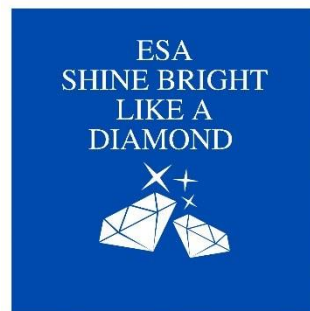




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Linda Jones, President



**“ESA Shine Bright Like a Diamond”**

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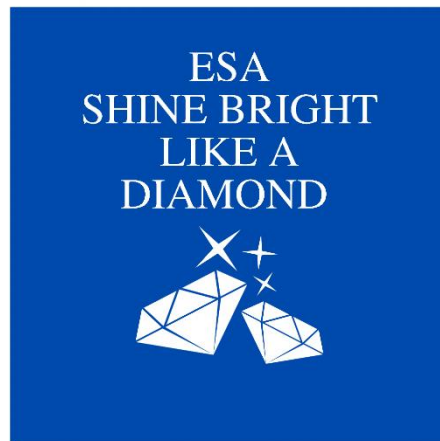


My year as Oklahoma State President is quickly coming to a close. I hope that you have enjoyed the year as much as I have. I have grown in love, gratitude and respect for ESA and my Oklahoma members.

My Convention team has a fabulous fun filled weekend planned. We are excited to celebrate Oklahoma ESA 80<sup>th</sup> State Convention at the Tulsa Marriott Hotel, Southern Hills on April 28 and April 29<sup>th</sup>. We will celebrate each of you with our theme” **ESA...The Stars Come Out.**” Make sure you are one of the stars who show up at the Convention! Get that registration form turned in. Help recognize all the hard work that the board has done this year by purchasing an ad for the program.

A huge thank you to all of you that have supported me this year. Each smile, encouraging word, hug and email was greatly appreciated. You have shined bright like a diamond and I am humbled.

See you at Convention!



## Message from Patty Heer, 1<sup>st</sup> Vice President

The 2023-2024 Nominating Committee proudly present the Oklahoma State Council  
2023-2024 Executive Board



*Patty Heer –  
President  
Zeta Gamma,  
Shawnee*



Peggy Campbell-Corresponding  
Secretary Zeta Gamma, Shawnee



Darla Barton-First Vice –  
President, Beta PSI, Clinton

I would like to thank you for the honor of serving as the 2023 – 2024, First Vice President, for the Oklahoma State Council of Epsilon Sigma Alpha. In 1929, a group of individuals came together to learn, grow, and prepare themselves for an ever-changing world. That is just as true today. The world is constantly changing. But ESA remains strong.

Member December since 2004

Executive Board, State Offices: Recording Secretary (2)

General Board: Chaplain, Philanthropic Chair, Publicity Chair, Scrapbook Chair, Outstanding Chapter Chair

District: Western: District Coordinator, Vice Coordinator, Secretary, Chaplain

Local: President, Vice President, Recording Secretary, Corresponding Secretary, Education, Membership/Awards, Chaplain, Scrapbook, Publicity, Historian, Scholarship, Outstanding Youth, DAA, Yearbook, Local/State Philanthropic



Robbin Brown-Recording Secretary  
Zeta Gamma, Shawnee

IT IS WITH HONOR THAT I ACCEPT THE POSITION FOR RECORDING SECRETARY FOR THE OKLAHOMA STATE COUNCIL FOR EPSILON SIGMA ALPHA DURING THE YEARS 2023-2024.

I HAVE BEEN A MEMBER OF ESA SINCE 1989.

CHAPTER: ALL ELECTED AND APPOINTED COMMITTEES SEVERAL TIMES.

DISTRICT: COORDINATOR, VICE COORDINATOR, TREASURER, RECORDING SECRETARY, EDUCATIONAL DIRECTOR, CHAPLAIN, WAYS & MEANS, SCRAPBOOK.



Tammy Ramirez-Treasurer  
Kappa Theta, Guthrie

I look forward to another great year with my ESA Family

Chapter: several elected positions to include Treasurer in my Chapter Kappa Theta #5414 Guthrie, OK.

State Elected: Treasurer

I have also assisted in various Chapter and State fund raisers included but not limited to St Jude Dream Home and Salute to Veterans.



Jacque Cantrel-Parliamentarian  
Gamma Zeta

I am honored to be your Parliamentarian for 2023-2024

I have been a member of ESA for 27 years as a life active member and a life active member of the ESA Foundation as well. I have received my 5th degree, am a Dixie Palmer recipient and chartered/sponsored Kappa Theta of Guthrie, OK

I have held all offices and committee chairs on the local level in three chapters Tulsa, Guthrie and Edmond; most offices on the District level and the state level having served as State President in 2010-2011. I have served on the IC team leadership team for three years, IC Association of Arts Chair and am currently on the IC Parliamentarian committee.



Margaret Kramer-Project Director  
Beta Iota, McAlester

The opportunity to represent the Epsilon Sigma Alpha OK State Council is such an honor and privilege, as well as a challenging commitment. I have served OK State Council in many capacities and enjoy mentoring aspiring future leaders. Future success is never guaranteed, which is why it's most important that together we invest in our organization and prepare for our future. The Oklahoma School for the Blind and Deaf hold a special place in my heart. I accept the position of State Project Director for 2023 – 2024.

**International Council:**

Elected: Parliamentarian 2023-2024 Candidate Workshop Coordinator  
Appointed Chairs: Awards, Philanthropic

**Multi-State:** Oklahoma is a member of MARC

State Elected: President, First Vice President; Second Vice President, Jr. Past President, Recording Secretary, Corresponding Secretary, Treasurer, District Coordinator, State Project Director

Appointed Chairs: Auditor, Outstanding Youth, Awards, Contest, District Vice Coordinator, District Treasurer and Secretary, Sooner Seniorette President, Secretary/Treasurer



Gwynn Nell Swanson-Petticoat  
Journal Editor  
Delta Kappa, Norman

I appreciate and accept the opportunity to serve as the ESA OK State Council Petticoat Journal Editor.

**Qualifications:**

Chapter: Many offices and chair positions.

District 4- Coordinator, Vice Coordinator, Treasurer, and have served as chair of many committees.

State- Many officer and chair positions on the Oklahoma State Council and served as Oklahoma State Council President 2011-2012. Served as State Convention chair 2015.

Attended 39 State Conventions.

Attended 26 IC Conventions.

Love to do Genealogy research, play games with grandkids, Camping, working on the computer and traveling when possible.



Dawn Haley-Eastern District  
Coordinator, Gamma Delta, Tulsa



Linda Jones-Past President  
Alpha Rho, Broken Arrow



Jennifer Sparkman-Western District  
Coordinator, Kappa Theta, Guthrie

ESA Oklahoma State Council Executive/General Board Meeting  
March 11, 2023

Holy Trinity Lutheran Church – Edmond

The OK State Council Executive Board Meeting was called to order by President, Linda Jones, at approximately 10:20 a.m.

The committee to read the minutes for the September State Council Leadership Meeting was Chair, Gwynn Nell Swanson, Dawn Haley and Barbara Childers. Gwynn Nell reported the minutes were correct as printed. Report will be placed on file.

The committee to read the minutes for today's meeting was Chair, Brenda Yates, Lana Rubio and Mona Johnston.

President, Linda reminded members that attendance would be taken from the sign in sheets. She asked that everyone be sure to sign in.

Treasurer, Jennifer Sparkman reported that the budget listed \$130.00 for the state President's Convention registration. The price had increased to \$135.00. This had not been reflected in the current budget. The Executive Board had previously voted to approve the \$5.00 increase. It would need to be brought before the council for a vote. Billye Putnam then made a motion to approve the \$5.00 increase. Jacque Cantrel seconded the motion. A vote was taken. Motion passed.

Mona Johnston reported that the Treasurer's security bond had been cancelled. She stated that she had contacted a new insurance agent to write a new policy for the bond. The premium would be \$110.00 for a term, from March to March. After a lengthy discussion, Margaret Kramer made the motion to pay the premium. Judi York seconded the motion. A vote was taken. Motion passed.

Treasurer, Jennifer reported Balance as of March 11, 2023 was \$5,343.16; year to date income was \$6,924.50; expenses were \$4,776.44. The Speakers Fund balance was \$693.52; IC Campaign Fund balance \$225.11; 2012 IC Convention \$5,420.23. The Certificate of Deposit remains at \$4,000.00 and will renew 2/5/24.

Educational Chair, Jacque Cantrel shared about the Sycamore Inn in Cucamonga, CA. She also shared about Mel's Diner in Santa Monica, California. She reminded members that each chapter that turns in six educational reports will receive a Gold



Link award. She suggested members consult the website for requirements for the Gold Seal award.

Directory Chair, Gina Wozencraft reported that she had printed 80 directories and to date had sold 71 at \$8.00 each. The account balance on hand was \$1,208. Margaret Kramer made a motion to raise the preprinted price of directories to \$20.00 plus postage of \$5.00 for a total price for directories of \$25.00 to have the directories mailed. Brenda Yates seconded. A vote was taken. Motion failed.

A new motion was made by Aletha Bolt that the price of directories be raised to \$15.00 plus postage of \$5.00 for a total price of \$20.00 to have the directories mailed. Linda Leveridge seconded. A vote was taken. Motion passed.

President, Linda stood in for Petticoat Journal Editor, Charlene Law. Linda reported that Charlene mailed out only two PJ's. The postage was \$60. There was a significant surplus in the PJ Editor fund from year to year. It was currently \$829.17. Linda suggested the council may want to consider repurposing the funds.

State Project Director, Liz King reminded members that at a previous meeting discussion was had to possibly start a Pen Pal program with the students of the School for the Deaf and the School for the Blind. She asked if members were still wanting to do that. A lengthy discussion was held. Margaret Kramer suggested the discussion be tabled until the June State Council meeting. All agreed.

Liz reported that that her budget had a beginning balance of \$49.35. After income and disbursements, Balance on hand was \$1,851.05.

ESA Foundation Counselor, Vivian Gibson reported that that the Foundation had changed their fiscal year to January 1<sup>st</sup> to December 31 for Foundation awards. She suggested that the OK State Council change their awards date to match the Foundation. Discussion was held. Judi York made a motion to keep the Foundation contests dates the way they are. Aletha Bold seconded. A vote was taken. Motion passed.

With no further business to come before the Executive/General Board, meeting was adjourned at 11:20 a.m.

Submitted by:

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Darla Barton, Recording Secretary

## ESA Oklahoma State Council Executive/General Board Meeting

March 11, 2023

Holy Trinity Lutheran Church – Edmond

The OK State Council Meeting was called to order by President, Linda Jones, at approximately 11:33 a.m.

President, Linda led the council in the Opening Ritual. The Flag Salute and Pledge of Allegiance was led by Chaplain, Peggie Sprinkle.

Chaplain, Peggie's Thought for the Day was how to be a blessing. She gave the members suggestions.

President, Linda recognized the host chapter, Gamma Zeta. She also recognized the Sooner Senioresettes that were present.

President, Linda reminded members that attendance would be taken from the sign in sheets. She asked everyone to be sure and sign in.

There were 8 first time attendees and 2 pledges.

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Corresponding Secretary, Eileen Wiley read regrets.

1<sup>st</sup> Vice President, Patty Heer introduced her 2023-2024 incoming Executive Board: President, Patty Heer; 1<sup>st</sup> Vice President, Darla Barton; Corresponding Secretary, Peggy Campbell; Recording Secretary, Robbin Brown; Treasurer, Tammy Ramirez; Parliamentarian, Jacque Cantrel; Project Director, Margaret Kramer; Petticoat Journal Editor, Gwynn Nell Swanson; Jr. Past President/Disaster Fund Chair, Linda Jones; Western District Coordinator, Jennifer Sparkman; Eastern District Coordinator, Dawn Haley.

Patty moved the candidates be accepted by acclamation. There were no objections.

Meeting was adjourned at 11:50 a.m. for lunch.

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Directory Chair, Gina Wozencraft reported that she had printed 80 directories and to date had sold 71 at \$8.00 each. The account balance on hand was \$1,208. With the cost of printing going up, the Board voted that the price of directories will be raised to \$15.00 plus postage of \$5.00 for a total price of \$20.00 to have the directories mailed. Coming from a committee, no second was required. Motion passed.

Disaster Fund Chair, Sandy Lackey reported that she had received checks from various chapters totaling \$1,308. The checks had been mailed to IC. Sandy will continue to take donations until April 1, 2023.

President, Linda stood in for Petticoat Journal Editor, Charlene Law. Linda reported that Charlene had only sent out two mailings. The Board voted to keep the cost the same. Coming from a committee, no second was required.

State Project Director, Liz King reported that her budget had a beginning balance of \$49.35. After income and disbursements, Balance on hand was \$1,851.05. The funds will be divided evenly between seniors at both schools, for the senior graduation.

Foundation Counselor, Vivian Gibson reminded members the Foundation dues are due between January and December.

Sooner Seniorette, Cathy Holsted explained how the Foundation began and its history leading up to present-day activities.

Vivian asked for donations for the Foundation Fun Fest at IC Convention. She asked all monies, in the form of gift cards be brought to the June State Council meeting. She reminded members of April 11, 2023, at 7:30 p.m. eastern time for a presentation on ABC's of Parliamentary Procedures presented by ESA's registered Parliamentarian, Rosalie Griffith.

1<sup>st</sup> Vice President, Patty Heer reported that she attended the IC Leadership in Denver, Colorado. She said that it was extremely informative. She learned new ideas on how to hold meetings and generate membership. She also received leadership ideas.

Past Western District Coordinator, Linda Leveridge announced new officers: District Coordinator, Jennifer Sparkman; Vice Coordinator, Liz King; Recording Secretary, Lana Rubio; Treasurer, Cathy Holsted; Parliamentarian, Linda Leveridge.

Linda Leveridge stood in for DAA Chair, Sharon Storms. Deadline was March 1<sup>st</sup>, 2023, to have all entry books in to be judged on Monday, March 13.

Brenda Yates stood in for Eastern District Coordinator, Darlene Cushenberry. Darlene's report thanked her officers. Through donations, Eastern District was able to donate \$1,753.00 to the food bank of Eastern, OK.

Eastern District officers were announced: Coordinator, Dawn Haley; Vice Coordinator, Cheryl Young; Recording Secretary, Kristin Sullivan; Treasurer, Margaret Kramer.

Easter Seals Chair, Maxine Wheelan reported that to date, she has received four donations and she would be glad to accept more.

Contest Chair, Tammy Ramirez reported that the deadline for all entries is April 1, 2023. She will award certificates for 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> place entries. Guidelines are listed on the ESA website.

President, Linda reminded contest chairs to be sure and get her the names of the winners, so she can print award certificates.

Gwen Beasley stood in for Awards Chair, Kay Brader. She reminded members to send her the chapter awards, years of service, Pallas Athene and What ESA Means to Me by April 1, 2023.

Association of the Arts Co-Chair, Charlotte Smith reported she had only received three entries. She listed the categories and asked members to get their entries in by April 1, 2023. Poetry, short stories and all entry forms must be mailed and postmarked by April 1<sup>st</sup>. All other entries will be brought to Convention and checked in by noon.

Outstanding Youth Chair, Brenda Yates reported she had received two Jr. High applicants and three Sr. High applicants. The entries were currently being judged.

2022-2023 Convention Committee, Judi York presented a skit inviting everyone to attend the 80<sup>th</sup> Annual Oklahoma State Council Convention. The theme is "ESA...The Stars Come Out." It will be held April 28-29, 2023, at the Marriott Tulsa Southern Hills. Deadline to register is March 31, 2023. Hotel deadline for the ESA rate is April 1, 2023.

Membership Chair, Sylvia Ochs thanked the first-time attenders for coming to today's meeting. She encouraged members to promote ESA and bring in new pledges. As of March 10, 2023, Headquarters reported 45 OK ESA chapters and 489 members.

Social Media/Webmaster, Aletha Bolt reminded members of the OKLA ESA email accounts. All chapters, local, district and state board members have an email address. She encouraged members to use them. She also encouraged members to post pictures of today's meeting on OK ESA's Facebook page.

Hope for Heroes Chair, Judy Cravens thanked those that brought tuna and socks for their donations. She encouraged members to send in their reports.

ESA for St. Jude Chair, Billye Putnam thanked everyone for their participation in the \$50 for 50 campaign. 174 chapters and/or individuals sent in money. She requested reports reach her by April 1, 2023.

President, Linda announced that certain chairs had "diamonds" taped to the bottom. Those people won a door prize.

Publicity Chair, Jaci Gantz thanked everyone that had sent pictures to her for the publicity book.

Chaplain, Peggie Sprinkle reported the Celebration of Life service at Convention will be held Saturday morning before the 2<sup>nd</sup> General Assembly. She asked for missing pictures for her memorials. She also asked for the name of the person representing their departed member.

Gwynn Nell Swanson stood in for Philanthropic Chair, Gloria Torres. She reminded members all reports are due by April 1, 2023.

Outstanding Chapter Chair, Peggy Campbell reminded members all reports should be sent to her by April 1, 2023.

Sooner Seniorett President, Margaret Kramer encouraged members to step up and serve. She asked that those who haven't held board positions in ESA, to consider volunteering. She stated any Sooner Seniorett would be available for assistance.

President, Linda also encouraged members to volunteer for board positions. She explained how she came to be state president.

Credentials Chair, Mara Wheeler asked for delegate credentials. They would be voting as proxy for those not attending IC Convention. She needed actual chapter member counts, which would indicate how many votes each chapter will be allowed.

Rosalie Griffith spoke about the Foundation grants. They are funded by the Life Active members. She encouraged members to become Life Active. She also encouraged members to apply for grants.

Announcements and raffle winners were announced.

With no further business to come before the Council, the meeting was adjourned at 2:15 p.m., followed by the Closing Ritual.

Submitted by:

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Darla Barton, Recording Secretary

Petticoat Journal Editor – Charlene Law

It is hard to believe it is the end of the year already and this my Last issue. I hope you all have enjoyed all the issues; I have enjoyed bringing you the PJ. Hope you found it informative! It was interesting to learn about all the fun and philanthropic things all the chapters are doing! Thank you for giving me the opportunity to once again be your Oklahoma PJ Editor! I would like to wish the incoming PJ Editor best wishes for a successful year. Thank you,  
Charlene Law

## “ESA Shine Bright Like a Diamond”

**Peggie Sprinkle - Chaplain**



I will be having a “Celebration of Life” memorial ceremony at the 2023 Oklahoma State Convention on the morning of April 29,2023. Please make sure I have a picture of a sister who has passed this past year from your chapter.



God bless all Oklahoma ESA members.



**80<sup>th</sup> ANNUAL OKLAHOMA STATE CONVENTION**

***“ESA...The Stars Come Out”***

***Friday April 28, 2023***

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Noon – 3:00 pm	Convention Registration –Council Oak Atrium
Noon – 3:00 pm	Association of the Arts -Check in Council Oak, Salon D Silent Auction items check in Council Oak Salon A, B, C
Noon – 3:00 pm	Information & Sales –Convention Sales, PJ, Credentials, Directory Sales and Foundation Credentials – Council Oak Lobby
Noon – 3:00 pm	Hospitality Room “Starlight Lounge,” Room 322
2:00 -3:00 pm	Workshop “Color Can Make the Difference,” Salon E
3:45 pm	Line up for Flag Ceremony and get instructions Outside Council Oak Salon A, B, C
4:00 pm	Close doors for Flag Ceremony
4:00 pm – 4:30pm	Opening Flag Ceremony – First General Assembly
4:30 pm – 5:45 pm	First General Assembly, Council Oak Salons A, B, C
6:00 pm – 6:30 pm	First Time Attendees/ Pledges- President’s Suite Room 422
6:45 pm – 7:00 pm	Welcome Skit (Convention Committee) Council Oak Salon A,B,C
7:00 pm – 8:00 pm	“Stars in the Western Sky” Dinner, all attendees Council Oak Salon A,B,C
8:00 pm - 10:00 pm	MIXER / AUCTIONS / CANDIDATES SKITS
10:00 pm to midnight	HOSPITALITY ROOM “Starlight Lounge”, Room 322 (subject to change)





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4:00 pm – 4:30pm Assembly	Opening Flag Ceremony – First General
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6:00 pm – 6:30 pm	First Time Attendees/ Pledges- President’s Suite Room 422

**6:45 pm – 7:00 pm**

**Council Oak**

**7:00 pm – 8:00 pm**

**8:00 pm - 10:00 pm**

**10:00 pm to midnight**

**Welcome Skit (Convention Committee)**

**Salon A,B,C**

**“Stars in the Western Sky” Dinner,**

**all attendees**

**Council Oak Salon A,B,C**

**MIXER / AUCTIONS / CANDIDATES SKITS**

**HOSPITALITY ROOM “Starlight Lounge”,**

**Room 322 (subject to change)**



**80<sup>th</sup> Annual Oklahoma State Convention**  
**“ESA... THE STARS COME**  
**OUT”**  
**Saturday April 29, 2023**

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<b>7:00 am-8:30 am</b>	<b>Convention Registration Council Oak Atrium</b>
<b>7:00 am-8:30 am</b>	<b>Association of the Arts (open) Council Oak,</b>
<b>Salon D</b>	
<b>8:30am-9:00 am</b>	<b>Celebration of Life - Council Oak, Salon ABC</b>
<b>9:00 am-11:00 am</b>	<b>2<sup>nd</sup> General Assembly Council Oak Salon ABC</b>
<b>11:00 am-11:15 am</b>	<b>Break</b>
<b>11:20-11:50 am</b>	<b>IC Workshop, Margaret Kramer, IC</b>
	<b>Parliamentarian</b>
	<b>Council Oak Salon E</b>
<b>12:00-3:00 pm</b>	<b>“Celebrating ESA Rock stars,” Awards</b>
	<b>Luncheon,</b>
	<b>Council Oak, Salon ABC</b>
<b>3:30-6:00 pm</b>	<b>Break</b>
<b>3:30-4:00 pm</b>	<b>Incoming/ Outgoing Board Meeting</b>
	<b>President’s Suite</b>
	<b>Room 422</b>
<b>00-5:30 pm</b>	<b>Candidates Reception (By Invitation) Room</b>
<b>322</b>	
<b>6:00- 6:15 pm</b>	<b>Installation Rehearsal Council Oak Salon A,</b>
<b>B, C</b>	
<b>6:20-6:25 pm</b>	<b>Doors Open/ Close at 6:25 pm</b>
<b>6:30- 10:30 pm</b>	<b>Installation of 2023-2024 State Officers &amp;</b>
<b>Banquet</b>	<b>“ESA...The Stars Come Out”</b>
<b>10:00 pm</b>	<b>Closing Flag Ceremony</b>
<b>10:15 pm</b>	<b>Receiving Line Council Oak Atrium</b>
<b>10:30- 12:00</b>	<b>Hospitality Suite Room 322</b>

**EDUCATIONAL CHAIRMAN**

**JACQUE CANTREL**

As of March 4, I have received educational reports from the following chapters:

Del City – Beta Rho # 1270 (Gold Link)	6 reports	1-state theme
Del City – Delta Epsilon #2091	3 reports	1-state theme
Edmond – Gamma Zeta #3464	9 reports	1-state theme
Gold Link & Gold Seal Entry		
Tulsa – Kappa Alpha #5393 (Gold Link)	8 reports	1-state theme
Guthrie – Kappa Theta #5414	9 reports	1-state theme
Gold Link & Gold Seal Entry		
Inola – Sigma Chi #5053	5 reports	1-state theme

I am looking forward to receiving lots more educational reports plus your notebook (Gold Seal Entry) by April 1. I hope everyone had fun this year with “Route 66 Oklahoma Diners” theme.

I know I have enjoyed reading your reports and exploring all the diners along Route 66 for your reading enjoyment.

**MILTA CAFÉ**

San Bernardino, CA

The café opened in 1937 and is still open today. It created the best taco that was used by “Taco Bell” in 1951, by Glen Bell. The original owners of Milta Café were Lucia Rodriguez and Vicente Montano.

Irene Montano, a descendent of the original owners would say Mr. Bell kept asking about the tacos, how he made them, and so Irene “father-in-law invited him into the kitchen to teach him”.

Milta’s Café menu is pulled from another time, and features Cottage Cheese Fruit Salad next to Guacamole Dip.

There’s a “Mexican combination” section and an “American flavor” section on the menu. A nod to a previous era, when Mexican food like tacos and enchiladas weren’t considered as American as apple pie.

You can order an “orange whip” to drink—a drink that was last in style decades deep into the previous century.

There’s not even an obvious way to order the hard-shelled ground beef taco that Milta is famous for having created. Among the 31 items listed under the “A La Carte” section is one simply labeled “TACO”. It is there that one can specify “hard-shelled” and “ground beef”. Milta Café fries each tortilla to order. “Milta’s” tacos are lighter color and have irregular edges.

It also doesn't crack into a trillion pieces after a single bite.

The biggest difference in flavor comes from the primary ingredient in Milta Café's hard-shelled taco: the beef.

Rather than using loosely sautéed beef on the tortilla, a kind of burger patty is formed. Its heavily-spiced, textured, and very delicious. The lettuce and tomato are fresh and crisp and the cheddar cheese was room temperature and not cold.

From the fast, friendly service to its delicious food, it's easy to understand why Milta Café has survived and thrived for nearly 100 years.

### **CLASSIC GRILL**

Canyon Country, CA

The Classic Grill is a 1950's-style diner for breakfast, BBQ, and burgers, including live music. The breakfast is **hot and huge** and is served with steaming hot specialty coffee or a chilled signature Bloody Mary.

It also offers a clam chowder in a bread bowl.

Each day of the week it offers specials. For example:

Saturday & Sunday – Breakfast 9-12 noon.

Tuesday – Taco Tuesday

Thursday – Thirsty Thursday

Friday thru Easter – New England Chowder, Fish & Chips, and Tilapia Dinner Platter.

They have bike night specials, car shows, catering, a full bar, and beers on tap to promote the business to encourage customers to stop in. It will host all types of events.

It's located in Southern California.

## ESA FOUNDATION CHAIR – Vivian Gibson

Scholarship season is over. Thanks to everyone who assisted. Hopefully the applicants will be notified.

Terrie Rust is the Endowment Chairman. She has been working to get contact information updated for all the endowments, with a focus on having two current contacts. I would like to remind the endowers to send the forms to her so she can ensure your information is up to date.

Also be sure that headquarters has your updated email.

Please ask your chapter to donate items for the Auction at State Convention. Please check in your item no later than noon on Friday.

The Foundation Fund Fest at IC convention will be held on Tuesday night, July 25th, as the kickoff for the Convention. As every year, the committee is asking states for donations, please bring your donations to the June state Council Meeting and give them to Cathy Holsted. Preferably gift cards

If you are interested in helping, please contact Sandy Hosack at [esaffundfest@gmail.com](mailto:esaffundfest@gmail.com)

Mark your calendars for April 11, 7:30 PM eastern standard time for a presentation on the ABCs of parliamentary procedure presented by our own registered parliamentarian, Rosalie Griffith.

Please send your donation in for the Texas toast fantasy event. This is a non-attended event that supports the foundation. Someone asked if it was OK to encourage nine foundation members. To donate, and the answer is absolutely.

When planning your chapter budget this year, please consider donating to the Foundation grants.

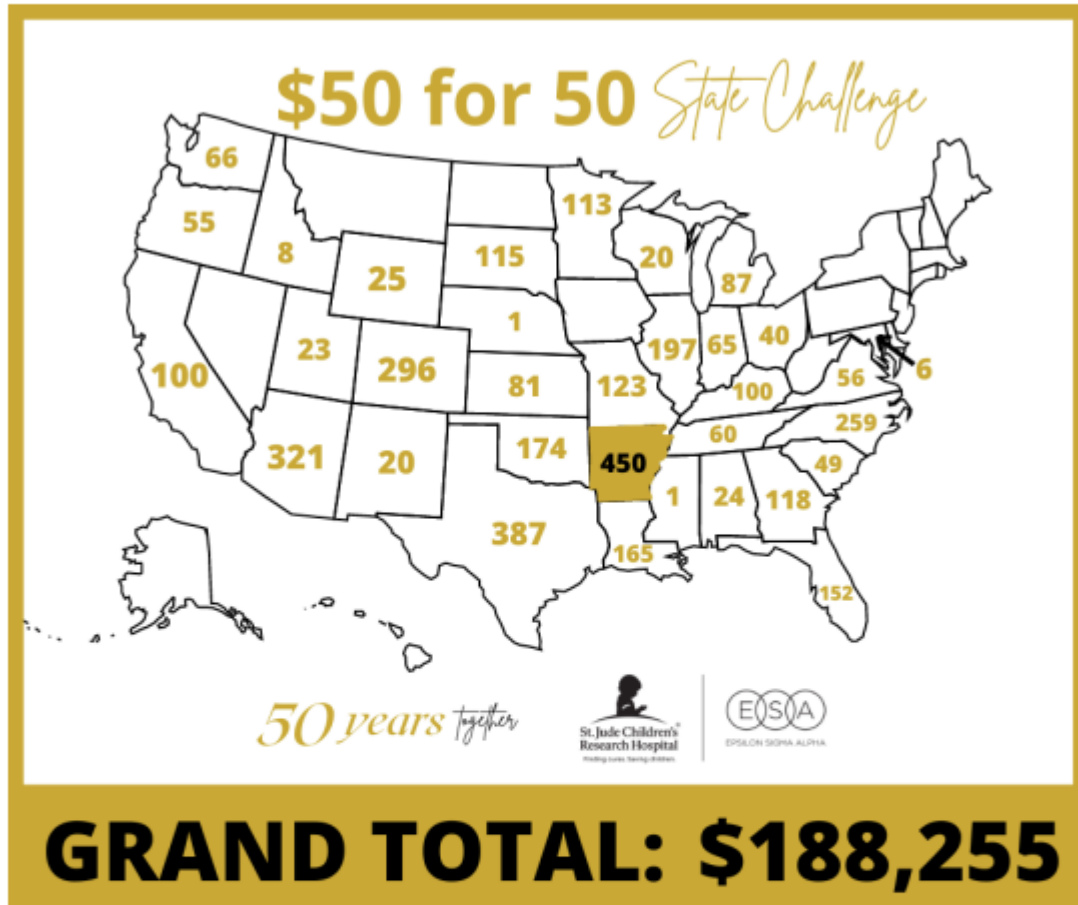
The Career Enhancement Grants are designed to help applicants attend workshops and seminars that help them increase their job ability or knowledge in their current field of employment or assist them in starting a new job.

The “Vocational Training” provides opportunities to applicants seeking to develop skills for a new career or to enhance their skills and knowledge for further advancement in their chosen career field.

Please note, these are not scholarships or college related grants and will not apply to college tuition, college books or college debts of any kind. It has been a wonderful year. Thanks to all of you for your assistance; will catch you on the flip side.

Vivian Gibson  
Oklahoma ESA Foundation State Counselor

## The Results Are In!



Celebrating the 50th anniversary partnership: Thank you to each and every member who participated in the \$50 for 50 Challenge celebrating the 50th partnership anniversary of ESA and St. Jude Children's Research Hospital. Whether you wrote an additional check or hosted a community event, your efforts have paid off big time. And congrats to Arkansas - our \$50 for 50 winning state! My goal for Oklahoma was 100—and we surpassed that with great efforts by all! Thanks! Don't forget state reports are due April 1!!!  
Dr. Billye Putnam, ESA for St. Jude Chair  
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The Illinois State Council invites you to mark your calendar to attend, *Oktoberfest*, the 38<sup>th</sup> annual conference of Midwest Area Regional Council in East Peoria at the Embassy Suites by Hilton East Peoria Riverfront Hotel & Conference Center October 13 – 14, 2023. Your stay includes Your stay includes:

- ✓ Complimentary parking
- ✓ Complimentary Wi-Fi in guestrooms
- ✓ Free made-to-order breakfast
- ✓ Complimentary evening reception
- ✓ On-site restaurant
- ✓ Indoor pool
- ✓ Fitness center
- ✓ Pet-friendly rooms
- ✓ Business center

✓ Non-smoking rooms  
 ✓ Room Rates: \$139 Single/Double; \$149 Triple: \$159 Quad plus 12% Conference room rate 2 days prior & 2 days after (based on availability)

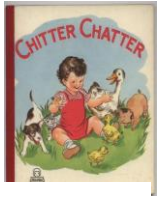
East Peoria, Illinois is within a day’s driving distance for the majority of our Midwest members and also easy to get to for those members outside the Midwest as everyone is welcomed to join in the Oktoberfest themed conferenced. If you prefer to fly, the General Wayne A. Downing Peoria International Airport currently provides service to 13 destinations on three airlines. With popular nonstop destinations and convenient connections, you can go ANYWHERE through PIA on the following airlines: Allegiant Air, American Airlines, United Airlines, check out schedules at [www.flypia.com](http://www.flypia.com)

What's nearby: The East Peoria Levee District is a vibrant mixed-use development and major shopping destination for the greater Peoria area. The Levee District is home to retail, restaurants, and services, along with office, hotel and civic components. Must see sites: Caterpillar Visitors Center, Home of the Peoria Chiefs Baseball, Home of the Peoria Rivermen Hockey, Paradise Casino, Bass Pro Shop, Costco, Target, Wal-mart, Aldi’s, Ulta, Gordmans, Texas Roadhouse, Chili’s, Shogun, Culvers, Tequilla’s Mexican, Steak ‘n Shake, Johnny’s Italian Steakhouse, Chick-Fil-A, Chipotle, Panda Express & Discover Peoria and So Much More at [www.peoria.org](http://www.peoria.org)

Check out the MARC Website (password required) MARC Conference Page for Registration Form, Ad Program form, Leadership details, and much more at <http://www.esamarc.org/marc-conference.html>







## Delta Kappa

Vice President, Nancy conducts Rosemarie's pledge ceremony.



Western District coordinator, Linda with DK members Gwynn Nell, Faye, Janice & Vivian.

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## Gamma Delta

### Isabella Sinor and the Reading Partners

#### Gamma Delta's Next Chapter...

Back in January, ESA's Gamma Delta members held a Trivia Night event with proceeds of the fun evening slated for Tulsa's Reading Partners, a non-profit organization that pairs individuals with students in area schools to help improve the student's reading skills via a one-on-one tutoring basis. The Trivia Night event was a wonderful success and Gamma Delta's Isabella Sinor met with Reading Partners' Community Engagement Manager, Jonathan Merkel, to present a check for \$700 as the next chapter in our association with Tulsa's Reading Partners



Isabella Sinor presenting a check.



## Tulsa Area Council (TAC)

The Spaghetti/Bingo Fundraiser was a huge success! We had a great attendance and raised a lot of money for A New Leaf, our charity for this year! Thanks to all who cooked, brought raffle prizes and bingo prizes, and worked hard to make this such a great event.

Our TAC Founder's Day Tea will be on May 7<sup>th</sup>, from 2-4pm at the Central Library in downtown Tulsa. Gina Wozencraft is planning a wonderful event and we hope you'll be able to join us. We'll have more detailed information soon.

TAC is also busy with the St. Jude Dream Home. I've heard we're ahead on ticket sales (always good news)! Judi York, Rosalie Griffith, and Linda Jones were at the floor signing. We always look forward to working in the Dream Home and love watching our guests get excited about dreaming that this could be their new home! Again, thanks so much to ALL who make this happen!

We're enjoying our Magical Year at TAC!  
Dawn Haley, TAC Publicity Chair



Rosalie Griffith, Judi York, Linda Jones



April TAC meeting



EPSILON SIGMA ALPHA

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Sigma Chi Chapter #5053, Inola, ok. Is taking orders for name badges.  
Badges are 3"wide x 1 -1/2" tall. Material is Brushed Gold Engraved Metallic with Black Backing and Magnetic Bar. Orders take approximately two to three weeks for delivery.

Name (please print)	Chapter Name (please print)	Mailing Address (please print)

Gamma Zeta News



**Jewel pin- Priscilla Baudoin presented by Jacquie Cantrel**



**60 year pin—Bev Hanna Fedde presented by Jacquie Cantrel**

# Gamma Zeta March meeting and educational on Cheevers Restaurant

