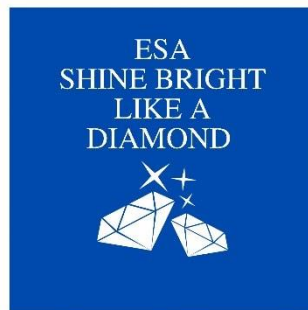




Oklahoma State Council  
2022- 2023  
Petticoat Journal

Linda Jones, President



**“ESA Shine Bright Like a Diamond”**

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From the desk of the President



Hello Everyone!

Fall is here! We closed out the summer months and welcomed in Fall at our September 10<sup>th</sup> Leadership Meeting held in Tulsa. We had 15 Chapters represented and 55 members attended. If you missed the gathering, please know that we missed you!

The theme for the day was “Love, Live, Laugh, Learn.” We had some wonderful guest speakers. Our first speaker had us up on our feet to practice, balance, stretching and eye hand coordination. Next, we had a refresher course in Parliamentary Procedures, to help us keep our meetings running smoothly. After such a heavy topic we practiced some Laughter Yoga, thanks to the IC workshop held in July.

Our keynote speaker was Kathleen Pence a local attorney who focuses her legal work in civil litigation, probate, estates, wills, and adult guardianships. Wow! Did we learn a lot!

We had a great time of shopping at the ESA on the Mall. Super thanks to all the chapters who participated. It was truly a fun day.

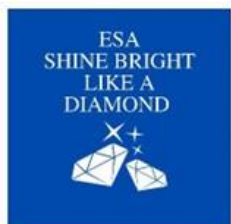
The St. Jude Walk/Run for Tulsa and Oklahoma City will be completed by the time this newsletter is published. I know both will be successful events.

We are on the countdown to hosting the 2022 MARC Conference in Tulsa on October 7<sup>th</sup> - 8<sup>th</sup> at the Tulsa Marriott. I hope to see you there.

Oklahoma ESA State Convention is quickly approaching. Get those registration forms in and please place an ad to help celebrate 80 years of Oklahoma ESA State Conventions.

Keep Shining Bright Like a Diamond!

Linda Jones, State President 2022-2023





Patty Heer  
First Vice President  
Oklahoma State Council

Oh, the Places we Will Go!

Hello, I am very happy to see everyone at the OK State Leadership meeting in Tulsa.

What a fantastic meeting!!!

As your Vice President I am to build an elected board and general board.

This presents an opportunity for you to fill a leadership role on the OK State Council Board for 2023-2024 or a leadership role on the general board. The Nominating Committee has meet and there were so many uplifting and encourage words shared about the strengths of those we will be asking to join the team for 2023-2024. If you have a desire to hold one of the chairs or elected offices, please give me a call.

This is exciting news.

My theme for the 2023-2024 year is "Oh, the Places We Will GO" and The Journey will be the conference theme. Yes, this is after the Dr. Seuss book.

This book has a meaningful message about the importance of seizing new opportunities, keeping an open-mind, and trying new thing. It also talks about being in a holding pattern. Well, I know about the holding pattern. I was there quite a while. I have learned that life is certainly one huge adventure, jam-packed with unexpected twists and turns. The book concerns the journey of life and its challenges and joys.

So how does this correlate to ESA?

In review the ESA Closing Ritual one statement says, "May we be reminded that graciousness, poise, and friendliness is our goal and as we go our separate ways to hold aloft the ray from the lamp of learning that those who follow in our footsteps be guided by its light."

The light or ray from the lamp of learning is each of us and we guide members that following in our footsteps through being committee chair, elected officer, chapter offices, and actives all while having fun. While sharing the ray from the lamp of learning we are building stronger members, which creates stronger leadership and a fun, learning environments for all members. You are the influencer.....

Without knowing it you influence people every day in large and small ways.

Wherever you fly, you will be the best of the best. Wherever you go you will top all the rest. So be sure when you step, step with care and great tact. And remember that life's a Great Balancing Act.

And you may ask "will I succeed"? Yes, you will, indeed! (98and ¾ percent guarantee

Oh, the Places we Will Go!

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Petticoat Journal Editor



Well, it seems like summer does not want to give up the warm, but I think Autumn will win out! I hope everyone had a good summer despite the high Temperatures. I am looking forward to all the wonderful things autumn brings. Cool temperatures, walking and enjoying all the varied colors autumn brings. The sounds of crackling wood in the fireplace. The smell of all the delicious baked pies and breads.

I appreciate everyone sending your articles in a timely manner. This helps the members know about what's new and about important deadlines.

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LIZ KING State Project Director Chairman



**OKLAHOMA**  
SCHOOL FOR THE DEAF

**ESA IS INVITED**

for a day of fun!

October 29, 2022

9:30 AM

1100 E. Oklahoma Ave. Sulfur, OK 73086

ESA members have an opportunity to visit with the kids at the school and watch them play their volleyball games and tour the school.

We will gather at the school at 9:30am and the school is supplying us with a special room to meet and after the game we will have box lunches that will be preordered by the school and paid for by each attendee.

Please reach out to Liz King and let me know the number of participants from your chapter. I can be reached by phone at 405-429-9534 or email at [rose\\_73118@yahoo.com](mailto:rose_73118@yahoo.com) and I will supply you with the choices for lunch boxes.



Choices for lunch boxes arrived and they are as followed: Cost \$12 Chicken Salad on croissant or wheatberry, Ham and cheese, Turkey and cheese. All with chips and cookie. cost \$15 for Vegetarian option which includes fruits, veggies, crackers, and cheese with pimento cheese or ranch dip and cheese with either pimento cheese or ranch dip. Includes cookie only

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## Oklahoma School for the Blind News



*Oklahoma School for the Blind*  
Partnering with  
Trinity Masonic Lodge 502  
is sponsoring a

*Gift Baskets*  
AVAILABLE AT EVENT  
SILENT AUCTION

*Jazz Band Performance*

*Spaghetti Dinner*  
**FUNDRAISER**

*Dessert Auction*

\$ 7<sup>00</sup>

Bedouin Shrine Center 201 S 6th St  
**TUESDAY NOVEMBER 1ST 5:00PM-8:00PM**

Here is an opportunity to connect with OSB. Even though we no longer have meetings on site, OSB is working to improve our relationship with the school. In the future they will send us information on activities with the opportunity for ESA members to attend.

Remember if your chapter hasn't turned in donations for State Projects try to turn in to Liz King ASAP! We want to ensure that each student gets Christmas from ESA.

## **Oklahoma State Celebration of 2021-2022, our accomplishments, how we placed at IC Convention.**

I would like to give you all an overall view of what we had fun doing at the IC Convention in Indianapolis back in July, where 10 of us were able to attend the 75<sup>th</sup> Annual IC Convention.

I, Linda, and Margaret rode together, we stopped in Terre Haute on the way and had a nice dinner, the next morning we headed on into the convention which was only about an hour and a half away. There is a story that goes with this stop. We got our room but, it was not what Margaret reserved so she went back down to the front desk and got another key. She texted us what room to go to and when she opened the door, there were already people asleep in the beds. So, we hurried up and closed the door and went back down to the front desk. Luckily, we did not turn the light on. They could not figure out how it happened, but she found us another room and insisted that she go check it out first. All was good and we finally could get to bed.

**On Thursday**, there were several workshops, our Regional MARC Meeting, and more workshops, then after going to dinner as a State to hold our caucus we all changed into our NUN outfits and performed "I will follow Him" from Sister Act in the Lip Sync contest, which was another fundraiser. That was hilarious watching all the acts perform. One wild risqué show in amongst about five nun competitions. Along with a lot of other performers.

**Then on Friday** we had the recognition luncheon and Oklahoma won a few things.

Ramona Paine came in 2<sup>nd</sup> on her Mae Wells Outstanding State Educational Director Award. We had two entries place in the top 10 Educational Programs. Delta Kappa, Faye Alexander and Beta Gamma, Peggie Sprinkle

Oklahoma placed 3<sup>rd</sup> for the Philanthropic Award – State Hours with 14,725.5 Hours

We also had the Outstanding Youth Award from Oklahoma, Junior, Blake Anthony Byrum. He won in Oklahoma, then turned around and won at IC level as well.

Another award Oklahoma was presented with was STATE DONATING THE MOST MONEY TO THE FANTASY EVENT, 1<sup>ST</sup> PLACE.

Saturday morning started off with us finding out that Margaret had won her spot on the IC Board as Parliamentarian. Jacque Cantrel is also going to be on the By-Laws committee. Then the Celebration of Life. This is not where it started though. The whole week was the most tearing of all with the passing of Robin Bussey shortly before the convention. Although she had the whole week planned out the way she wanted it. No Chicken was to be had for any meal. They were all great, and the entire week was great. Every time they would announce something we were about to do we were reminded that Robin Planned it that way. She was very missed by all in attendance. At the celebration of life, they not only honored Robin, but they honored all the ESA members who passed since the last IC Convention.

Next year's IC Convention is back in Grapevine Tx after being cancelled due to Covid. It will be July 23<sup>rd</sup> to July 30<sup>th</sup>, 2023, at the Embassy Suites at DFW Airport, Grapevine. The room rates are \$159 20 double beds and \$169 for a king room. Hope more can attend since it will be so close.



On Saturday Night the major St Jude Awards were passed out. Oklahoma was presented “DANNY’S DREAM AWARD” for reaching the next Million Dollar mark of \$12 Million given to St Jude Children’s Research Hospital.

We also placed in the top 10 for \$816,665 raised for St Jude, and we got to hold up one of the numbers when the total of \$15,261,804 was announced for 2021-2022. Then \$356,699,252 was announced for the 50-year accumulative amount raised.

We all had a wonderful time and headed home on Sunday morning. It was just me and Margaret driving back, and we came straight home. Linda came back with Eileen and her husband.

Respectfully

Sandy Lackey

Jr Past President

Back row: Cathy and Doc Holsted, Stephen and Jennifer Sparkman, Jacque Cantrel, Dalton Wiley and Lana Rubio. Seated: Margaret Kramer, Rosalie Griffith, Linda Jones, Sandy Lackey & Eileen Wiley





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Sandy Lackey

Disaster Chairman

## **STATE DISASTER FUND CHAIR DONATION FORM PROCEDURES**

### **CONTRIBUTIONS TO THE DISASTER FUND**

All checks are to be made payable to the **ESA Disaster Fund** and mailed to the State Disaster Fund Chair. If the State Disaster Fund Chair receives a cash donation, it should be deposited, and a personal check or money order made out to the IC Disaster Fund should then be completed and sent to the IC Disaster Fund Chair. If there is no state council, contributions may be mailed directly to the IC Disaster Fund Chair.

The duties of the State Disaster Fund Chair are two-fold:

- I. Promote the ESA International Council Disaster Fund and remind members that no one knows when they may need financial assistance. Disaster Fund proceeds cannot be administered without donations.
- II. Receive and process Disaster Fund donations from the membership and send them to the ESA International Council Disaster Fund Chair.
- III. **MAIL CHAPTER DONATIONS FOR OKLAHOMA TO: Sandy Lackey 33794 E 743 Way Wagoner OK 74467 Jr Past Oklahoma State President 2022-2023 I will then record them and mail onto the IC Jr Past President.**

### **I. DONATIONS**

**A. Promotion:** The State Chair is to promote the Disaster Fund within their state, reminding members that it can never be anticipated when disaster money may be needed. Disaster Fund promotions include special projects such as games of chance at state meetings, Memorial or Honorarium donations, contributions in lieu of Christmas, Birthday, Secret Pal gifts, etc.

**B. Chapter and Individual Donations:** All checks are to be made payable to the **ESA Disaster Fund** and mailed to the State Disaster Fund Chair. If the State Disaster Fund Chair receives a cash donation, it should be deposited, and a personal check or money order made out to the **ESA Disaster Fund** should then be completed and sent to the IC Disaster Fund Chair. If there is no state council,

**C. State Record Keeping:** Donations are to be recorded as the State Disaster Fund Chair receives them. The State Disaster Fund Chair may set up books/records to fit their needs for accurate, efficient reporting to the IC Disaster Fund Chair that will include the following:

Preparation of Disaster Fund Report and transfer of funds to the IC Disaster Fund Chair monthly.

The annual period to be covered is **June 1 through May 31**. An annual award will be given at IC Convention to the state that contributes the most

1. award will be given at IC Convention to the state that contributes the most dollars from **June 1 through May 31**. (See the section on Awards.)
  - i. This timeline is **NOT** the same as the International Council ESA year which is August 1 to July 31. The ESA International Council Disaster Fund Chair will receive donations submitted **after May 31** however, the monies will be deposited and count as donations for the following year.

## II. DONATION FORM COMPLETION

- A. **IMPORTANT:** Complete a Donation Form with the State Council name, Report # 1, etc. and then list **all chapters** in the state including the chapter name and chapter number.
- B. Once a month, if donations are received, complete the Report Form. Simply record the donations on the lines for each chapter. If an individual donates, record that information after the list of chapters. **If no donations are received during a month, no report is required.**
  1. Completion of the Report Form provides a reference as to whether a chapter has donated as well as allows an accumulation of a chapter's total when more than one donation is submitted during the year.
  2. The Donation Report Form is created in Excel; therefore, it is not necessary to insert a dollar sign for each donation.
  3. The form should automatically calculate the total amount donated.
- C. Make sure the first report that is completed says **Report #1**.
  1. From the list created in Step A, find the name of the chapter that donated and enter the check number.
  2. Next, enter the donation amount in the **Amount Contributed This Report** column.
  3. Enter **0** (zero) in this column for chapters that did not donate for this report.
- D. For the next monthly report, begin by using **Report #1** and save it as **Report #2**.
  1. In the **Report #** space, change the Report # from 1 to **2**.
  2. All the previous donations are listed, so now **copy** that amount to the **Amt**

Enter **0** (zero) in this column for all chapters that have not **previously** donated for this report.

EASTERN DISTRICT COORDINATOR

DARLENE CUSHENBERRY

“MAKING A DIFFERENCE”



MICHELLE LINN

FOX 23 NEWS ANCHOR

CRAIG DAY

KOTV Channel 6

News Anchor

SPEAKERS AT EASTERN DISTRICT LEADERSHIP, AUGUST 27, 2022

Eastern District Meeting, Saturday February 25<sup>th</sup>, 2023, Highland Park Christian Church, Tulsa

Details TBA



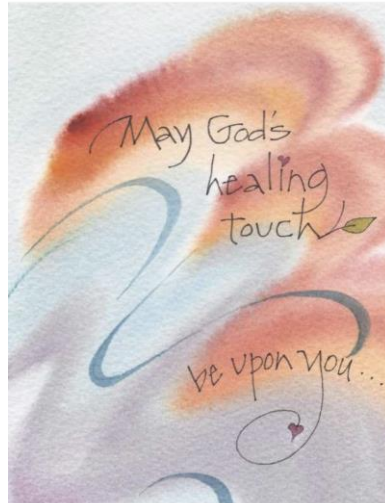
Eastern District Treasurer – Charlene Law

Please send your dues and Project donations to:

25206 S Shepherd Dr, Claremore, OK, 74019-0263

Email:claw45@cox.net

## Chaplain Report 9/23



From Jacci Gantz, Gamma Zeta Chapter:

Ruth Simpson's husband Dewayne has melanoma on top of his head. He has seen his doctor. Tuesday he will be going to oncologist for several tests like MRI and brain scan then Thursday surgery to remove the melanoma and have skin grafts. Cards may be sent to Dewayne Simpson 4204 Copper Rock Drive, Edmond, OK 73025.

Update from Jacque Cantrel :

As of yesterday, Tom is not a candidate for surgery or stints. As of today, his heart is working about 35% only on the left side artery. So, we are going home with about 7 new meds and take it nice and easy. The surgeon and cardiologist referred him to Integris Baptist in OKC to see them in about two weeks. They are better equipped to handle his condition and maybe heart transplant.

Thank you for all your prayer and please continue with prayers to keep him from getting depressed and giving up. Thank you so much ESA and MESA. Their address is 425125 E 1168 Road, Eufaula 74432.

From Ramona Bench, Kappa Theta Chapter:

Tammy Ramirez is in Mercy Hospital in OKC with blood clots in both lungs. Her address is 520 N. 1<sup>st</sup> Street, Guthrie 73044.

Peggie Sprinkle, Chaplain,



ESA... THE  
*stars*  
COME OUT

Tulsa Area Council Chapters (Beta Gamma, Eta Mu, Gamma Delta, Kappa Alpha & Sigma Chi) plus Alpha Rho, Broken Arrow are excited to be hosting the 2023 Oklahoma State Council Convention

The convention will be April 28 & 29, 2023, Marriott Tulsa Southern Hills-1903 E 71<sup>st</sup> St, Tulsa, OK 74136 Phone: 918/493-7000

Room rate is \$121.00 for King or Double/Double

Free parking & Breakfast included for 2 per room

Registration is \$135 for members, which includes the Friday Mixer, Recognition Luncheon, and Banquet

Men's registration is \$90 and includes the mixer and banquet. Banquet guests are \$65

We have lots of fun and surprises for you. You won't want to miss the 80<sup>th</sup> Annual Oklahoma State Council Convention "ESA...The Stars Come Out"

# Oklahoma State Council 80th Annual Convention


***“ESA – The Stars Come Out”***

**April 28 & 29, 2023**

**Marriott Southern Hills Hotel Tulsa, OK - Phone: 918-493-7000**

**Hotel Registration Deadline Saturday, April 1, 2023**

**REQUEST THE GROUP RATE FOR “EPSILON SIGMA ALPHA”**

MEMBER NAME			
		CITY, STATE, ZIP:	
PHONE:	Best way to contact you: phone ___ text ___ email	EMAIL:	
CHAPTER NAME:	CHAPTER NUMBER:	CITY:	
<b>CHECK ALL THAT APPLY:</b>			
<input type="checkbox"/>	CHAPTER PRESIDENT	<input type="checkbox"/>	1ST TIME CONVENTION GOER
<input type="checkbox"/>	EXECUTIVE BOARD MEMBER	<input type="checkbox"/>	GENERAL BOARD MEMBER
<input type="checkbox"/>	CURRENT/PREVIOUS IC OFFICER	<input type="checkbox"/>	CURRENT/PREVIOUS ESAF BRD
<input type="checkbox"/>	SPECIAL DIET MENU/MEDICAL REASONS ONLY ** CONTACT: Dawn Haley at dmhaley4@yahoo.com		
<b>MEN'S REGISTRATION:</b>			
NAME:		HUSBAND/ESCORT OF:	
<b>ELAN REGISTRATION:</b>			
NAME:		ESA MEMBER/CHAPTER:	
<b>GUEST REGISTRATION:</b>			
NAME:		GUEST OF:	
<b>CHECK ALL THAT APPLY</b>			<b>HOW MANY</b>
<input type="checkbox"/>	MEMBERS/ELAN FULL REGISTRATION FEE includes Friday Night Mixer/Dinner, General Assemblies, Workshops, Recognition Luncheon & Saturday Night Banquet		\$135.00
<input type="checkbox"/>	MEN'S/GUEST REGISTRATION FEE includes Friday Night Mixer/Dinner & Saturday Banquet		\$90.00
<input type="checkbox"/>	GUEST BANQUET REGISTRATION FEE (Saturday Night)		\$65.00
<b>LATE FEE OF \$25 WILL BE ASSESSED AFTER APRIL 1, 2023. After April 1, 2023, you will need to call Dawn Haley at 210-685-8747 and arrange payment.</b>			
<b>Total PAYMENT</b>			

**Registration Deadline:** Registration deadline is Friday, March 31, 2023. Registrations postmarked after March 31<sup>st</sup> will be assigned seating where vacancies exist. Late registrants may not be able to be seated with their chapter  
**MARRIOTT SOUTHERN HILLS HOTEL REGISTRATION DEADLINE IS APRIL 1, 2023 CALL NOW!**  
**Phone: 918-493-7000. Be sure to mention you are with ESA.**



## JACQUE CANTEL

## STATE EDUCATIONAL CHAIR

Ladies, if you are the chapter educational chair, please start sending me one educational on my theme: "Route 66 Diners/Drive-Ins, East to West Coast. The state education form is on our website at ([www.oklaesa.org](http://www.oklaesa.org)) and Include a summary of the diner.

The **Gold Link Award** requires (6) timely programs be sent to the Educational Director. The **Gold Seal Entry** is all the year's programs combined in a notebook following the rules and submitted to the State Educational Director no later than April 1, 2023.

The **DISTINGUISHED ATHENIAN SERVICE AWARD** is presented to the Chapter Educational Chairman who has gone beyond the call of duty in her service to the ESA educational field. You must submit a **GOLD SEAL ENTRY** to be eligible **AND** be nominated by your Chapter President.

### WAYLAN'S KU KU BURGER

Waylan's Ku Ku Burger is a nostalgic burger joint located off Historic Route 66 in Miami, Oklahoma, which has been serving mouthwatering burgers since the 1960's. Once you order, you will see just how juicy and delicious their cooked-to-order burgers are. Be sure you order hot and crispy fries and a shake or ice-cream cone to go with your burger.

The interior is uniquely decorated with nostalgic Route 66 memorabilia. It started as a fast-food chain in the 1960's and this location is the only one still standing. It features a drive-in as well. It is also famous for its giant yellow fiberglass cuckoo bird emerging from the front wall and a huge, green, and yellow neon sign, located at 915 N. Main.

### HAMMET HOUSE

#### CLAREMORE, OK

Mr. and Mrs. James R. May were personal friends of the Hammett's. James truly enjoyed food. He was a huge fan of dining out, if he was served quality food with excellent service. As a restaurateur, he had plenty of experience in how to provide both and was pleased when the favor was returned. Mrs. May worked at the Hammett House which was still owned by the Hammett family. She served drinks to

the business crowds. The restaurant was a dark, cozy joint, paneled in deep walnut imposing red leather booths. Behind the restaurant stands a nearby building that serves as a bakery. Mrs. May worked early morning shifts making delicious, fluffy, made-from scratch rolls that the Hammett House proudly serves today.

The May's were good friends with the Hammett's and often they would eat there, because they served quality food with excellent service. The other restaurant that the May's frequented was the Golden Corral. This was a time of placing your order at a counter and being seated, with your food brought to you. It had a salad bar and no guard shields.

They ate several times a week at the Golden Corral. James' good friend Bill Biard worked there for years. He was the restaurant's partner and manager. In the meantime, the Hammett House closed, and the building sat vacant for about five years.

In 1991, Bill Biard of Golden Corral, and his wife, Linda purchased the empty restaurant. He was torn about the decision, after 20 years of corporate restaurant experience and his career with Golden Corral if it should

be called Bill's Steakhouse or something entirely different. In the meantime, Jim Hammett approached Bill looking for a job. With a gifted cook and an original Hammett on the team, Bill and Linda recreated the Hammett House of its heyday.

Hammett House first opened in April 1969, a dream of LaNelle Hammett. She was the matriarch of the Hammett clan. LaNelle loved to cook and was full of creative and innovative ideas. She was also declared legally blind at the age of 19, but that did not stop her from baking homemade rolls and the made-from-scratch pies that put Hammett House on the map.

LaNelle was one of the first to get involved with Weight Watchers and serve healthy choices to patrons. She invented her "Skinny Soup" in 1970, and it is still a staple on the menu today. Another popular choice still on the menu is the Lemon Pecan Pie. She discovered this in an issue of Southern Living in the 1960's. Some out-standing items on the menu include Pamper Fried Chicken and Matzo Ball Soup, made with her signature seasonings.

The salad dressings are another item not to be missed. One was called the "Pink Stuff". It is cold, garlicky, and pink, and recalls the "Love Dip" at Central Market in Texas. Bill eventually purchased the recipe from Joe Littlefield. He learned then that the recipe was first discovered at the Pryor Café. During Bill's tenure, he has also concocted the "Green Stuff" which is Cilantro Lime Ranch.

The historical restaurant stays true to its roots in the daily potluck specials. Each day, a lunch special is served, and it does not vary. The Navy bean soup has been served on Wednesdays for years and years. On Sundays, the matzo ball soup is served.

The pies made from scratch caught the attention of more than local diners or travelers. Southern Living even published an article dedicated to the delectable desserts. One of Bill's additions is the Apple Pie Delight, which is served on a hot cast iron skillet and drizzled with brandy-butter sauce. Ice cream is often served on top as well. Hammett House also serves Trisha Yearwood's Key Lime Cake, with Trisha's blessing

Some facts: The Chocolate Chip Peanut Butter pie weighs 13 pounds. Approximately 38% of the customer's order desserts. They are to-go dessert business is over-whelming.

It has been in business for more than 40 years and strive to continue good service and tasty food.

#### Items on the Menu:

#### Award-Winning Chili with Bean Soup Lunch

A bowl of steaming chili with chopped fresh onions & cheese

#### **BURGER**

#### Award-Winning Chili Cheeseburger Lunch

Our old-fashioned cheeseburger topped with Bill's award-winning chili.

#### **Desserts - Homemade Pies**

Homemade pies! At least 14 different unique flavors made fresh each day.

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- Coconut Cream Pie
  - Chocolate Cream Pie
  - Creamy chocolate Bavarian pie
  - Peanut Butter Chocolate Chip Pie
  - Sour Cream Cherry Pie
  - Buttermilk Chess Pie
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- Banana Cream Pie
- Sour Cream Raisin Pie
- German Chocolate Pie
- Lemon Pecan Pie

Sugar Free Apple Pie  
 Double Crust Apple Pie  
 Double Crust Cherry Pie  
 Lattice      Topped      Fresh      Blueberry



## Let's Score 100+!!

I'm proud of you, Oklahoma ESA, for embracing the \$50 for 50 Challenge for St. Jude Children's Research Hospital! But you can do better! Let's see if we can't get at least 100 \$50 donations.

December 31 is the deadline. We've had at least 77 sent in so far! Thanks to the Eastern, Western, and State Leadership meetings each raising \$150.

Celebrating 50 years of helping St. Jude seems incredible! YOU have raised \$341,437,448 in those 50 years. Wow! Let's put some extra effort into this 50th year and finish strong!

If each member would send a special \$50 (make sure you use the form printed in the PJ and marked the **BOTTOM** of the form for the \$50 for 50 Challenge), we can finish the year with a **TOUCHDOWN!!!** Go to [www.epsilonsigmaalpha.org](http://www.epsilonsigmaalpha.org), click into the member section, and search for the St. Jude \$50 for 50 fundraising ideas. The easiest one is a Facebook Fundraiser you can do asking your friends to help. Visit [www.st.jude.org/YourWay](http://www.st.jude.org/YourWay) and follow the link to create a fundraiser. Don't forget to include ESA in the name of your event. Let's go towards that goal post to score 100!!!

Dr. Billye Peterson Putnam  
 Oklahoma ESA for St. Jude Coordinator



ESA Members, please remember that Hope for Heroes Week falls the week of Veteran's Day in November. All chapters are encouraged to hold a special program or event during the week to support military members, their families, or veterans.

### **MAKE A DIFFERENCE! SHOW YOUR SUPPORT!**

Head to stores that give deals to veterans to show your support.

Visit a Museum - Go to a museum with your family to learn about our nation's history and those who fought for it. Attend a Celebration - Your local VA or VFW might host a Veterans Day celebration that you can attend or even volunteer at.

- Wear a Poppy and Attend an Event. ...
- Sit Down and Talk with a Veteran. ...
- Volunteer at a VA Hospital. ...
- Hold a Care Package Party. ...
- Help Educate Students About Veterans Day. ...
- Invite a Veteran to Speak with Students. ...
- Hold A Fundraiser. ...
- Write a Letter
- Treat them to a treat. Consider honoring and recognizing veterans at your meeting by hosting a lunch in their honor. ...
- Recognize them. ...share their story. ...serve the family. ...
- Serve the community.



## ESA Foundation State Counselor

Please continue to let everyone know about the scholarships available.

Go to <http://www.epsilonsigma>

[alpha.org/scholarship](http://www.epsilonsigmaalpha.org/scholarship) to find the application and list of available scholarships by state. Tell the applicants to complete the application and requirements on-line and submit for judging.”

- The scholarships are available beginning September 1.
- Deadline for submitting applications is 11PM Mountain Time on February 1, 2023

### Grants:

- The Foundation has Grants available. Please contribute to the grants. grants. The Life Active Membership program, funds the grants program. The Types of grants available:
- Career Enhancement Grants: To develop skills for career advancement through training programs to update or maintain employment credentials
- Vocational Training Grants: For applicants seeking to develop skills for a new career or to enhance their skills and knowledge for further advancement in their chosen career field such as completing requirements to obtain a trade certification or apprenticeships. Veterans looking to re-enter the workforce and needing new or additional training in their field of interest is another good example. This grant can also be used to promote programs and skills for training in the fine arts and those who are developing creative programs or projects that use elements of the fine arts to benefit returning military personnel.
- Partnership/Joint Venture Grants: These grants are awarded to other non-profits who provide educational career training programs that meet the ideals and goals for the ESA Foundation
- Details on the grant programs and information on timing and how to apply are on the ESAF website under Grants: <https://www.epsilonsigmaalpha.org/scholarships-and-grants/grants>

### Planned Giving Program:

- You can donate to the Foundation in a will or as a beneficiary to an insurance policy
- If you are interested in getting involved with planned giving contact Terrie Rust, Planned Giving Chairman.

### Turnaround Funds:

- Important to the Foundation to help strengthen 501c3 status
- Rather than sending individual checks to one or more 501c3 charities, the individual sends one check to the Foundation indicating which charity is to receive what amount. The Foundation turns around this request and sends individual checks back to the person using the turnaround funds. Then the person sends the checks to the individual charities.
- Benefit: Easier to document donations on your taxes (donations to one charity instead of multiples)
- Item to remember: Checks are returned to the donor, not the charity, so the donor needs to send them on to the charity.

If you have any questions, comments or would like to discuss any of the above items don't hesitate to contact me.

Vivian Gibson

ESA Foundation State Counselor



## **OUTSTANDING SENIOR HIGH YOUTH AWARD**

Please find enclosed four (4) pages of information and forms regarding the Outstanding Senior High Youth Award. This award is presented to the student who is chosen by a panel of judges. The award is intended to honor and recognize an outstanding Senior High Student who is judged on Scholastic Ability, Character, and Leadership Skills—in general, a well-rounded student.

All Senior High School students are eligible to apply. Those students who live in a state that does not have an ESA Youth Award Chairman may participate. Those states having a Chairman must have their State winner selected by March 1<sup>st</sup> and the forms forwarded to the IC Youth Award Chair. It is our hope that all ESA members will recognize an outstanding student, and we encourage their participation in this award.

The winner on the International level will receive \$1,000.00 grant which may be applied toward tuition, registration, fees, books, supplies, and equipment, or any other college fees or academic expenses.

The forms and information must be postmarked no later than March 1<sup>st</sup> and submitted to the IC Awards Chair. The winner of the award will be notified by May 15<sup>th</sup>. Applications improperly completed, incomplete, or not on the current form, and postmarked later than March 1<sup>st</sup> will be disqualified.

Mail directly to:

International Council Awards Chair  
Gail Marchant  
6960 Cowan Mill Rd.  
Winston, GA  
770-846-1187  
gmarchant12@gmail.com





## **Outstanding Senior High Youth Award**

### **AWARD GUIDELINES**

1. The winner of the Epsilon Sigma Alpha Outstanding Senior High Youth Award shall receive the ESA Foundation Outstanding Youth Award Grant in the amount of \$1,000.00 provided:

The International Council (IC) Board representative notifies the ESA Foundation by May 1<sup>st</sup>. There are adequate funds to give the grant in the fund account by April 1<sup>st</sup>. The winner meets the criteria established for the Outstanding Youth Award.

The award, in the amount of \$1,000.00 grant, may be applied toward tuition, registration, fees, books, supplies and equipment, dormitory fees, or any other college fees or academic expensed. The award shall be made payable to the recipient and the institution of higher learning of the winner's choice. If the college or university of choice is changed, the Scholarship Director of the ESA Foundation should be notified immediately. The check should be returned, and another check issued by the ESA Foundation to the correct college or university.

It is understood that the grant award will be held in escrow should the recipient not be a high school graduate or ready to continue his/her education. The ESA Foundation shall provide a certificate for the recipient, which will be redeemable for the designated grant at the time a college is selected.

The Outstanding Youth will receive a certificate from the International Council of Epsilon Sigma Alpha.



## OUTSTANDING SENIOR HIGH YOUTH AWARD

### COVER SHEET

NAME:

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ADDRESS:

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Dear Applicant:

If you are a winner of the Epsilon Sigma Alpha International Council (IC) Outstanding Senior High Youth Award Contest, you will be notified by May 15<sup>th</sup>.

This completed application and all required enclosures must be sent to the IC Youth

Awards Chair **POSTMARKED NO LATER THAN MARCH 1<sup>st</sup>**. Applications improperly completed, incomplete, or not on the current form will be disqualified.

Read the instructions carefully.

Mail directly to **International Council Award Chair** (Address on cover letter).

**(PLEASE RETURN THIS COVER SHEET WITH YOUR APPLICATION FOR CONVENIENCE IN PROCESSING.)**

I certify that all facts in this application are true to the best of my knowledge.

Applicant's Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ DATE: \_\_\_\_\_

**(For Office Use Only)**

Meets criteria of the designated scholarship

- \_\_\_\_\_ 3.0 GPS minimum on a 4.0 Grade Scale
- \_\_\_\_\_ Two (2) letters of recommendation
- \_\_\_\_\_ Application signed by the applicant
- \_\_\_\_\_ Current transcript
- \_\_\_\_\_ Student's essay
- \_\_\_\_\_ Met the March 1<sup>st</sup> deadline
- \_\_\_\_\_ Picture

Date Received: \_\_\_\_ Page 1 of 2



**OUTSTANDING SENIOR HIGH YOUTH AWARD APPLICATION**

**Criteria for Selection:** A. Character      B. Leadership Skills      C. Scholastic Ability

Name of Applicant: \_\_\_\_\_

Mailing Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ County: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip Code: \_\_\_\_\_

Age: \_\_\_\_\_ Sex: Female: \_\_\_\_\_ Male: \_\_\_\_\_ Home Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Email Address: \_

Name of Parent or Guardian: Address:

High School GPA: \_

All applications must be submitted in English and all transcripts must be certified.

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**ALL SENIOR HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS ARE ELIGIBLE TO APPLY. THE SECTION BELOW IS TO BE COMPLETED AND SIGNED BY THE INDIVIDUAL AND/OR ESA CHAPTER SPONSORING THEIR APPLICATION.**

I / We do hereby submit the name of \_\_\_\_\_ as our entry in competition for the Epsilon Sigma Alpha International Council Outstanding Junior High Youth Award.

Individual Name or ESA Chapter Name & #: \_\_\_\_\_

Signed: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip Code: \_

Contact Numbers: (Day) \_\_\_\_\_ (Evening) \_\_\_\_\_

E-Mail Address: \_\_\_\_\_

**Deadline: March 1<sup>st</sup>**      Page 2 of 2



## OUTSTANDING SENIOR HIGH YOUTH AWARD APPLICATION

The name of this award shall be known as the **Epsilon Sigma Alpha (ESA) Outstanding Senior High Youth Award**.

The International Council (IC) of ESA shall select the Outstanding Senior High Youth based upon the following criteria:

### ***Scholastic Ability***

The applicant shall be a senior high student who meets the academic qualification:

Have a minimum 3.0 GPA on a 4.0 Grade Scale

The applicant shall provide a copy of the most recent to verify grades.

### ***Character and Leadership Skills***

The applicant shall provide the judging committee with two (2) letters of recommendation. At least one recommendation shall be from a teacher or school official. Recommendations shall not be submitted from members of the applicant's family. Recommendations should be originals of recent (current) year.

The applicant shall provide a personal essay. The essay topic shall be, **“What is the definition of an outstanding individual and how do I personally meet this definition?”** There is no specified length requirement; however, typewritten essays are preferred. The essay must be an original, which is signed and dated by the applicant.

**Rules and Regulations** The winner of the Outstanding Senior High Youth Award will be chosen annually. A person may receive this award only **one** time. A person may apply for this award as many times as they wish as long as they meet the criteria. No special consideration will be given to an applicant who makes a second or third entry for this award.

The deadline for submitting applications will be **March 1<sup>st</sup>** and must be sent to the International Council Youth Award Chair by the specified date. **All necessary information must be included with the application form at that time.**

The applicant must apply for this award to his/her individual State ESA Youth Award Chair. (If no State Chair directly to the IC Awards Chair.). The application with all attachments, if approved, will be forwarded to the International Council Awards Chair and committee for approval and judging.

A letter will be sent to the winner (only) after judging has been completed and no later than May 15<sup>th</sup>.

Enclose a **photo of student**.

## EPSILON SIGMA ALPHA

### OKLAHOMA STATE COUNCIL

I am pleased with our Oklahoma ESA Chapters. As of August 31, 2022 National shows we have 45 chapters. At the start of the year we had 500 members, then we had demitted, 4 pledges, 4 transfer in, 5 transfers out leaving us with 503 members.

I want to congratulate **Beta Zeta, Oklahoma City, Gamma Zeta Edmond and Kappa Theta Guthrie** for their new pledges.

Don't forget OCTOBER IS RECRUITMENT MONTH. National suggests we have a "FOOD WITH FRIENDS" event. Get on Facebook, share food ideas... Have a Cookie exchange with a morning coffee.

Please E Mail what ideas your chapter is doing for the month of October.

Visit International and get some of their ideas for recruitment. Most of us joined ESA because an INDIVIDUAL invited us.

So, Ladies, we need to share our fun and keep our organization strong. I KNOW WE CAN DO IT.....

Sylvia Ochs  
Oklahoma ESA  
State Membership



Oklahoma State Publicity Chairman

**Guest speaker Kayla Stillwell, Norman Police Department forensic expert and St. Jude survivor, spoke at the Epsilon Sigma Alpha conference recently.**

**Stillwell is a lab researcher and scientific analysis expert who works closely with the OSBI. She is on call 24-7 every other week and loves her job. Stillwell spoke about how to not be a victim of crime, explained fingerprinting and palm printing for cases, and how she is a St. Jude survivor because at the age of 3, she had cancer. Her presentation was very moving and informative.**

**When she agreed to speak to the conference, she did not know Epsilon Sigma Alpha, an international philanthropic organization, was one of the major contributors of St. Jude Children's Research Hospital. Her story was very moving. St. Jude Children's Research Hospital is the E.S.A. national project. Our state projects are Oklahoma School for the Deaf in Sulphur, Oklahoma and Oklahoma School for the Blind in Muskogee, Oklahoma. Local organizations we help support with monies and volunteer time are U. R. Special, Salvation Army, No Boundaries, Int'l, Coffee Creek Riding Stables, and Boys' Ranch Town, and Free to Live.**

**Jacci Gantz, publicity**



## Easter Seals Chairman

Easter seals has been an ESA National Project for 50 years. It was adopted the same year as St. Jude's, and we have contributed to both for all those years. There is no deadline, and you can send your check for Easter seals and help many children at any time during the year.

As Easter seals Chairman this year, I hope we can make this a year to remember by giving the most money in the history of ESA.

Thank you in advance for your donation.

If you have questions call me at 405-630-4624. Maxine Wheelan, Easter seals Chairman, 3104 Bella Vista Dr. Midwest City, OK 73110





**Gamma Zeta members attending: left to right—Jacque Cantrel, Liz King, Marcie Ellington, Laura Howells, Jacci Gantz, and Billye Putnam**

**The motto: “Live life to its fullest; love every second; laugh as you go through it; and learn all you can” was exemplified in Epsilon Sigma Alpha’s Leadership Conference in Tulsa recently. With 45 E.S.A. chapters in Oklahoma, the conference was filled with participants.**

**Members donated school supplies for Oklahoma School for the Blind as well as crafts to take part in ESA on the Mall so the ladies could do some Christmas shopping. Speakers included Sue Massett, an RN and fitness trainer, showing us how to maintain balance in our busy lives. Kathleen Pence, an attorney, discussed understanding wills, trusts, and guardianship, and Jennifer Sparkman led the group in Laugh Yoga. Reports were given by many of the Board’s chairmen.**

**Gamma Zeta, Epsilon Sigma Alpha’s international philanthropic Edmond chapter, volunteers and supports several local organizations: Boy’s Ranch Town, Free to Live, No Boundaries, Int’l, Salvation Army, and U R Special. State projects are Oklahoma School for the Deaf in Sulphur, Oklahoma and Oklahoma School for the Blind in Muskogee, Oklahoma. St. Jude Children’ Research Hospital is our national project.**

**Gamma Zeta strives to positively impact our world and community.**

## Kappa Theta #5414 Chapter

We have had a busy, fun, exciting summer. Installed our new officers at the CountryCC1ub/G01f.

Our Educational theme this year is "What caught My Eye. " Our first one was presented by Ramona Bench and hers was about the sayings on Tombstones. Second one by Janet Guiles — we toured Crescent Museum, old time School house and then to her home for a fantastic meal. Also toured her many collections. (Her own museum) Then to Cheryl Tartar's home for a "seek and Find" items in her home. We have two new pledges.

Seven of us went to the State Council meeting in Tulsa. It was fantastic. Very informative and we came home better informed about wills, trusts, and relationships. Also, Jennifer Sparkman led us in Laughter Yoga... Whew" fun; fun! Also, we participated in the Dream Home Tour. Looking forward to ST Jude Run this weekend.

Sylvia Ochs, Publicity Chair

Kappa Theta#5414

Guthrie, Ok

## Zeta Gamma, 4353 Shawnee

Zeta Gamma has had a farewell party for our sweet Lola Jaegers, as she has moved to Indiana. The good news is that she is still a member of Zeta Gamma, Shawnee. She will be doing a dual membership, one in Indiana and one in Shawnee. We will really miss her sweet smiling face but know she will be visiting from time to time.

We have had our new meetings for the year starting in August and one educational. "Women of Route 66", a documentary on Rt.66 and many of the women who have stepped up and made a difference to the businesses that contributed to the beginnings of the mother road and continue to do so. Held at the Overholser Carriage House, the director of the documentary is Katrina Parks, that documentary is approximately 3 hours long, so she chose parts to show at the screening. Very interesting and informative

Gwen Beasley

# ST. JUDE DONATION FORM



EPSILON SIGMA ALPHA

Please returned to the ESA for St. Jude Office accompanying donation.  
Make checks payable to: St. Jude Children's Research Hospital.

## Instructions:

All information is necessary to process this form. Additional copies are available at [www.epsilonsigmaalpha.org](http://www.epsilonsigmaalpha.org).

## Individual Donation

Name of Donor: \_\_\_\_\_ Member Number: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City/State/Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

## Chapter Donation

Chapter(s) Donating:

CHAPTER #	CHAPTER NAME	PERCENTAGE OF CREDIT
_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____

TOTAL AMOUNT	<input type="checkbox"/> In Memory of _____
\$ _____	<input type="checkbox"/> In Honor of _____
	<input type="checkbox"/> Donation Only

Send memorial/honorarium card to:

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City/State/Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

- To help save on administrative costs, it is not necessary to send any thank you letters from the ESA for St. Jude office.
- This is a \$50 for 50 donation (note: this donation must be **new** money, not from a yearly event or existing chapter/personal donation).

**ESA for St. Jude Office:** 363 W. Drake Rd. • Ft. Collins, CO 80526  
970.223.2824 • Fax: 970.223.4456 • E-mail: [esainfo@epsilonsigmaalpha.org](mailto:esainfo@epsilonsigmaalpha.org)

## ESA Oklahoma State Council Executive Board Meeting

June 18, 2022

Goodrich United Methodist Church – Norman

The Executive Board Meeting was called to order by President, Linda Jones, at 10:08 a.m.

President Linda reported the 2022 Oklahoma 79<sup>th</sup> State Convention Minutes were posted to the ESA OK website. The Committee to Read the Minutes were Chair, Kay Brader, along with Hali Simmons and Mona Johnston. Kay reported the minutes were placed on file as corrected. The Committee to Read the Minutes of today's meeting will be Chair, Jacque Cantrel, along with Darlene Cushenberry and Liz King. Linda reminded members to sign in on the attendance sheet, because Recording Secretary, Darla Barton would take roll call from those sheets.

Linda stated she would make Board introductions at the General Meeting. She reminded those presenting a report to give a copy to Recording Secretary, Darla, for the minutes.

Treasurer, Jennifer Sparkman gave the proposed budget for 2022-2023. Total income was proposed at \$10,058.47. Included as follows: President Expense, \$2,525.00; Vice President Expense, \$995.00; Corresponding Secretary expense, \$150.00; elected officers' expense, \$130.00; total proposed all elected officer expenses \$3,800. Total proposed appointed Chair expenses, \$1,589.00; State Convention expense, \$2,600.00; total proposed other expenses, \$1,882.45.

2023 Convention Chair, Judi York reported that because of the rising food cost, the hotel for Convention, would not guarantee food prices, until 30 days out. She asked the Board to approve an increase in the Convention registration fees. The recommendations were as follows: full registration raised from \$125.00 to \$135.00; men/guest registration from \$80.00 to \$90.00; banquet guest registration from \$55.00 to \$65.00. There was discussion. Coming from a committee, no second was required. A vote was taken. Motion passed.

Petticoat Journal Chair, Charlene Law reported the PJ Deadline dates as follows: 2022; July 5<sup>th</sup>, September 5<sup>th</sup>, November 5<sup>th</sup>. 2023; January 5<sup>th</sup> and March 5<sup>th</sup>. She asked entries to be kept to half a page and only two photos. Upon the recommendation of OK State Council Executive board, Charlene moved the cost of mailing the PJ remain at \$30. Coming from a committee, no second was required. There was no discussion. A vote was taken; motion carried.

Announcements:

Gina Wozencraft had the Directories available for pickup today.  
Anyone who wants to receive a PJ in the mail, see Charlene Law.

There was no further business, the Executive Board meeting was adjourned at 10:38 a.m.

Submitted by:

Darla Barton/Recording Secretary  
Oklahoma State Council



## ESA Oklahoma State Council Meeting

June 18, 2022

### Goodrich United Methodist Church – Norman

The State Council Meeting was called to order by President, Linda Jones, at approximately 10:55 a.m., with the Opening Ritual. The Flag Salute and Pledge of Allegiance was led by Chaplain, Peggie Sprinkle.

Chaplain, Peggie gave her thought for the day. She spoke about being a blessing to others, in any way a person could.

President, Linda introduced the Executive and General Board. She thanked everyone who accepted her challenge to serve on the State Council Executive/General Board. She recognized the Sooner Senioresses with a gift of appreciation, for their service to ESA. Delta Kappa will provide a “picnic” lunch. There was one First Time Attendee.

Corresponding Secretary, Eileen Wiley read regrets.

Kay Brader, Chair of the Committee to Read the Minutes, from the Oklahoma 79<sup>th</sup> State Convention, reported the minutes were placed on file as corrected. Linda reminded members to sign in on the attendance sheet, because Recording Secretary, Darla Barton would take roll call from those sheets.

Secretary Darla reminded members to give a copy of their report to her for the minutes.

President Linda announced The Committee to Read the Minutes for today’s meeting would be Chair, Jacque Cantrel, along with Darlene Cushenberry and Liz King.

Sandy Lackey, standing in for 2022 Convention Chair, Elise Jimison, thanked those that helped raise money to incur some of the cost, leading to the income of \$18,054.50. Hotel and food expense was \$11,097.13; fund raising and miscellaneous expense of \$1,507.84; \$1,075.50 repayment of the loan from the

OK State Council, leaving an ending balance of \$4,374.03. Sandy split the profit as follows: \$2,184.00 to the State Council; hostess chapters, Beta Gamma, Kappa Alpha and Alpha Theta each received a check in the amount of \$730.01. All checks had cleared the bank. The account was closed.

Treasurer, Jennifer Sparkman gave the Treasure's report. She reported the general fund balance as of May 31, 2022, was \$3,370.49; income \$2,357.50, with an ending balance of \$5,727.99. The CD remains at \$4,000. The Money Market checking account balance was \$6,333.93. Jennifer moved the budget be approved as presented. President Linda explained the only increase added to the budget was \$50.00 for scrapbook and a few other items were raised \$10. With the motion to accept the budget, coming from a committee, no second was required. A vote was taken; motion carried.

State Project Director, Liz King reported that she was able to give gift cards in the amount of \$50.00 to the seniors, of each school; three students from the School for the Deaf and ten students from the School for the Blind. She reported that a tour of the School for the Deaf was tentatively scheduled for October 29, 2022. The hope was that there would be interaction with the students. Liz reported there were 87 students at OSB and 110 students at OSD. Money allocated to OSB was \$4,765.66; OSD \$5,494.50. The remaining balance in the account was \$49.35.

Vice President, Patty Heer introduced the nominating committee; Sandy Lackey, Linda Leveridge, Jaci Gantz, Brenda Yates and Dawn Haley. Patti encouraged members to ask questions and seek a board position for the 2023-2024 year. She said she would have contact information in the next Petticoat Journal.

Petticoat Journal Chair, Charlene Law reported the PJ Deadline dates as follows: 2022; July 5<sup>th</sup>, September 5<sup>th</sup>, November 5<sup>th</sup>. 2023; January 5<sup>th</sup> and March 5<sup>th</sup>. She asked that the articles be received as timely as possible and entries to be kept to half a page, with only two photos. The cost of mailing would remain at \$30. Charlene read the names of those that had paid and listed those that had not. She asked if anyone else wished to receive copies, they were to notify her.

2023 Convention Chair, Judi York reported that she had made the following recommendations at the Executive Board meeting, and they had approved an increase in the Convention registration fees. The Council would need to vote on

the proposal, as well. The recommendations were as follows: full registration raised from \$125.00 to \$135.00; men/guest registration from \$80.00 to \$90.00; banquet guest registration from \$55.00 to \$65.00. There was no discussion. Coming from a committee, no second was required. A vote was taken. Motion passed.

Acting Contest Chair, Margaret Kramer reported that the only business to handle was making small changes to the Service Report and contest requirements. Cheryl Tarter had stepped down from her position, as Contest Chair, due to the unexpected passing of her husband. Ramona Bench and Tammy Ramirez stepped in to take her place.

Directory Chair, Gina Wozencraft reported that 80 Directories had been printed. 67 were paid for. The remaining were available for purchase.

Web Master, Aletha Bolt asked for questions about the website or emails. She reminded members that each chapter and office have an email address to use.

Membership Chair, Sylvia Ochs, reported that she had received the membership stats from Headquarters. The report showed 49 ESA chapters in Oklahoma. There were 8 demits; no new pledges; one transfer in; one transfer out; 3 reinstatements, with a total of 512 active members.

Easter District Coordinator, Darlene Cushenberry introduced the Board for Eastern District; Vice Coordinator, Dawn Haley; Secretary, Sharon Barnett; Treasurer, Charlene Law; Parliamentarian, Deb Hughes. Darlene invited the Council to Eastern District's meeting August 27, 2022, at Highland Park Christian Church in Tulsa. Meeting to begin 10:00 a.m.

Western District Coordinator, Linda Leveridge announced the Western District meeting would be September 17, 2022, at Goodrich United Methodist Church, in Norman.

Educational Director, Jacque Cantrel announced her theme was "Route 66 Diners/Drive-In's East to West Coast." She said that Rt 66 covers eight states, beginning in Chicago, Illinois and ending in Santa Monica, California. She provided

copies from diners and drive ins in IL and will feature the state of Missouri in the July PJ.

Easter Seals Chair, Maxine Wheelan received one check and will apply it where it needs to go.

President Linda reminded members to turn in Philanthropic reports to their chapter chairs.

Chaplain, Peggie Sprinkle gave the blessing for the meal. The meeting was adjourned for lunch at 11:51 a.m. The meeting resumed at 12:50 p.m.

ESA for St. Jude Chair, Billye Putnam reported that 2022 was the 50<sup>th</sup> year that ESA had partnered with St. Jude. She said that, for this reason, St. Jude has asked each chapter to donate \$50.00 to the hospital. Billye challenged each member to donate \$50. She gave ideas on how to raise money.

Linda introduced a fun game called Sooner Seniorette Bingo. She had blank boxes on one sheet of paper and a list of Sooner Seniorette names on another. Write one name per box and later the names would be called. Place a mark over the name, if it's in a box and try to bingo. Prizes would be awarded.

Association of the Arts Chair, Dawn Haley reported that there were revisions to the report. She added two more categories; one for ESA 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary with St Jude and ESA's 80<sup>th</sup> year in existence. She encouraged members to enter the contest.

OK MARC Rep, Rosalie Griffith stood in for OK MARC Rep, Deb Hughes. Rosalie reminded members to register for the MARC Conference, October 7-8, at the Marriot Hotel in Tulsa. She said there would be workshops and many fun activities.

ESA Foundation Counselor, Gibson asked if members brought items or money for the basket auction at IC Convention, to give it to Cathy Holsted. Cathy has agreed to put OK ESA's basket together.

Outstanding Chapter Chair, Peggy Campbell reminded everyone to send in the information when meetings are attended.

Outstanding Youth Chair, Brenda Yates reminded members to turn in their contestants by March 1.

President Linda reminded members to send in pictures and articles for Publicity.

Secret Sister Coordinator, Susan Patterson asked for discussion on ending the Secret Sister program. There hadn't been a lot of interest in the past several years. There was no discussion. Susan made the motion to drop Secret Sister program for the State Council. Darla Barton seconded the motion. A vote was taken; motion carried.

Jacque Cantrel stood in for Publicity Chair, Jacci Gantz. Jacque said that Jacci would like pictures and articles texted to her, so she can put together Linda's publicity notebook. Jacci prefers texting because it is easier for her to use. Jacci heard from 15 chapters last year and is hoping for more this coming year.

Sooner Seniorette President, Margaret Kramer reported that each officer and chair have been assigned a mentor/advisor to help get them through the year. She asked that everyone please reach out with any questions. She stated the Sooner Senioresses would be reaching out also.

ESA Foundation Parliamentarian and Grants Chair, Rosalie Griffith reported that the grant funding is being depleted and she asked for donations. She thanked everyone that bought items at the auction at Convention. The funds were divided between St Jude, Easter Seals and the Foundation. \$728.00 was given to the grant fund. Most of the grants go toward St Jude's Bio Medical Sciences that ESA committed to several years ago, which doesn't leave much for other grants.

2023 Convention Co-Chair, Judi York put on a skit introducing the theme of the 80<sup>th</sup> Annual Oklahoma State Council Convention, "ESA...The Stars Come Out." Convention will be held at the Marriott Tulsa Southern Hills, April 28 & 29, 2023. The room rate is \$121.00 for a king or double, which includes breakfast for 2 people per room. The Co-Chairs of the Convention Committee are Judi York and Cheryl Young; Treasurer, Rosalie Griffith; Registration, Dawn Haley; Secretary,

Paula Frerichs; Workshop, Darlene Cushenberry; Program, Brenda Yates; Decorations, Leslie Farabee; Fundraising Becky Edwards and Peggy Schoenhals. Hospitality will be the men of Tulsa Area Council.

Past ESA Foundation Chair/Sooner Seniorette, Lola Jaegers announced she would be moving to Indiana.

President Linda began the Bingo game. There were three bingo winners.

Recording Secretary, Darla Barton thanked members for giving her copies of their reports. She received several.

Door prizes were awarded.

With no other business to be brought before the Council, the meeting was adjourned at approximately 1:48 p.m., with the closing ritual.

Submitted by:  
Darla Barton/Recording Secretary  
Oklahoma State Council