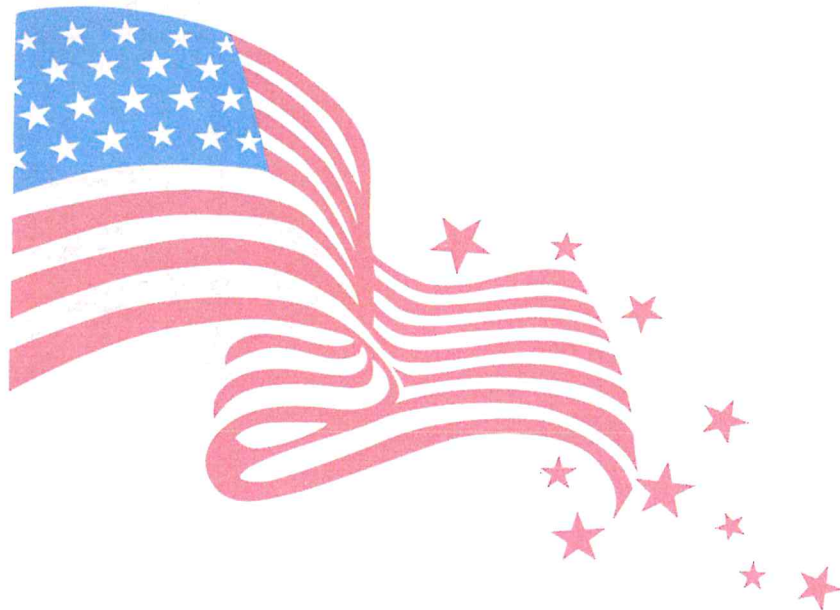
The main change, if you are reading this to the end, is that the location and dates for the 20-21 Convention has changed.

The Crowne Plaza has closed and we have located another venue with different days. Details will be coming in a few weeks.

But remember, we are ESA and will adapt to any changes put before us.

Love you all

Mona



November 2020

First Vice President

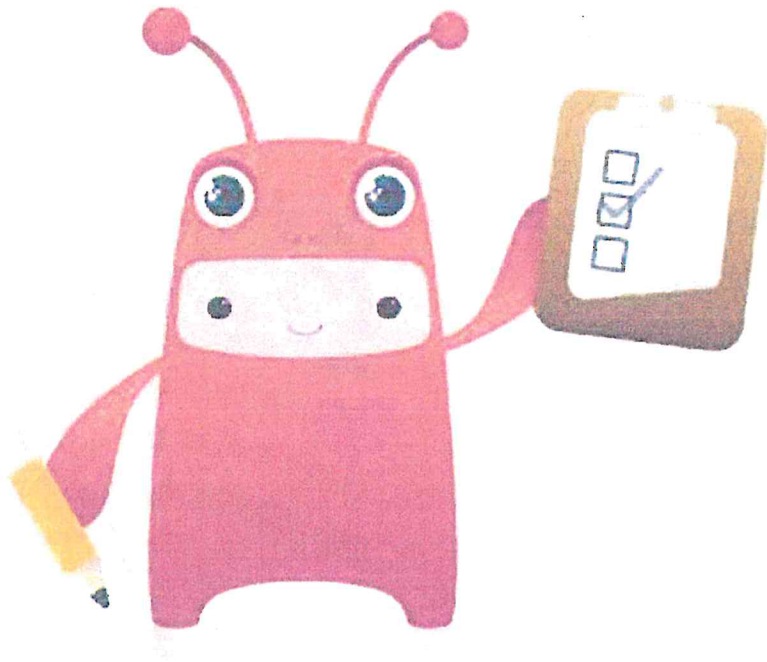
Hello Ladies, I thought all this Covid stuff was supposed to settle down and then everyone could start getting together again. I was also relieved when there were no reports of anyone getting sick after Convention and Western District meetings. Proves that our social distancing and face masks is working.

I personally still wear my mask everywhere we go. Lately we are spending a lot of time at home. Recently went out on the lake to fish and relax in the breeze. We wore our masks till we got on the boat.

I would also like to remind you to think about what you would like to do on the board for next year. In the next couple weeks, we will try to reach to everyone to see what your thoughts are. So please have an open mind and take a challenge like I did. It has been exciting for the most, however I sure hope we can get back to meetings in person.

Talk to all soon

Sandy



Mary Edwards Walker

Mary Edwards Walker was born in the [Town of Oswego](#), New York, on November 26, 1832. She was the youngest of seven children: she had five sisters and one brother. Their nontraditional parenting nurtured Mary's spirit of independence and sense of justice that she actively demonstrated throughout her life. While they were devoted Christians, the Walkers were "free thinkers" who raised their children to question the regulations and restrictions of various denominations. The Walker parents also demonstrated non-traditional gender roles to their children regarding sharing work around the farm: Vesta often participated in heavy labor while Alvah took part in general household chores. Walker worked on her family farm as a child. She did not wear women's clothing during farm labor because she considered it too restricting. Her mother reinforced her views that corsets and tight lacings were unhealthy.

After finishing primary school, Mary and two of her older sisters attended Falley Seminary in Fulton, New York. Falley was not only an institution of higher learning, but a place that emphasized modern social reform in gender roles, education, and hygiene. Its ideologies and practices further cemented Mary's determination to defy traditional feminine standards on a principle of injustice. In her free time, Mary would pore over her father's medical texts on anatomy and physiology; her interest in medicine is attributable to her exposure to medical literature at an early age. As a young woman, she taught at a school in Minetto, New York, eventually earning enough money to pay her way through Syracuse Medical College, where she graduated with honors as a medical doctor in 1855, the only woman in her class.

Walker was infamous for contesting traditional female wardrobe. In 1871, she wrote, "The greatest sorrows from which women suffer to-day are those physical, moral, and mental ones, that are caused by their unhygienic manner of dressing!" She strongly opposed women's long skirts with numerous petticoats, not only for their discomfort and their inhibition to the wearer's mobility but for their collection and spread of dust and dirt. As a young woman, she began experimenting with various skirt-lengths and layers, all with men's trousers underneath. By 1861, her typical ensemble included trousers with suspenders under a knee-length dress with a tight waist and full skirt.

Walker volunteered at the outbreak of American Civil War as a surgeon – first for the Army, but was rejected because she was a woman. The U.S. Army had no female surgeons, and at first, she was allowed to practice only as a nurse. During this period, she served at the First Battle of Bull Run (Manassas), July 21, 1861, and at the Patent Office Hospital in Washington, D.C. She worked as an unpaid field surgeon near the Union front lines, including at the Battle of Fredericksburg and in Chattanooga after the Battle of Chickamauga. As a suffragist, she was happy to see women serving as soldiers, and alerted the press to the case of Frances Hook, in Ward 2 of the Chattanooga hospital, a woman who served in the Union forces disguised as a man. Walker was the first female surgeon of the Union army. She wore men's clothing during her work, claiming it to be easier for high demands of her work.

On April 10, 1864, she was captured by Confederate troops, and arrested as a spy, just after she finished

helping a Confederate doctor perform an amputation. She was sent to Castle Thunder in Richmond, Virginia, and remained there until August 12, 1864, when she was released as part of a prisoner exchange. While she was imprisoned, she refused to wear the clothes provided her, said to be more "becoming of her sex". Walker was exchanged for a Confederate surgeon from Tennessee on August 12, 1864.

She went on to serve as supervisor of a female prison in Louisville, Kentucky, and as the head of an orphanage in Tennessee.

After the war, Walker was awarded a disability pension for partial muscular atrophy suffered while she was imprisoned by the enemy. She was given \$8.50 a month, beginning June 13, 1865, but in 1899 that amount was raised to \$20 per month.

She became a writer and lecturer, supporting such issues as health care, temperance, women's rights, and dress reform for women. She was frequently arrested for wearing men's clothing, and insisted on her right to wear clothing that she thought appropriate. She wrote two books that discussed women's rights and dress. She replied to criticism of her attire: "I don't wear men's clothes, I wear my own clothes."

Walker was a member of the central woman's suffrage Bureau in Washington. She attempted to register to vote in 1871, but was turned away. The initial stance of the movement, following her lead, was to claim that women already had the right to vote, and Congress needed only to enact enabling legislation. She continued to attend suffrage conventions and distribute her own literature, but was virtually ignored by the rest of the movement.

In 1907, Walker published "Crowning Constitutional Argument", in which she argued that some States, as well as the federal Constitution, had already granted women the right to vote. She testified on women's suffrage before committees of the U.S. House of Representatives in 1912 and 1914. Her death in 1919 came one year before the passage of the Nineteenth Amendment to the United States Constitution, which guaranteed women the right to vote.

Walker felt that she had been awarded the Medal of Honor because she had gone into enemy territory to care for the suffering inhabitants, when no man had the courage to do so, for fear of being imprisoned.

Walker was inducted into the National Women's Hall of Fame in 2000.



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OKLAHOMA COUNCIL OF EPSILON SIGMA ALPHA MINUTES

STATE LEADERSHIP ZOOM MEETING

September 12, 2020

The State Leadership meeting was held on September 12, 2020 via Zoom.

President Mona Johnston called the meeting to order at 10:00 a.m. The opening ritual and pledge of allegiance were recited. Mona read the thought for the day for State Chaplain Charlene Law and gave Charlene's report.

Sympathy cards were mailed to Zeta Gamma, Shawnee, for the death of Mary Ann Jones. Roberta Metzger, former Sigma Chi member, loss of her daughter. Leslie Farabee and Liddie Farabee, Eta Mu, Owasso chapter for the loss of Leslie's father and Liddie's grandfather. Jodie Ross, Delta Chi for the loss of her husband. Mara Wheeler, Gamma Delta loss of her mother, Greta Wheeler who was a charter member of Beta Iota. A thinking of you card was sent to Sue Knight, Sigma Chi Inola as she recovers from a broken shoulder.

In keeping with Mona's theme this year "ESA Makes Beautiful Music," Mona introduced speaker Janet Fechnet from Bristow Schools, who spoke about her position with Bristow Schools, her faith in music impact on her students.

The next speaker was Eddie Quaid, Mona's brother, who spoke about his successes during his music teaching career. Following Eddie Quaid, Kappa Theta's Cheryl Tater, spoke about her continuing to work in the music ministry during the pandemic. Cheryl treated us to a song.

After Cheryl Tater, Mona introduced Cassidy Satterfield, St. Jude Rep who gave an update on St. Jude. Shaw Homes will be the builder for the Tulsa St. Jude Dream House as well as the Dream house in Oklahoma City for 2021. September is Childhood Cancer Awareness Month. Cassidy shared a video.

Mona introduced the Executive and General Board, and asked the Sooner Seniorettes to announce themselves.

We had one guest in attendance, Janet Fechnet and first time attendee, Carol King, Kappa Theta, Guthrie. Attendance will be taking via Zoom for the record.

Committee to read the minutes for this meeting are Rita Haines, Margaret Kramer and Sylvia Ochs.

2020 Convention Update – Robbin Brown/ Linda Leveridge: Robbin stated that we had 58 full registrations and 72 for the Saturday evening event. \$3,190.00 profit was made and \$1,095.25 was given to the State Council.

The committee to read the minutes from the First and Second General Assembly were Cathy Holstead, Chairman, Gwen Beasley and Gwynn Nell Swanson. Minutes were approved with one correction to the July 31st minutes.

The committee to read the March State Council meeting were Aletha Bolt, Sharon Storms and Darla Barton. Minutes were correct as printed.

First Vice President, Sandy Lackey announced the dates for the 2022 Convention, April 29th, 30th and May 1, 2022 at the Embassy Suites Hotel in Tulsa. Suite rates are King \$109, 2 doubles \$112. This includes made to order breakfast and a Manager's reception each evening. Convention registration is \$120 which includes the Friday night mixer. Hostess chapters are Alpha Theta and Beta Iota. Convention chair is Elise Jimison and Co-chair is Ruth Jo Carnegie.

Sandy asked everyone to think about serving on the state board, either elected or appointed. Nominating committee consists of Sandy Lackey, Linda Leverage, Margaret Kramer, Rita Hains, Jacque Cantrel and Gloria Torres. Please let them know in what capacity you are willing to serve.

Treasurer Marilyn Hight gave a Treasurer's update. Balance as of September 10, 2020 is \$4,174.39. We have \$4,000 in our CD and \$5,207.99 in the Money Market.

Directory Chair Lori Few reported that all 75 Directories have been sold.

Eastern District Coordinator/ Foundation Chair Judi York reported that the Eastern District Leadership meeting was held on August 22, 2020. Darlene Cushenberry, Kappa Alpha, Tulsa, volunteered to be the district's Vice Coordinator after the resignation of June Miller. The next Eastern District meeting will be February 27, 2021 in Muskogee.

Western District Coordinator, Ramona Bench announced the Western District Meeting will be October 10, 2020 at Noble Avenue Baptist Church, 1219 West Noble Avenue in Guthrie, Ok. Check in will be at 9:30 a.m. More information later.

2021 Convention Chair: Mona Johnston read for Tina McKamie. The 2021 ESA Oklahoma State convention will be held at the Crowne Plaza on April 30, 2021 and May 1, 2021. Registration will remain at \$120. The room rate will be \$99. Beta Iota, Muskogee and Sigma Chi, Inola are hostess chapters.

Peggie Sprinkle, Membership Chair, announced that October is Recruitment month. The IC website has suggestions to go with the theme "Up Your Game in ESA".

Social Media/ Webmaster Aletha Bolt did a presentation about the Zoom process and protocol.

Care Connection/Hope for Heroes Chair, Jennifer Sparkman reported that the Tulsa area Blue Star moms are asking for 150 skull caps to be crocheted/ knitted by November 1st. The Tulsa Vet Center is requesting hats, scarves, quilts, and letters. In Oklahoma City the VA Health Care System announced in person volunteer opportunities are on hold. There is a list of items they are requesting. Please refer to the Oklahoma ESA Facebook page, or contact Jennifer Sparkman for further information.

ESA Foundation:

Judi York International Vice Chairman reported that the ESA Foundation Board of Directors have been busy planning new things for ESA Foundation membership. The new Life Active Membership campaign is called "Smart Cookie", campaign.

As part of the 2020/2021 ESA Foundation Life Active campaign there is a special incentive for States. This is the Life Active Membership Grant Building Program. More information will be available in upcoming ESAF Workshops.

Rosalie Griffith, International ESAF Grant Chair, reported the results of the Foundation survey. Top choices were learning about ESA Foundation and Grants and Scholarships. Rosalie encouraged us to get the word out about available grants and scholarships through the Foundation. Applications have been low due to schools being out for COVID 19.

Vivian Gibson, ESA Foundation Counselor, thanked everyone who helped facilitate the Silent Auction at the State Convention in her absence. The auction raised \$1,561. Easterseals and St. Jude will receive \$520.33 each and the ESA Foundation will receive \$520.34. The foundation's portion was given to Hawkins, Tuma and Starr Endowment.

On Wednesday, September 30, 2020 at 7:00 p.m. the Foundation's first virtual workshop will be held. The topic is "Generosity—The Key to Happiness." To attend please send your email address to Judi York: Judikay@cox.net by Wednesday, September 23, 2020. Space is limited.

On October 17th at 6:30 p.m. ESA Foundation will present "Murder in Margaritaland" murder mystery party. Reservations must be made online: <https://esa-foundation-event.square.site/>. General admission entry is \$25 and sponsorships are tax deductible.

The Scholarship season started on September 1st. Deadline to apply is February 1st. Please check the epsilonsigmaalpha.org website for detailed information.

Vivian announced the winners of the one year Foundation memberships, made possible by Oklahoma new Life Active memberships. For every 2 Life Active Members the Foundation gave us \$100. We had 4 Life Active so we received \$200. Any person interested in getting a one year paid Foundation membership and commits to at least an additional year membership emailed their name to Vivian. She received 5 names. Memberships go to Paula Willingham, Brenda Yates, Darla Barton, Beta Iota Chapter and Jeanne Kindley- Lipton. We have 3 remaining (\$75.00). We must use them before May 31, 2021.

Jr. Past President/Disaster Fund Chair, Linda Leveridge requested that chapters consider doing more for the Disaster Fund this year. She has received two checks each for \$100.00. She would love to see each chapter in our state donate at least that amount as chapter budgets get planned.

Sr. Past President/ Workshop Coordinator Margaret Kramer reported that the Finance committee appointed a Ways and Means Committee and agreed to fundraise in order to repay money to the 2012 IC convention Profit Fund and have additional monies to fund the future budgets. \$1,200.00 had to be moved from the 2012 IC Convention Profit Fund to the General Operating Fund Account for the 2021 budget.

Chapter Presidents will be getting detailed information in October on exciting opportunities to help fund the OK State Council.

OK MARC Report: Deb Hughes announced that the MARC 2020 Leadership Conference will be virtual. October 2nd is the deadline for registering. Email Kim Poling, MARC Recording Secretary at a.kimmi.p57@gmail.com.

In 2022, Oklahoma will host the MARC October meeting. Deb Hughes suggested that a motion to appoint Rosalie Griffith and Deb Hughes as co-directors for planning the MARC 20222 conference in Tulsa. Margaret Kramer moved and Rosalie Griffith second. Motion carried.

Distinguished Achievement Award Chair, Rita Haines reminded us of the March 1st deadline for chapters to submit their candidate.

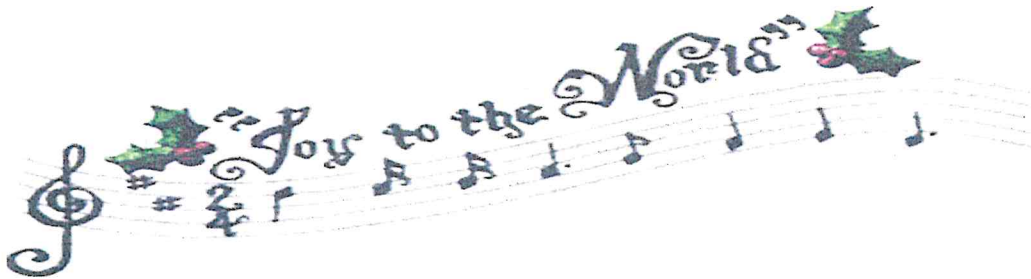
Sooner Seniorette President Nancy Baucom asked Mona to announce that she will email all Sooner Senioresses by the end of the month.

New Business/ Announcements: September 30th is Chili's profit day for ESA. Deb Hughes asked that those who can't attend please consider donating to Team ESA Oklahoma for the St. Jude Walk/Run.

Other new Business- Brenda Yates announced an update to by laws is in the works with IC. Lee Ann Wray IC President is working on it. Make sure HQ has current ballot email address. Rosalie Griffith stated that language for ballot voting is being updated after board approval. Information will be sent out to states after board approval.

Meeting closed with ritual. Adjourned at 1:00 p.m.

Submitted by Linda Jones ESA Oklahoma Recording Secretary



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Season Greetings to ESA Oklahoma State Council! Thank you all for submitted your articles. Your next deadline will be January 7, 2021. Please adhere to this deadline. I know we are all busy and will be recovering from our Family Celebrations, in whichever format, that may be. Please stay and healthy as we move into 2021.

Much love and thanks.

Leslie Farabee, ESA Ok State Council PJ Editor 2020-21

Happy Fall Sisters,

The Oklahoma School of the Deaf and The Oklahoma School for the Blind have been off to a rough start this year. The schools have been in quarantine and has had to move to distance learning a few times since the start of the year. Let's keep both school's students, teachers and staff in our prayers.

This year the schools have decided a new way for us to productively help the students. We will not be individually sponsoring students monetarily. All money donated to the schools will go into general fund available for any and all student's needs. However, you are welcome to continue sending gifts, cards etc. to any student that you have sponsored and would like to keep in touch with. Both school councilors feel that this method will insure that all student's needs are meet.

As of now both school have cancelled our yearly tours and do not believe that they will be rescheduled for this school year.

As Christmas season comes upon us, remember that a donation to the ESA State Project makes a great gift. You can donate in the name of secret sister, family member, friend or any special person in your life. If you provide me with the name and address I will send them a card to let them know that you gave a gift in their name and of course, I will not let your secret sister know your identity.

Blessings to you all,
Amanda Lovell
ESA State Project Director



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Greetings one and all!!!!

It was so nice to have the warm weather back again. It made the great tree disaster alloy easier to handle. I was without power for five days. I was mighty thankful to those hard-working people. I hope all of you still without power are hanging in there and hopefully yours will be back on soon.

As of this date, I have turned in a total of 723.00 to the disaster fund. With this historic ice storm and hurricanes still in full swing, it is imperative we support the Disaster Fund and keep funds rolling in. You never know when one of our sisters will be in need.

Keeping this in mind please remember to send your donations in. Perhaps a couple fundraisers as well to raise money for this very worthy FUND!!!!!!

Stay safe and hope to see you all soon.

Linda Leveridge
Disaster Fund Chair



Hope for Heroes provides support to military personnel and their families. You can find service ideas and opportunities by going to the following link:

www.epsilonsigmaalpha.org/Heroes

Thank you to everyone who donated knitted skull caps for deployed service members to the Blue Star Mothers of Tulsa!

For those of you who did not have a chance to participate, they will continue to accept donations of knitted hats as well as travel size toiletries and snacks. An updated list of items is available upon request.

ESA members can also participate in the Wreaths Across America Program through December 19th. Please visit their website at www.wreathsassamerica.org for more information.

If you have any questions, please contact the Hope For Heroes chair, Jennifer Sparkman at jmsparkman7@gmail.com



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Chapter Dues Are Due NOW!!

IC Dues – for Chapters and Councils/Districts \$40 Due May 1, 2021 to be eligible to vote at 2021 IC Convention Send to: IC Treasurer Brenda Meyers 242 Oxford Drive Fairborn, OH 45324 brendasmeyers@gmail.com

FEDERAL TAX FACTS Financial Report.....Due September 15, 2020 This MUST be sent in by each Chapter/Council in order to be exempt from paying Federal Income Tax on the fundraising monies raised for charitable purposes. Each Chapter/Council must have an Employer Identification Number. To apply for the ID Number, contact ESA Headquarters. The ESA Tax Facts Form are available on the OK ESA website: www.oklaesa.org

STATE DUES\$30 + \$5 per member as of April 1, 2020 Send to: Marilyn Hight 6 Meadow Dr. Bristow, OK 74010 marilynhigh@yahoo.com treasurer@oklaesa.org **State dues must be paid in full by January 1, 2021 in order to be eligible for contest recognition.**

DISTRICT DUES (Due by January 1)

Western District\$15.00 Send to: Theta Tau #4563 3 Woodbridge Dr. Bella Vista, AR. 72714 C: -405-227-6643 Email: nanakitty22@sbcglobal.net

Eastern District.....\$20.00
Send to: Robyn Ryan 1507 N Fallin Hominy, OK 74035 C: 918-346-0342 Email: robynrhuntinggirl@gmail.com

ESA FOUNDATION DUES-.....\$15.00 (Dues are \$25 first year and \$15 per year thereafter) Send to: ESA Foundation 363 West Drake Rd Fort Collins, CO 80527 (Due before March 1, 2021)

Individual Dues IC Dues\$49.00
(Due according to Pledge Date) Send to: Epsilon Sigma Alpha International 363 West Drake Rd. Fort Collins, CO 80526 **Note: A \$5 senior discount is available for members 65 years & older. To receive this discount, contact ESA HQ and provide your date of birth. If a member leaves your chapter for any reason notify Headquarters so that they are taken off your roster.**

Greetings ESA Oklahoma Sisters:

The virtual St. Jude Memphis Marathon weekend is a one-day fundraising event from across the country on December 5th. Also another fundraiser is TEAM USA and now is the time to sign up and join with a goal of \$75,000. Go to www.stjude.org and sign up for either event and click on "Get Involved.". There are also other ways listed to do fundraisers if your chapter is unable to hold any event.

A special thanks to those chapters that have already made donations as of October 31st. They are: 4350 Alpha Rho - \$400; 3158 Beta Zeta - \$20 (memorial); 5244 Nu Delta - \$215 (memorial); 4563 Theta Tau - \$1500 – (IC Challenge); 4253 Zeta Gamma - \$50 and Z937 Oklahoma State Council – 520.33.

Check out the *St. Jude Inspire Magazine* for a lot of good news and happenings at St. Jude.

Keep up all the good work for the "kids" at St. Jude.

Ramona Paine, Chair

ESA for St. Jude



ALSAC • Danny Thomas, Founder

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Hi Everyone,

How many of you are still talking up the scholarships? Please continue to do so. If you would like a letter to mail out or hand out to your school counselors about the scholarships please let me know. Remember the deadline is February 1st.

You too can also start an Endowment with just a hundred dollars. What would it mean to your family to have a scholarship in their name. If you are interest in starting an endowment please contact me at 405-229-4731 or tigervip@aol.com.

Now the Foundation has a new incentive program called a Grant Builder. This program was introduced at the recent ESAF virtual workshop. This new idea combines the Life Active campaign and the Grant Program. This is how it works: The State/chapter/group/or team, recruits 4 new Life Active Members; After recruiting 4 new Life Active members, the team raises an additional \$500 to be matched by the Foundation's Grant Fund. The state/team determines the criteria for the Grant, within the Grant program guidelines. The \$1,000 grant will be awarded to a local recipient based on the determined criteria. This is an opportunity for chapters to specify and fund a local grant; to engage local sponsors and to grow the Grant program in general. Do we have any creative thinkers who are up to the challenge?

We still have four Foundation memberships available if anyone is interested in joining the Foundation.

Happy Holidays to all of you! Stay safe!

Vivian Y. Gibson, ESA Foundation State Counselors

SCHOLARSHIP



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MARC Report

The MARC Conference in October was held virtually, with over 125+ members attending and enjoying ESA fellowship, education, Hope for Heroes and a little business.

Congratulations to the new MARC Board Officers:

- President, Brenda Fields (Missouri)
- Vice President, Kim Polling, (Iowa/Illinois)
- Treasurer, Jill Shull (Illinois)
- Secretary, Bonnie Templeton (Kansas)
- Parliamentarian, Jill Richards (Kansas)
- Jr. Past President, Linda Schmidt (Kansas)

Save the Date on your calendar

MARC Conference 2021, Oct. 8-9, 2021 to be hosted by the Kansas State Council. Lodging and meeting at the Hotel at Old Town in Wichita, KS.

Wichita isn't far and would be a super opportunity for OK ESA members to check out the MARC Conference 2021.

MARC Conference 2022 will be in the Tulsa area. If you are interested in the planning committee, contact Rosalie Griffith or Deb Hughes.

Rosalie Griffith, OK MARC Rep
Deb Hughes, OK MARC Rep



Just a friendly reminder that the Outstanding Youth applications are online www.oklaesa.org.

Applications are due by March 1st 2021.

Melissa Byrum, Outstanding Youth

Chapter Chatter

BETA IOTA, MC ALLESTER CHAPTER HAPPENINGS

Hello all! Hope that COVID has not been provoking too much havoc with your chapter's activities. Beta Iota ladies had an online Raffle for a week's stay in Branson and a former member of ESA was the lucky winner. On October 22 the Chapter hosted a Let's Taco bout ESA, served a Taco bar, Margarita punch and Sopapilla cake for dessert. Four prospective members enjoyed the festivities while learning more about ESA and Beta Iota. Annette Nichols, VP and Membership Chair played "What's in your purse" game and prizes were awarded. Currently we are getting prepared to celebrate Veteran's Day. The Chapter will be handing out "Thank you for your Service" goody bags at the McAlester Veterans Clinic. Next we are looking forward to partnering with "Relay for Life" crew and participating in an ONLINE Auction, The Twelve Days of Christmas. The monies earned will be split with Relay for Life and Beta Iota for our Philanthropic projects. Beta Iota members are excited about having a page on the OK State Council 2021 Calendar, the page design of ideas are endless, thanks to all our creative members.

Beta Iota would like to take this opportunity to wish all our ESA Families



Blessings of Thanksgiving,



Merry Christmas and the happiest and healthiest year ahead!!



Delta Kappa PJ Article December 2020-January 2021

Like everyone else our lives have been disrupted by the Coronavirus including our ways and means project of taking tickets at the OU football and basketball games. We will work all 5 of the football games (3 down and 2 to go) It is undecided as to how many basketball games will be on the season's schedule. Plan B will be to have another garage sale if we don't have the income from this project.

Speaking of our garage sale held in Sept. at Goodrich Church, we profited \$3,000.00. That is our most successful sale ever. Due to the efforts and organizational skills of our W & M's chair, Georgia, and the hard work and long hours contributed by DK members we were proud and pleased to donate this amount to St Jude's Hospital and Easter Seals.

Linda, Faye, Sharon and Gloria attended the Western District meeting/leadership in Guthrie on Oct. 10. (Pic below) They said it was good meeting with lots of fun and informative information to bring back to the chapter.

It is with heartfelt sadness that we had to say goodbye to our DK sister, Katie Wamser. She went to her heavenly home on Oct. 25 after losing her battle with cancer. Her celebration of life was beautiful and very fitting for a life well lived. We will miss her terribly and her funny and uplifting stories always delivered with a beaming smile and an infectious laugh.

Please be in prayer for Sharon Storms who will be having surgery in Nov followed by radiation. Also please pray for the following for ongoing health issues, Nancy, Cheryl, Doylene, Vivian, Gloria, Jan, Helen and Donna.

Until next time.....May each of you be blessed with a wonderful season of Thanksgiving and may you be touched by the miracle of Christmas and all the joy that the Advent season brings.

Janice Shockley for Delta Kappa



Owasso- Eta Mu #2877

On August 29, 2020 at the home of Judy Kimball, we enjoyed our Annual Kick-off breakfast, despite the pandemic. Members reminisced about what they did during quarantine and how we are adjusting the guidelines. Life will never be the same. Adjustments for the Volunteer world was especially affected- receipts and volunteers.

Kathy Curtis installed the 2020-21 Executive Board: President/Educational -Debby Thompson, Vice-President Charlotte Grisham, Secretary- Leslie Farabee, Treasurer-Raedell Weatherl, Parliamentarian- Judy Kimball. Debby's theme for this year will be: "Investigate & Discover".

On October 14, at the First United Methodist Church in Owasso, Debby AND Leslie installed our newest member, Stephanie Meyer, sponsored by Suzanne Dossett.



Since the 2020 Oklahoma State Convention, Zeta Gamma has been busy planning our year and having great educational. Thank you to Robbin, Gwen and Linda for all your hard work on the 2020 convention and for the wonderful profit that was shared by our chapter.

We have three new members: Christi Voss, Mary Voss and Starr Gravitt. Woot, Woot!

Linda is encouraging us to Enjoy the Journey this year with her educational. The first was a story from each of us on a particular journey in life. Some members spoke of their journeys through bullying, others talked of real journeys they had traveled, both as children and adults. Very Gratifying to see that we all came out on the other side better, stronger women.

Gwen, Linda, Mary and Robbin went on a journey to Mexico and it is our understanding that they learned many new dance moves and enjoyed many new adult beverages.

Linda also took us on the journey of moving, after a long period of time, back to the home town of her father, Guthrie. She shared the adventure of the City's quest for the State Capitol and many other fascinating stories of Guthrie

Shawnee, Zeta Gamma #4253

Lola Jaegers

Tulsa Area Council News

The Tulsa Area Council presented their slate of officers for 2021 via Zoom on Wednesday, November 4th.

President - Peggy Hughes from Beta Gamma, Tulsa , Vice President- Linda Jones, Alpha Rho, Tulsa, Secretary- Peggie Sprinkle, Beta Gamma, Tulsa, Treasurer- Marilyn Hight, Beta Gamma, Tulsa, and Parliamentarian- Rosalie Griffith, Sigma Chi, Inola.

The Council will not hold the annual Candlelight Dinner and Installation at Freddie's this year, due to CDC requirements and the Social Distancing issue surrounding Coronavirus. Instead a virtual installation will take place on Saturday, December 12th.

Submitted by

Linda Jones, TAC Publicity Chair

Hey Gamma Delta ESA peeps. Just delivered a check to Erin Shackelford of Oklahoma Alliance for Animals (OAA) this morning from our T-shirt fundraiser. These people are heroes in our community. What a honor it is to meet members of this group.

Mary Battoe from the Gamma Delta branch of ESA proudly "went to the dogs" this past summer by presenting a check for a lot of "scratch" to the Oklahoma Alliance of Animals through its T-shirt fundraiser. Gamma Delta's check for \$545.00 will help the alliance continue its mission and that's something we're all happy to howl and meow over!

Joan Gallo

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KAPPA ALPHA #5393

Hello from the Tulsa area!

The Covid-19 attack changed our lives and our Chapter activities. We now have social distancing, Zoom meetings, electronic devices, quarantines, masks, sickness and deaths. We must remain resilient during our Covid-19 battle.

In July, Brenda Yates represented Kappa Alpha at the Oklahoma State Convention in Midwest City. On a beautiful day in October, we had our first "live" outdoor meeting in Woodward Park. Our theme, lawn chairs and masks!

Listing our 2020-2021 Officers: President Sharon Barnett, Vice-President Mitzi Joy, Secretary Brenda Yates, Treasurer Barbara Childers, Educational Director Carolyn Womack, Parliamentarian Janet Thompson.

Chairpersons: Awards Ruby Kimmons, Chaplain Marie DuCharme, History Joan Nightingale, Jonquil Girl Dora Gilbert, Philanthropic Darlene Cushenberry, Ways & Means Cindy Whitehead, Yearbook Marilyn Naas.

Other members: Anne Jones, Betty Metcalf, Jane Fleming and Robbie Thomas, (In 2019 seven members of Omega Pi joined Kappa Alpha now totaling 17 members)

For our Fundraiser, Sharon "nursed" plant cuttings from her home and yard for almost a year. She potted them in pots provided by the members. Brenda was our sales person. Maybe Sharon would consider this project again sometime in the future. A special thank you ladies, you are appreciated.

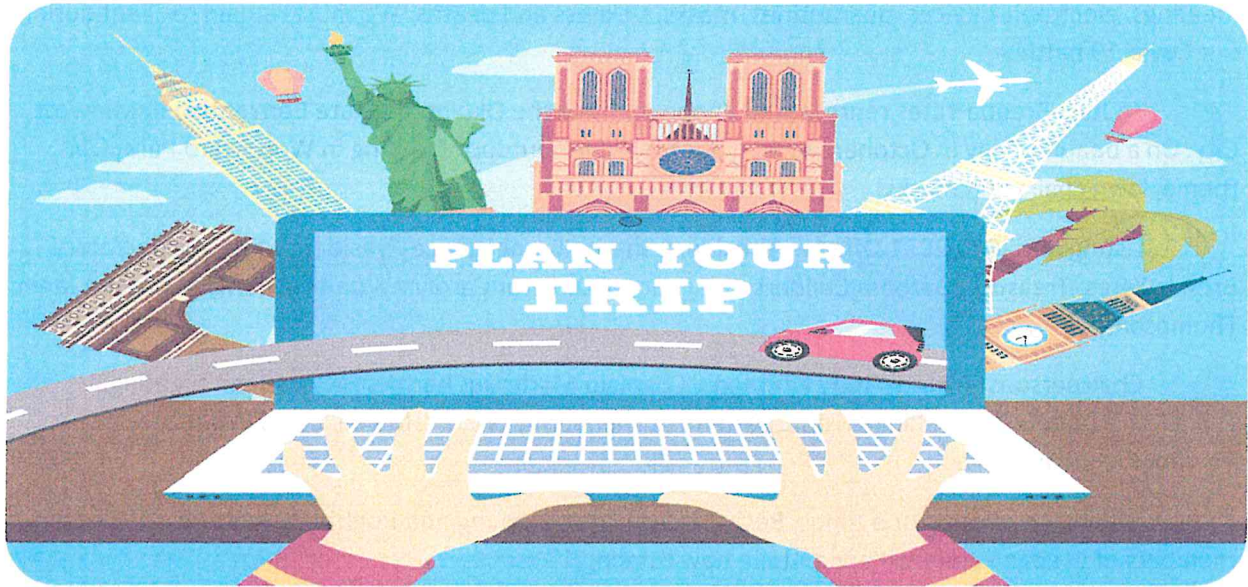
Donations were given to the State Disaster Fund for hurricane and fire victims. Monetary donations for Thanksgiving meals were given to the Hope for Heroes and veterans in the Military Order of Purple Heart. The majority of ESA events have been cancelled or postponed, however, when safety prevails, we will be ready to serve and help others.

Our heartfelt condolences for two of our Kappa Alpha Sisters. Marie DuCharme for the loss of her sister, Ellen. Darlene and Charles Cushenberry for the loss of their son, Chris. Their loving memories will live in your hearts giving you strength, comfort and peace, today and always. God Bless All of You and Your Families. Stay Safe!

Carolyn Womack, November 2020

OKLAHOMA STATE COUNCIL FUNDRAISER

ONE WEEK STAY IN A CONDO



Oklahoma State Council voted to Fundraise in an effort to keep the Operating Budget solvent. It was necessary to transfer \$1200 from the 2012 Convention Profit Fund to balance the 2020-2021 Operating Budget while providing for all necessary expenses. With fewer Chapters and members paying Council Dues yearly, the income was not sufficient to meet expenses. The Budget Committee is asking each chapter to sell \$100.00 worth of tickets at \$10.00 per ticket or 3 for \$25 These tickets can be sold to anyone, your family, friends, church members, business associates, Facebook friends, hair dresser or use as a SS gift, stocking stuffer etc. The Goal is to raise \$3000, the \$1200 will then be paid back to the 2012 Convention Profit Fund and the balance will benefit the State Council as income. The tickets are attached and can be printed for your use. If you cannot print them, please let me know and I will print them and mail them to you. The Winner will be entitled to a One Week Stay in a Studio or 1 Bedroom Condo in the location and date of their choice **dependent** on **availability** through Interval International. If you need any further information about this trip please feel free to call, text or email me – mghnurseok@aol.com or 918-617-3130. The Committee encourages each Chapter to sell tickets, it will help to finance the expenses of future ESA State Council leaders. The tentative date of the drawing will be at the 2021 State Convention. You can send the completed tickets and payment (by check - memo Trip no cash please) to Marilyn Haight, Treasurer at 6 Meadow hill Rd., Bristow, OK 74010. Thank you in advance for your chapter's commitment to this project and for all you do in the name of ESA.

Thank you in advance for your participation in this fundraiser. Margaret

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