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Sandy Lackey, President

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Message from your Oklahoma State President



Sandy Lackey

Hello ladies, It looks like this will be my last article in the PJ as your President.

I have really enjoyed this past year of "Enjoy the Journey in ESA" and had fun at all our meetings. My favorite has to be the ice cream Sundae bar at the March meeting.

The Passports have been a lot of fun as well. I hope everyone has been able to get to at least 4 meetings throughout the year and that you plan on attending the convention. Bring your Passport to Convention and place it in a Treasure Chest I will have there. I hope this PJ gets out in time so that it's a reminder for you to get your convention registration sent in to Judi York by April 1st. Also, if you plan to stay at the Embassy Suites during the convention that deadline is also April 1st. There will be lots of extras if you plan on staying at the hotel. Free breakfast each morning as well as a manager's reception each night for 2 hours. Some of that time we will need to be getting ready but we can still get a drink.

I hope everyone was able to get their contest forms sent in on time so they can be judged. The awards luncheon on Saturday will be buzzing with awards to be presented.

If you plan on coming to the hotel on Thursday, there will be several of us getting things ready and our MARC Rep BJ Voll will also be there on Thursday as well. So, a lot of socializing can happen. Our IC Rep will be Sandy Fletcher from Arkansas, but I am not sure yet what day she is arriving.

I am so excited about the new officers coming in behind me and am sure the coming year will be filled with Diamonds Shining Bright. Linda's theme is "ESA Shine Bright like a Diamond" and she has exciting things planned.

Sandy Lackey
President
Oklahoma State Council
March 15th, 2022

Linda Jones,

1st Vice President

The 2022-2023 Nominating Committee proudly present the Incoming Oklahoma State Council

2022-2023 Executive Board



Linda Jones – President
Alpha Rho, Broken Arrow



Eileen Wiley- Corresponding Secretary
Alpha Rho, Broken Arrow



Patty Heer- First Vice President
Zeta Gamma, Shawnee

It is my honor to accept the nomination and serve as First Vice President.

Qualifications:

ESA membership
Chapter-

32 years,

President, Vice President, Educational Chair, Philanthropic Chair,
Parliamentarian, DAA Chair, Outstanding Youth Chair

District

Western District Coordinator, Vice Coordinator

State Elected Offices

Petticoat Journal Editor, Western District Coordinator

State Appointed Offices

Hope for Heroes Chair, Secret Sister Chair, Scrapbook Chair

State Conventions Attended 11

Other Accomplishments

Zeta Gamma Woman of the Year (2) sponsored pledges, Served
On the United Way Board, Salvation Army Auxiliary, and obtained
the rank of Captain in the Civil Air Patrol (an auxiliary of the
United States Air Force)



Jennifer Sparkman – Treasurer
Kappa Theta, Guthrie

Qualifications:

ESA membership 4 Years
Chapter- Current Parliamentarian, Chapter President, Chapter Awards
District Western District Coordinator, Vice Coordinator
State Elected Offices Western District Coordinator

State Appointed Offices Hope for Heroes Chair, Easterseals Chair, Publicity Chair

State Conventions Attended 2

Other Accomplishments ESA Foundation Board member, MARC Hope for Heroes Chair, MARC Planning committee. Guthrie Lions Club President, Guthrie Territorial Christmas Foundation Board Secretary.



Darla Barton – Recording Secretary
Beta Psi – Clinton

I would like to thank you for the honor of being Recording Secretary for the Oklahoma State Council of Epsilon Sigma Alpha. I love our mission statement: “ESA is Good Friends, Good Works and Good times.” As Recording Secretary, I look forward to recording the minutes of the amazing history we will make. ESA’s purpose “is to inspire leadership and service by bringing good people together to pursue programs and projects that make a positive difference locally, nationally and internationally.” I am so excited to be a part of this incredible group.

Qualifications: I have held several positions on the State level, like District II/Western District Coordinator, Chaplain, Philanthropic Chair, Publicity Chair and Scrapbook Chair. On the District level I have been Coordinator, Vice Coordinator, Secretary and Chaplain. I have attended the last 15 State Conventions. My Chapter, Beta Psi is where I have accomplished the most. I have held every position from President to State Philanthropic project and have enjoyed every bit of it.





**Robbin Brown- Parliamentarian
Zeta Gamma, Shawnee**

I am honored to accept the position to run for the office of Parliamentarian for Epsilon Sigma Alpha of Oklahoma. I have been a member of ESA since 1989.

Qualifications: Member since November 1989
Chapter: All elected and chair committees several times

District: Coordinator, Vice Coordinator, Treasurer, Recording Secretary, Educational Director, Chaplain, ways & means, scrapbook

State: State President 2006-2007, 1st Vice, 2nd Vice, Parliamentarian, Recording Secretary, PJ, State project, Convention Chair (2), and many general board offices.
I have been to 4 International conventions and 32 state conventions.



**Liz King- Project Director
Gamma Zeta – Edmond**

I appreciate and accept the opportunity to serve as State Project Director. The opportunity to educate other to generate funds for the Oklahoma School for the Deaf and Oklahoma School for the Blind will be a pleasure for me to do. I hope to spread more awareness about what is happening and what needs to be done to help these children also.

On the State level I have held Acting Recording Secretary, Membership Chair and Awards Committee Chair. At the Chapter level I have held the position of Philanthropic Chair two terms. I am looking forward to a great year.



**Charlene Law
Sigma – Chi, Inola**

On behalf of Sigma Chi, nominating me for the office of PJ Editor for the year of 2022-23, I am accepting this nomination.

I joined in 1990 and am an Active Life Member, I received my Fifth Degree Pallas Athene and am a member of the ESA Foundation. I have held the following offices, Project Director, Recording Secretary, PJ Editor Currently hold the office of Parliamentarian. On the General board, I have held the following positions, Chaplain (3) Directory (2) Association of the Arts, Diana chairman, Philanthropic, Outstanding Youth and the Secret Sister Chairman.

I attended several State Conventions, (1) IC Convention, MARC Leadership Meeting in Dallas, Several District Leaderships and other District meetings. In District I have been Secretary, Treasurer ((2) and District Coordinator (2)

Tulsa Area Council I have held all offices more than once and most chairman positions. I would be honored to be elected as the 2022-23 PJ Editor.



**Sandy Lackey- Past President
Alpha Theta - Muskogee**



**Linda Leveridge - Western District Coordinator
Delta Kappa – Norman**



**Darlene Cushenberry- Eastern District Coordinator
Kappa Alpha – Tulsa**

Embassy Suites April 29th & 30th	Sandy's Convention 2022 Installation
June 18th, 2022 TBA	State Council Meeting
Sept 10th, 2022 Tulsa Highland Park Christian Church 27 February 2022	State Council Meeting
March 11, 2023 TBA	State Council Meeting
April 28-29 th , 2023 Marriott Tulsa Hotel	State Convention and Installation
July 27-31, 2022 Indianapolis Indiana	IC Convention

GENERAL BOARD/ CHAIRS	GENERAL BOARD/CHAIRS
Association of the Arts	Dawn Haley and Charlotte Smith
Auditor	Leslie Farabee
Awards	Kay Brader
Care Connection/Hope for Heroes	Judy Cravens
Chaplain	Peggie Sprinkle
Contest Chair	Cheryl Tater
Convention Chair	Judi York & Cheryl Young
Credentials	Mara Wheeler
Directory Chair	Gina Wozencraft
Distinguished Achievement Award	Sharon Storms
Easter Seals	Maxine Whelan
Educational Chair	Jacque Cantrel
ESA for St. Jude	Billye Putnam
ESA Foundation Counselor	Vivian Gibson
MARC Rep	Deb Hughes
MARC/ESA Foundation Board of Dir./ Past IC Pres/ Sooner Seniorette	Rosalie Griffith
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Outstanding Youth Chair	Brenda Yates
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Tammy Ramirez

Treasurer

Chapter	#	City	District	Members Pd	State Pd	IC Paid	Amount Pd	MBRS
Beta Gamma	391	Tulsa	EAST	\$55.00	\$30.00		\$85.00	11
Beta Beta	404	Holdenville	EAST	\$105.00	\$30.00		\$135.00	21
Beta Psi	498	Clinton	WEST					0
Gamma Delta	702	Tulsa	EAST	\$45.00	\$30.00		\$75.00	9AFTER
Alpha Theta	1038	Muskogee	EAST	\$50.00	\$30.00		\$80.00	10
Beta Rho	1270	Del City	WEST	\$40.00	\$30.00		\$70.00	8
Delta Chi	1637	Midwest City	WEST	\$15.00	\$30.00		\$45.00	3
Epsilon Kappa	1945	Hominy	EAST	\$50.00	\$30.00		\$50.00	10
Delta Epsilon	2091	Del City	WEST	\$15.00	\$30.00		\$45.00	3
Zeta Alpha	2292	Grove	EAST	\$85.00	\$30.00		\$115.00	17
Eta Epsilon	2840	Skiatook	EAST					0
Eta Mu	2877	Owasso	EAST	\$65.00	\$30.00		\$95.00	13
Alpha Zeta	3067	Pawhuska	EAST	\$90.00	\$30.00		\$120.00	18
Alpha Zigma	3085	Vinita	EAST					0
Beta Zeta	3158	OKC	WEST	\$35.00	\$30.00		\$65.00	7
Gamma Zeta	3464	Edmond	WEST	110.00	\$30.00		\$140.00	22
Delta Kappa	3538	Norman	WEST	\$90.00	\$30.00		\$120.00	18
Delta Lambda	3920	Muskogee	EAST	\$30.00	\$30.00		\$60.00	6
Zeta Gamma	4253	Shawnee	WEST	\$70.00	\$30.00		\$100.00	14
Beta Iota	4283	McAlester	EAST	\$125.00	\$30.00		\$155.00	25
Alpha Rho	4350	Broken Arrow	EAST	\$80.00	\$30.00		\$110.00	16
Theta Tau	4563	Kingfisher	WEST	\$120.00	\$30.00		\$150.00	24
Zeta Epsilon	4614	Seminole	WEST	\$75.00	\$30.00		\$105.00	15
Sigma Chi	5053	Inola	EAST	\$40.00	\$30.00		\$70.00	8
Gamma Pi	5091	Inola	EAST	\$115.00	\$30.00		\$145.00	23
Chi Epsilon	5149	Talihina	EAST	\$35.00	\$30.00		\$65.00	7
Nu Delta	5244	Muskogee	EAST	\$40.00	\$30.00		\$70.00	8
Kappa Alpha	5393	Tulsa	EAST	\$85.00	\$30.00		\$115.00	17
Kappa Theta	5414	Guthrie	WEST	\$65.00	\$30.00		\$95.00	13
Alpha Nu	5425	Arapaho	WEST	\$40.00	\$30.00		\$70.00	8AFTER
Delta Mu	1120	Antlers	EAST	\$95.00	\$30.00		\$125.00	19

Chapters paid for 2021-2022 BY DECEMBER 31, 2021

Chapter	City	District	Members Pd	State Pd	IC Paid	Amount Pd	MBRS
Total Members Paid for 2021-2022 by December 31, 2021							
			\$1,780.00	\$780.00		\$2,530.00	366
Total Chapters after January 1, 2022 2 CHAPTERS							
			\$85.00	\$60.00		\$145.00	17
Total Members dues and Chapter dues 2021-2022							
			\$1,865.00	\$840.00		\$2,675.00	373

Brenda Yates

Petticoat Journal Editor

WOW! Where has this whole year gone? I want to Thank each of you for your trust and support with me during this Journey. I hope you have enjoyed reading about all the travels each chapter has taken and continue to Shine Bright with the upcoming year. See you at the 2022 ESA State Convention.

Love and Hugs to you all

Brenda Yates

PJ Editor

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Liz King

State Project Director

Well the year is quickly coming to an end and things were done a little differently this time but we have made each child happy at Christmas. I will also have money available to send each graduate a gift card and Starla, director at OSD reports 3 students and Jamie at OSB reports 9 students graduating. Any left over funds after \$50 gift cards are bought per student will be equally distributed to the school also.

I would appreciate any suggestions or comments regarding my performance and changes needed for this coming year presented to me either by email or at the State Convention. We can then vote on those changes if necessary.

Would each chapter send to me the 2021-2022 State Project Form by April 1. I have received the form from Alpha Theta #1038 Muskogee.

Respectfully submitted,

Liz King



List of donations reported from Oklahoma

Gamma Zeta \$100.00 and \$263.00

Oklahoma State Council \$95.00

Zeta Epsilon \$30.00

Zeta Gamma \$50.00

Alpha Theta \$10.00

Gamma Pi \$100.00

Beta Rho \$200.00

Delta Kappa \$800.00

Epsilon Kappa \$10.00

Alpha Rho \$50.00

Kappa Alpha \$15.00

Beta Zeta \$50.00

Alpha Zeta \$25.00

Beta Gamma \$110.00

Delta Epsilon \$50.00



Be the Light that Shines

Total Donations: \$1,958.00

All donations have been mailed to LeAnn Wray IC Disaster Fund Chair

Please contact me by phone or email if you have any questions.

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Deb Hughes Eastern District Coordinator

ESA Focus and Move Forward

Members of Eastern District,

Thank you for the generous gift card. I hope to have a few trips planned for this spring and summer and it is perfect to have in my pocket.

We started the year with a COVID surge in our area and we had to move the September meeting to Zoom. When our February meeting was ushered in a few days earlier with 18 degrees and ice we watched carefully the road situation. With the main highways and roads cleared and treated we decided to go ahead and meet in-person. While our attendance was lower than originally expected, we had an abundance of warmth in ESA fellowship shared. Thank you for attending.

I am honored to have served as the Eastern District Coordinator. Let us continue to Focus and Move Forward in ESA.

My Best Regards,

Deb Hughes

Next Eastern District Meeting: Saturday, Aug 27, 2022

Highland Park Christian Church, Tulsa

February 26, 2022 - New Officers were installed by Barbara Childers:

Coordinator - Darlene Cushenberry

Vice-Coordinator - Dawn Haley

Secretary - Sharon Barnett

Treasurer - Charlene Law

Parliamentarian - Deb Hughes

Making a Change



Hi all chapter awards chairmen,

Be sure to send me a list of all of your chapter awards, be it years of service and/or Pallas Athene awards.

Please let me know if that person is going to be at the convention or not. I need this information by the 15th of April 2022.

Also, don't forget "What ESA Means to Me" entry. Deadline for this entry is April 1, 2022.

**Gwynn Nell Swanson
Awards Chairman**



Ramona Bench

Hope for Heroes Chairman

Here we are in the month of March and it is almost time for the State Convention. I hope you are all working on getting your reports finished and sent to the chairmen. Don't forget our Active Military and our Veterans as their needs are still there. We can do so much to meet their needs. I have sent out a list of needs and contacts and phone numbers.

I hope to see some of you at the "Salute to Veterans and their Families" April 9, 2022, at the American Legion Hall

In Guthrie, Ok. K-9 for Warriors is our Keynote Speaker and several veterans, male and female Will be speaking too. Lunch will be served.

Come salute our veterans.

**Ramona Bench
Hope for Heroes Chairman**

Chaplain

Cheryl Tarter

“Be an Encourager”

Dear ESA Oklahoma family,

What an honor it has been to serve as OK chaplain this past year. It has been bittersweet in that often the information I receive is news of illness or loss. However, what a wonderful thing it is to be able to send a card and let others know so they can pray, too. These past two years have been such a challenge to search for ways to connect, especially when we couldn't be with each other in person! However, I am thankful for technology, even though I much prefer seeing people in person.

Many of us have had to search for ways to cope with the fallout of the pandemic. Some of us have had to deal with health issues, and we all have had to deal with life changes caused by the pandemic. For me, I have turned to my faith, repeatedly, to sustain and nurture me. This comes through personal time, as well as from my church, friends, and encouragers. We can all be encouragers. Maybe we should look for ways to do that. My continual prayer is for God to help me be more aware. Some people are very observant. What a gift! I have to work at it. Still, it is a good goal for me. My suggestion to you is to be aware and look for ways to encourage and care for others. It is my belief that God created us for communion with Him and communion with each other.

So, here's one way to make that happen. Our Oklahoma State Council Convention is April 29 and 30 in Tulsa. It's a great way to reconnect with each other, celebrating the opportunity to meet in person! State Council President Sandy Lackey and her team have a wonderful convention planned. There will be a special time to honor those members we have lost this past year. Please don't hesitate to reach out to me to make sure I know of those who have passed this year. As always, in these next few weeks, I welcome hearing from you as to those who need our prayers and cards.

Thank you for being patient with me as I have learned about the responsibilities of this position. I continue to pray for all of us as we make our way forward.

In love and prayers,
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Oklahoma State Council 79th Annual Convention
“April Showers Bring May Flowers”

April 29 & 30, 2022

Embassy Suites Hotel, Tulsa, OK - Phone: 918-622-4000

Hotel Registration Deadline Friday, April 1, 2022

REQUEST THE GROUP RATE FOR “EPSILON SIGMA ALPHA”



MEMBER NAME		
ADDRESS:		CITY, STATE, ZIP:
PHONE:	Best way to contact you: ___phone ___text ___email	EMAIL:
CHAPTER NAME:	CHAPTER NUMBER:	CITY:

CHECK ALL THAT APPLY:

<input type="checkbox"/>	CHAPTER PRESIDENT	<input type="checkbox"/>	1ST TIME CONVENTION GOER	<input type="checkbox"/>	2021/2022 PLEDGE
<input type="checkbox"/>	EXECUTIVE BOARD MEMBER	<input type="checkbox"/>	GENERAL BOARD MEMBER	<input type="checkbox"/>	SOONER SENIORETTE
<input type="checkbox"/>	CURRENT/PREVIOUS IC OFFICER	<input type="checkbox"/>	CURRENT/PREVIOUS ESAF BRD	<input type="checkbox"/>	
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NAME:	HUSBAND/ESCORT OF:
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ELAN REGISTRATION:

NAME:	ESA MEMBER/CHAPTER:
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GUEST REGISTRATION:

NAME:	GUEST OF:
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CHECK ALL THAT APPLY HOW MANY		
<input type="checkbox"/>	MEMBERS/ELAN FULL REGISTRATION FEE includes Friday Night Mixer/dinner, general assemblies, workshops, Recognition Luncheon & Banquet	\$125.00
<input type="checkbox"/>	MEN'S/GUEST REGISTRATION FEE includes Friday Night Mixer/Dinner & Banquet	\$80.00
<input type="checkbox"/>	GUEST BANQUET REGISTRATION FEE	\$55.00
LATE FEE OF \$25 WILL BE ASSESSED AFTER APRIL 1, 2022. After April 1, 2022, you will need to call Judi York at 918-605-2860 and arrange payment.		
Total		

Mail to: Judi York 3620 W Quantico PI Broken Arrow, OK 74011	Enclose Check Payable to: 2022 ESA State Council Convention Registration Deadline: Friday, March 30, 2022. Registrations postmarked after 3/30/2022 will be assigned seating where vacancies exist. Late registrants will NOT be seated with their chapter after 4/1/2022. HOTEL REGISTRATION DEADLINE IS APRIL 1, 2022. CALL NOW! Phone: 918-622-4000. Be sure to mention you are with ESA
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Oklahoma State Council
79th Annual Convention

Program Advertising Order Form

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Mailing Address: _____

City: _____ **Zip:** _____

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As of March 15, I've received educational reports from the following chapters:

Inola, Sigma Chi (2 reports)

Edmond, Gamma Zeta (6 reports) and Gold Seal Entry (to be picked up March 12)

Del City, Beta Rho (6 reports)

Edmond, Gamma Zeta, (9 reports) and Gold Seal Entry

Tulsa, Gamma Delta (6 reports)

I look forward to receiving lots more educationals by April 1. I hope everyone had fun this year with _____that (who) changed the world. I've had such fun researching this topic and trying to choose what you the reader might like to know.

MUSIC THAT CHANGED THE WORLD, pt. 3

"TIME IN A BOTTLE"

Time is a gift that we often struggle with depending on what we are experiencing in life. We either want it to speed up or slow down but time has its own pace and it marches steadily onward whether we want it to or not. If we are not careful we will spend all our time focusing on the yesterdays or tomorrows and don't hold us captive. If we want to make the most out of life we can't waste time clinging to the past or fearing the future. We are given today and this day and it is what we make of this day that really matters.

Music that changed the world by looking at the song "Time in a Bottle" by Jim Croce. Jim Croce was born in 1943 in south Philadelphia to an Italian and Catholic family. Music had always been a part of their lives and he was exposed to many different musical genres from an early age. It was obvious that he was talented, he was gifted. When he was only 5 years old he learned to play the accordion and from there he taught himself how to play the guitar.

By the time he had entered into Villanova University, where he majored in psychology and minored in German he was the first person in his family to go to college. He had already been a part of several different bands and was trying to forge a way of his own in music.

It was during those years that he went to a folk music contest and met a woman by the

name of Ingrid Jacobson. They got along well, and she started singing with his band and they cut an album together. They began dating and in 1966 they were married.

In early 1971 she shared the news with her husband, Jim, that she was expecting and Jim was so excited he sat down and wrote the song "Time in a Bottle."

***If I could save Time in a bottle
The first thing that I'd like to do,
Is to save every day
'Til Eternity passes away,
Just to spend them with you.***

***If I could make days last forever,
If words could make wishes come true,
I'd save every day like a treasure and then,
Again, I would spend them with you.***

But there never seemed to be enough time to do the things you want to do once you find it.

Jim was elated at discovering he was going to be a father and wanted to capture that moment and hold onto it.

The song "Time in a Bottle", highlights the fact that since we can't hold onto those moments, we have to make the most of life each and every day. For the past year or so we have been bottled up in quarantine and we have discovered along the way that it kind of messes with our sense of time.

We know that things have occurred since the beginning of the pandemic, it seems like it took place five years ago.

We have learned and been reminded that relationships are important to us as we need one another, we need our family, friends and we need each other.

Tragically, we have seen over 3 million people who have lost their lives from COVID. It has reminded us of the uncertainty of life and we don't know what tomorrow holds. We are only given this day and we are to make the most of it.

When Jim met Ingrid he was struck by her that she was perfect for Jim's life not only did their voices blend well together in music, but they had the same appreciation and the same likes and dislikes and they got along so well, initially she was traveling with the band and they would cut an album together.

They were dating and obviously things were getting serious between them. Ingrid and her family were Jewish and Jim had come from a devout Roman Catholic family.

Jim had always struggled with authority, and his questions about God, and his questions about church and faith were never really accepted by his family or the local church they

attended. He always had doubts and struggles and unbeknownst to Ingrid he met with the rabbi who reassured him that curiosity and questions were essential to him growing in a relationship with God as a part of the Jewish faith.

The rabbi's openness as well as the rabbi's extensive music collection convinced Jim to begin classes to convert to Judaism all this time he did in private.

Time came for Ingrid and Jim to go visit her parents so Jim could ask for their daughter's hand in marriage. Ingrid explained to her parents that Jim was Roman Catholic and they accepted that. They gave their blessings for the couple to be married. It was then that Jim revealed that he was in the process of converting to Judaism and it was important for him that they all know that he wasn't doing that just to get married, it was a choice he was making to embrace the Jewish faith and his pathway to grow closer to God.

That commitment and that decision to commit to God and grow in his faith would not only bless Jim for the rest of his life but also to bless his son. Jim and Ingrid had a son that was named Adrian James (AJ) was born and Ingrid became a stay at home mom. AJ would grow up and attend a Hebrew school and through the years he had questions he had doubts and he had reason to ask why these things happened.

There was a tremendous injury in his life that caused him to be completely blind in both eyes for 2 years in his early childhood. Eventually when he was 10 years old he regained sight in one of his eyes. By the time of his preparation for his Bar Mitzvah he was still struggling and he was feeling guilty about preparing for Bar Mitzvah when he had all these different faith questions and uncertainty. Just like his father he went to visit the rabbi and who reassured him that questions were encouraged in the Jewish faith. Adrian went forward with his Bar Mitzvah with his decision to grow closer to God to understand that he could have questions and grow in his faith at the same time.

Jim, when he had heard the wonderful news from Ingrid that she was expecting he was ecstatic and elated. Jim had been playing music for about 10 years. He worked a lot of other jobs to make a living and he never had enough money in music to pay the bills. He was a teacher, special education assistant, truck driver and worked in construction. He worked all these jobs and was never home, he couldn't spend time with his wife. These jobs paid the bills and he played music. He never got to do the music in the way he wanted.

Ingrid told him she was expecting, it brought him to a crossroad and he couldn't continue doing the things he had been doing. Now he was at the waters' edge and for all practical purposes and what was most logical for him to return to the job in construction so that he could provide for his family.

Instead that very night that Ingrid told him she was pregnant he sat down and wrote a "Time in a Bottle." He made a decision to give everything to a career in music and jumped in

with both feet.

Because he did that it would not only bless his life to be doing what he loved but it would also bless his family.

Now his years in all the other jobs were not wasted, he would meet all the different personalities along the way that would find ways into his songs, like “You Don’t Mess Around with Jim” and “Bad, Bad, Leroy Brown” in fact, he would serve with Leroy Brown, his actual name, and they served together in the National Guard. Leroy Brown was this huge man, tough, and aggressive and serving in the guard he decided it wasn’t for him and he didn’t like having people tell him what to do so one day he just up and left and walked off, he was declared AWOL. Even Leroy Brown wasn’t so tough that he wasn’t arrested. When he comes back at the end of the month to get his paycheck, he can’t do that when you go AWOL. He had all these life experiences and he started recording these songs.

He started his music career and his music took off. It was shortly before his son Adrian James’ second birthday that he was boarding a plane in Louisiana as he was on a tour and to fly to Texas for the next stop. At the end the tour had been very successful. They boarded the plane and shortly after take-off the pilot had a heart attack. The plane crashed and everyone on board was killed.

In that moment Ingrid became a widow and a single mother to their toddler son, but because Jim Croce had given his all to work in music and because it had paid off and he had known this great success. His success in music he was able to provide for his family. When he was gone and for a little boy, AJ, to lose his father so young his fathers’ success meant there were countless pictures, recordings and videos where AJ could continue to grow and to know his father even though he wasn’t physically present with him. He had all this material that he could know about his father, because Jim took a leap of faith to pursue his passion, it set an example for his son, Adrian James.

AJ was as gifted as his father and he was musically gifted and his father’s example to pursue his passion in life. Just this year AJ Croce released his 11th album entitled “By Request.”

We don’t know whatever time is with us. We can live our lives to the fullest here and now. We are given this moment to make our lives important to others.

***“But there never seems to be enough time
To do the things you want to do
Once you find them
I’ve looked around enough to know
That you’re the one I want to go
Through time with”***

***"If I had a box just for wishes
And dreams that had never come true
The box would be empty
Except for the memory
Of how they were answered by you"***

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YOUNG PEOPLE WHO CHANGED THE WORLD

GRETA THUNBERG – CLIMATE CHANGE WARRIOR

In the summer of 2018, fifteen-year old Greta Thunberg realized climate change had been a “problem for the world, but she couldn’t understand why adults didn’t seem to be taking the crisis seriously. So she decided to skip school and sit down outside the Swedish parliament in Stockholm every Friday with a hand-painted banner “school strike for climate”. Her demand was that the Swedish government cut carbon emissions to do its part in tackling the world’s rising temperatures.

At first Greta was the lonely figure, but gradually she caught the attention of her fellow students and then the world’s media. Inspired by her message to governments across the world – “*You are stealing our future*”- tens of thousands children began to stage similar school walkouts around the globe. The movement became known as Fridays for Future, and Greta became famous.

Greta told reporters of how, growing up, she always felt invisible. Painfully shy, she was often bullied at school. In 2015 she was diagnosed with Asperger’s syndrome. Asperger’s tend to focus deeply on one idea or interest, and Thunberg’s cause became climate change. She first learned about this issue when she was eight years old. She has described her condition as a “gift” though, because it allows her to focus on things without getting distracted, and it makes her determined.

Greta watched TV programs about the melting ice caps, the plight of polar bears, and the plastic in our oceans. What set her apart from most people was being unable to get those distressing images out of her mind. She fell into depression: she stopped eating and she only spoke to her family and one teacher.

During this time, Greta began to pressure her parents to change their ways. She persuaded them to give up eating meat and to get an electric car. She also convinced them to stop flying-a big move that has affected her mother’s international career as a successful opera singer and her father was an actor. These steps helped Greta feel her worries were being taken seriously and that she was being listened to. Greta practices what she preaches as she never flies and is vegan. The reason she is vegan and doesn’t fly is because livestock and airplanes emit a large amount of gasses that contribute to global warming.

Greta has spoken at climate rallies around the world, met many important politicians and even met with Pope Francis.

In December 2018, she addressed the United Nations Climate Change COP24 Conference in Poland and in January 2019 and 2020 she attended the World Economic Forum in Davos, Switzerland. Her blunt message “Our house is still on fire”– flew around the world on social media. Greta says she doesn’t want people to “hope”. She wants them to “panic” because that is the only way change will happen.

In March 2019, Greta was nominated for a Nobel Peace Prize. In May 2019 she appeared on the cover of *Time* magazine’s 2019 Person of the Year. Responding in her Twitter feed to the cover, she simply said “Now I am speaking to the world.”

In her environmental work, Thunberg was credited with raising awareness about Asperger’s and inspiring those who have the disorder. While acknowledging, that Asperger’s had hampered her in some ways, she also noted its advantages. “I have Asperger’s and that means I’m sometimes a bit different from the norm. And...given the right circumstances – being different is a superpower.” “No one is Too Small to Make a Difference (2019) is a collection of her speeches. A documentary “I Am Greta” appeared in 2020.

RYAN WHITE, BRAVE AIDS ACTIVIST

Ryan White was born in Indiana. When he was three days old, doctors told his parents that he had hemophilia. This condition means that a person’s blood doesn’t clot properly, so even the tiniest scratch can be life-threatening.

Ryan’s family was given hope with a new treatment called Factor VII. It was made from donated blood and doctors hoped it would allow hemophiliacs to lead normal lives. Growing up, Ryan managed to keep his hemophilia hidden from his classmates, but as he approached his thirteenth birthday, he began to feel sick and very tired all the time. Eventually pneumonia was diagnosed and Ryan’s parents learned their son had AIDS (Acquired Immunodeficiency Syndrome).

Ryan received his diagnosis at a time when many people didn’t really understand AIDS or how it was spread. AIDS is caused by the HIV virus and Ryan developed the disease because he was treated with blood from an infected donor.

Doctors gave Ryan six months to live, but he didn’t dwell on that. Instead he hoped for a normal life, to go to school, and see his friends. He could never have imagined the fear and hatred he would meet. Even though it was now known that AIDS could not be spread through casual contact, like touching, people were still afraid of Ryan. His school was determined to keep him out.

Ryan’s family filed a lawsuit and eventually won the case. He was allowed to return to school, but things were still really difficult for him. He had to use a separate toilet and disposable silverware. Children were cruel to him, taunting him about being gay-AIDS was

often called the “gay plague” because people believed it mainly afflicted the gay community. Some parents even took their children out of school.

Ryan’s family moved away to another town where they were made to feel welcome. On Ryan’s first day at his new school, the principal and several children shook his hand. The story had been picked up by the media and Ryan began to receive support from celebrities around the world, such as singer Elton John and former President Ronald Regan. Ryan soon became the “face” of AIDS discussing his condition on TV, appearing in newspaper articles, and taking part in educational campaigns.

By 1990, Ryan’s health was deteriorating and he died on March 29, 2990 days before he was due to graduate from high school. In August 1990, a bill called the Ryan White CARE Act was passed into law. It provides funds to support the diagnosis and treatment of AIDS. It was set to expire on September 30, 2009, but an extension was signed by then President Barack Obama.

Instead of being a victim, Ryan chose to stand up against the hatred he saw around him. Realizing that hatred often comes from ignorance and fear, he made it his mission to educate people and change attitudes toward AIDS.

VICTORIA ARLEN, PARALYMPIAN SWIMMER & TV PERSONALITY

Victoria was the first baby of triplets to arrive on September 26, 1994. She and her brothers had an ordinary, happy childhood. When she was eleven years old, everything changed. Victoria has always been healthy and active, but she began to feel sick and tired. She lost a lot of weight and pain. She soon lost movement in her legs and arms, then she couldn’t swallow or speak properly. Doctors weren’t sure what was wrong with her.

Everything went dark for Victoria and she has no memory of the next two years. She slipped into a coma—a state where a person is alive but has no awareness of their surroundings. In 2009, Victoria came out of her coma, but she was “locked in.” This meant her mind had woken up, but her body hadn’t—she could hear conversations around her, but she couldn’t move, see, or communicate with anyone. By this time, the doctors had diagnosed a rare condition. She had two rare conditions known as Transverse Myelitis and Acute Disseminated Encephalomyelitis. She even heard them telling her parents that she would die. Her family continued to speak to her, giving her the will to fight. She says she made a promise to God: *“If you give me a second chance, I will use my voice to change the world.”* Victoria was having up to twenty seizures a day, so doctors gave her a sleeping drug to calm her body.

Soon after, she “locked eyes” with her mother, who sensed that something had changed. She asked her daughter to blink if she could hear her— and Victoria blinked.

The long road to recovery had started. Victoria had to relearn the simplest of tasks, like wiggling her fingers, learning to eat and speak again. After missing five years of school, she returned to classes in 2010.

Paralyzed from the waist down, Victoria was told she would never walk again. She was determined to be active and learned to swim with the use of her legs. At the age of seventeen, she was part of the United States swim team competing in the 2012 Paralympics in London. She won three silver medals, plus the gold medal for the one-hundred meters freestyle—for which she set a world record.

After the wins she was thrust into the media spotlight and began traveling around the world and inspiring audiences at speaking events. In 2015, her ability in front of the camera landed her a job as a reporter for ESPN, the sports channel.

Victoria never really accepted that she wouldn't walk again and she began intensive daily therapy. In late 2015 Victoria took her first small steps. Five months later, she was walking with leg braces, but no crutches. Despite having no feeling in her legs, she started running and even competed on the TV show *Dancing with the Stars* in the fall of 2017.

Victoria's recovery has defied all the odds. She puts her success down to her family, her faith, and her motto: *"Face It, Embrace It, Defy It, Conquer It."*

Today Victoria is also carrying out her dream of helping others, serving as founder of Victoria's Victory Foundation, a non-profit that assists those with mobility challenges to achieve their own personal victory.

In the last year Victoria has branched out in both acting, producing, fashion and hosting a variety of projects in the works.

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Sylvia Ochs

State Membership Chair

First I want to thank all of you for sending cards, prayers and EMailS when I had Breast Cancer Surgery in January. So appreciated and I am doing well.

Here is the most recent information I received from National.

Alpha Rho, Broken Arrow has one new Pledge

Alpha Zeta, Pawhuska has one transfer in and I Reinstated

Beta Beta, Holdenville has one demit.

Beta Zeta, Oklahoma City has one loss.

Gamma Pi, Inola has I new pledge.

Gamma Zeta, Edmond has one new pledge.

MAL - lost one demit.

National report shows we have 42 Chapters. We show 37 Chapters in the Directory. Total Members 522

Plus 3 pledge

Plus I Transfer In

Plus I Reinstated

Total 524 as of Feb 26, 2022

Congratulations to all those who have increased their membership. Folks, we still have time to increase our membership. Please look around your hometown or relatives out of town and I know you see someone who you can share ESA with.

I am very pleased with the report that we did not lose more members because of COVID. Thank you and Keep up the Good Work. Sylvia



MARC Report

Oklahoma ESA members, we have the unique opportunity to host the 2022 Midwest Regional Conference (MARC) in October. In order to proudly represent Oklahoma we need every member to assist. MARC representatives Deb Hughes and Rosalie Griffith along with others are working diligently to get everything in place to make the October 7-8, 2022 conference the best ever.

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Looking forward to seeing everyone!

Linda Jones, First Vice President

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Tulsa Area Council Chatter

On Wednesday, March 1, 2022, TAC had a special guest speaker. Past Commander, Charles A. Scott with the Military Order of the Purple Heart spoke about the history of the Purple Heart. Later he presented the group with a special recognition award for dedication and support honoring America's combat wounded veterans and their family members.

Tulsa Area Council (TAC) has worked with the Military Order of the Purple Heart for over 13 years providing baskets for Thanksgiving and Christmas to wounded veterans. Peggie Sprinkle the Hope for Heroes chair for TAC has spearheaded the effort in getting chapters to donate.



Peggie Sprinkle & Past Commander, Charles Scott



Beta Iota Chatter



The Big Question? Is Spring truly upon us? I am sure that we are all looking forward to the warmer weather, blossoming of trees and flowers, sunshine and more outdoor activities. The members of Beta Iota have been keeping busy and of course having fun while making a difference in our Communities, as well as on a State and International level. Last month we presented awards to the Senior and Junior High School Outstanding Youth's and the DAA. A two segment ESA Orientation for our new members was planned by Mona Johnston; all new members attended and were eager learners of ESA's scope. Beta Iota's Second Annual Golf Tournament, April 23 is in full swing. Sponsors are in place, teams are signing up and prizes are being secured. If you're a golf lover you might consider joining a team and spending the day with us. The Nominating committee will be meeting soon to finalize the slate of 2022-2023 officers. Miss McAlester Scholarship Pageant is in the planning stages, all the members take an active role in whatever is necessary to assure that each candidate has a fun and rewarding experience while earning a monetary scholarship. There is a Beta Iota "girls weekend" happening in Branson next month. That's all folks.

Thank you Sandy Lackey and your Board for the wonderful journey
you lead us through this year.

Congratulation to Linda Jones
and the 2022-2023 OK State Council Candidates.

Delta Kappa Chatter.....

It is celebration time for Delta Kappa. We just completed working 38 events for OU at the Lloyd Noble Center. WE ARE DONE, at least for a little while. The best part is we were able to double the amount we had budgeted for this W & M's project!!! Next on the W & M's agenda is our annual garage sale to benefit Woven Life & St Jude's. It will be held at Goodrich Church on May 20 & 21. We will have a gym full of merchandise. Please come shop with us. We may have just what you need!

Our Educational Director, Faye Alexander, has done a wonderful job coordinating our programs. Our Feb educational was unique and very interesting. A Norman Police officer along with his K9 partner, Vader, did a presentation showing us how he finds drugs. After Vader was given the command he would not stop until he found a tiny piece of paper with drugs on it. Vader has a dual purpose of being able to find drugs and people. Vader cost \$15,000.00 and is worth every bit of that. He is an amazing, beautiful black German Shepherd and an extremely smart K9 officer.

We are planning a great day for the Western District meeting on March 19 at Goodrich Church at 10:00. Gloria will be retiring after doing an excellent job as the Western District Coordinator. Linda will be installed as the coordinator for the 2022-2023 year. It will be another great year with Linda & her board leading the Western District! Congratulations to both of you! Your DK sisters are very proud of you!

Dk had such a great time with Faye instructing us how to paint welcome door signs on wood. It was a great educational with lots of fun mixed in and some beautiful door signs.

We continue to supply monthly birthday baskets filled with lots of goodies and a special gift to the high school students living at Bridges. This is a facility in Norman that provides housing and services to displaced high school students who want to finish high school.

We are definitely looking forward to the State Convention in Tulsa in April. There are several of us making plans to attend and having lots of fun. Convention is such a great way to celebrate another year of outstanding accomplishments and to start another year of great expectations.

Until next timestay well and safe. Please pray for our country and those in great need in other areas of the world.

Janice Shockley for Delta Kappa



Gamma Delta Chatter.....

Gamma Delta's March chapter meeting was enhanced by an Educational provided by member Isabella Sinor showcasing one of her handmade quilts explaining the intricacies of choosing coordinating fabrics, padding, stitching patterns and finishing techniques she utilizes for her quality pieces.

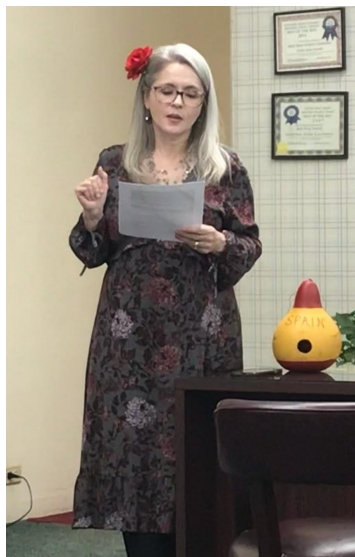
In addition, we topped off the evening by celebrating with a cake dedicated to outgoing chapter president, Gina Wozencraft. Thank you for all you contribute to ESA, Gina!



Kappa Theta Chatter.....

Kappa Theta attendees at ESA's State Leadership in Muskogee.

For our December Educational meeting, Janet Guiles spoke on the culture and food of Italy which took place at our Christmas gathering. For the January Educational meeting, I did my presentation on Spanish history and culture.



Alpha Rho Chatter

Alpha Rho Broken Arrow, welcomed pledge Becky Edwards into the chapter on January 3, 2022 at the home of Sandy Montgomery.



Jackie Sullivan, Vice President, Mary Stonecipher, Treasurer, Linda Jones President, Eileen Wiley Secretary and Becky Edwards, Pledge.

Gamma Zeta Chatter

Gamma Zeta chapter in Edmond recently donated a truck load of goods to the local animal sanctuary Free to Live, which is Oklahoma's largest non-profit-no-kill animal sanctuary and is dedicated to the care of stray, abandoned and mistreated cats and dogs. The Gamma Zeta ladies also presented Free to Live with a \$600.00 donation. Currently approximately 300 dogs and cats live at the sanctuary. Staff works to find adoptive homes for them, but for animals that are not adopted or who are not adoptable due to special needs, they continue to live at Free to Live Sanctuary for the rest of their lives with healthy food, shelter, and medical care.



Gamma Zeta member Laura Howells presents an educational about Sister BJ's Pantry for the homeless in downtown Oklahoma City.

In February, 2006, supporters gathered for the blessing of the pantry that would provide food and clothing to homeless living on OKC's streets. The idea for the pantry came to Sister BJ while she was helping with Hot Dogs for the Homeless. She realized while the homeless hunger for food, they also hunger for "the love and compassion of our Lord."

The Boy Scouts built and set up wooden picnic tables in the pantry's back patio area. Food, clothing, coffee, and doughnuts are available through donations. Many volunteers make the ministry possible as they serve breakfast in a bag once a week, and picnic lunches at other times.

In 2019 the pantry put the ministry on the road with a mobile meals bus. Going mobile allows volunteers to take meals, clothing and even prayer to their friends on the streets and gives hope while helping keep everyone safe during COVID. Sister BJ travels around downtown on Sunday mornings in search of those who need assistance.

Oklahoma City Community Foundation representative Julie Dais presents the March educational to Gamma Zeta, a chapter of Epsilon Sigma Alpha, an international philanthropic organization. OKC Community Foundation's mission statement reads: The mission of the Oklahoma City Community Foundation, a nonprofit public charity, is to serve the charitable purposes of its donors and the charitable needs of the OKC area through the development and administration of endowment and other charitable funds with the goal of preserving capital and enhancing value.

Last year \$2,800,000 was awarded to 821 area students through its scholarship program. \$4,464,393.00 was given for program initiatives; \$198,524.00 was granted in disaster relief; \$10,400,000.00 was presented to charitable organization endowment programs; \$31,800,000.00 was given in grants into and for the benefit of the community; and \$27,244,671.00 was dispersed for donor-advised funds.

