



Oklahoma State Council  
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Petticoat Journal



**THE JOURNEY-**  
**“OH, THE PLACES WE WILL GO”**  
*Patricia Heer, President*

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## Let's Have a Super Fantastic 2024

From the desk of  
**Patty Heer-President**  
**OK State Council**



Convention will be here very soon. Sooner than we think! Oh, my, the months seem to go by faster and faster. What! Slow them down!

This article is packed with information. Please read and share with all our ESA family.

\*I would like to encourage you to register for convention. The Committee has been hard at work for months planning a fun filled event to celebrate all your fantastic accomplishment along your ESA Journey this year. To date there are 9 registrations. Convention is a wonderful time to connect with members across the state.

\*Let's break a record this year and have all the Executive and General Board present a book, handwritten document, flash drive, or email to the incoming 2024-2025 Executive and General Board outlining their office (tell important items that must happen and when). Let's give the incoming board a boost and get them off to a running start!

There will be a very short meeting of the incoming and outgoing Executive and General Board on Sunday morning-April 28, 2024 to hand off and discuss your office. If you are not available, please, please make arrangement to provide the information as soon as possible.

\*It is very important that all contest Chairs begin preparing for convention. Please do not wait until the last minute. If you have questions or concerns, please contact Peggy Campbell, your mentor, or me.

\*Chapter Presidents and Contest chairs please look at the <http://www.oklaesa.org> website to make sure you don't miss a contest deadline \*March 1st is the deadline for Distinguished Achievement Award and for Outstanding Youth.

\*All other deadlines are April 1st.

\*By Law changes need to be submitted to Parliamentarian, Jacque Cantrel.

\*Upcoming Meetings:

Eastern District Meeting-February 17, 2024- Location TBD

Western District Meeting-March 2, 2024-Wesley UMC, Shawnee

OK State Council Meeting-March 9, 2024-Wesley UMC, Shawnee

State Convention-April 26-28, 2024-Reed Convention Center-MWC

Please be looking for additional information on Facebook. Emails will go out to chapter presidents whom I encourage to share the information with your chapter members to make certain everyone is informed and has the opportunity to share in the fun.

Patty

## **Darla Barton - Oklahoma State Council VP**

Happy New Year! Winter is here!

I hope everyone had wonderful holidays. Have ya blown your New Year's resolutions yet? I don't even set them anymore. I know me. LOL.

Guess what? ESA still needs you! As of this article, I have the same three spots to fill: Treasurer, Auditor and Philanthropic Chair. ESA doesn't grow unless we all get involved. If you don't want to do it alone, join with a partner. You will learn together and help each other along the way.

Those of you that are joining your footprint with mine, I will send more detailed information. I just wanted to give you an idea of what we will be doing for our skit and Installation. I am asking my Executive Board to wear dark blue. It doesn't matter what shade, as long as it is dark; royal, cobalt, navy, etc. Sooner Senioettes, please wear jewel tones, reds, greens, blues, etc.

I would also like to include my General Board for after installations pictures. I am asking you to wear light blue; sky blue, baby blue, etc. It doesn't matter what shade as long as it is light blue.

For our Friday night skit, we will be beach babes. More information to follow.

Please consider joining us. If you know someone who may be interested, send them my way. The Nominating committee will be happy to help with any questions you may have. We have nomination forms available. Please consider joining your footprint with mine.

My Nominating Committee is:

Darla Barton (new email) darlaesa498@gmail.com

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Jacci Gantz jaccig48@aol.com

**IMPORTANT ANNOUNCEMENT!** Candidates, please complete the nomination form and send it to me by March 1, 2024. Candidates must send their written consent, qualifications, and a picture to me before March 1st. The candidates will be presented at the March State Council meeting. The photo and qualifications will be published in the May Petticoat Journal.

See you soon!

Darla Barton

1 st Vice President/President Elect

"Today was good. Today was fun. Tomorrow is another one."

Dr. Seuss

**PARLIAMENTARIAN**

Have you read your State By-laws recently? Do you have questions concerning them??

This is your opportunity to suggest any changes that you feel is needed. Please take time to read your State By-laws and submit your suggested changes to me. Any changes will be presented at the March State Council meeting for consideration.

Your bylaw change(s) is due by end of Feb.

Jacque Cantrel  
Ok State Council Parliamentarian

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**PJ Editor**

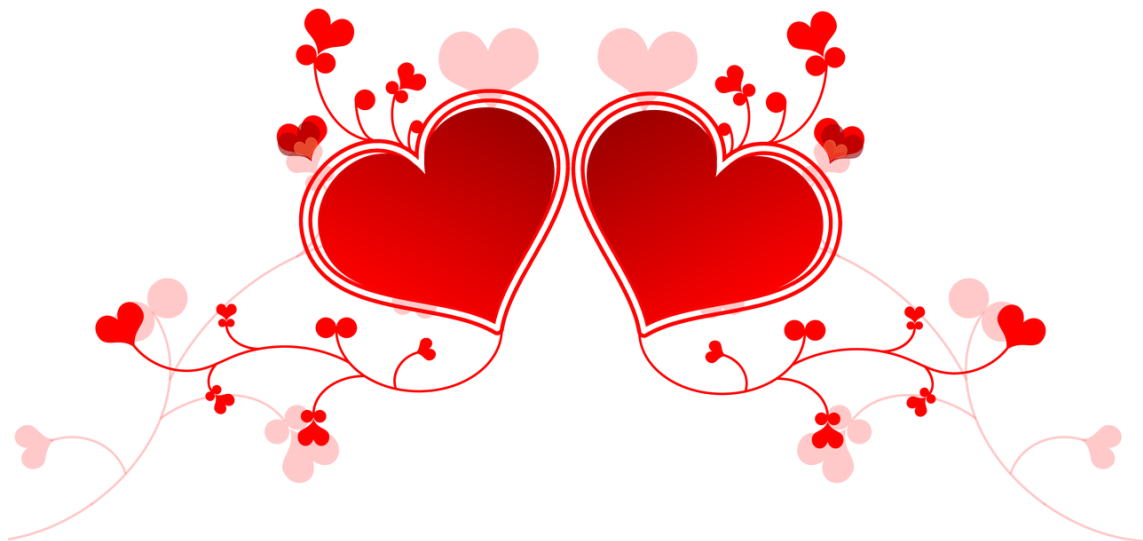
Count downtime is near. There are only 2 more issues left!

Remember, Officers, chairmen, chapters, continue to send me your articles. We want to know all the information for your office and what your chapters are doing.

With this in mind, PLEASE DO NOT SEND NO MORE THAN 2 pictures along with your article. If sending a picture, please send it in jpeg form.

Elsewhere in this issue is the deadlines for articles. PLEASE print it out so you won't forget!

Gwynn Nell Swanson  
PJ Editor



Hello from Project Director, Margaret Kramer

How is the 2024 year treating you all? So far so good for me. Thanks to all the chapters and individuals for your generous contributions to the Project Fund. OK State Council was able to send Oklahoma School for the Deaf \$1,524.50 and Oklahoma School for the Blind \$1,530.50. The six-dollar difference was because a few chapters designated the monies go to a specific school. To date I have received additional contributions and will be reaching out to the schools to see what their needs might be.

I am excited that OSB is allowing us to hold the Eastern District meeting on February 17, 2024 on the campus. More details to follow. OSD would love to have us visit so I will be reaching out to the chapter President's to see if setting up a date and time is of interest.

Please accept my sincere wishes that 2024 will be a year filled with good health, good times and ESA productive projects for you individually and your chapters. God Bless.



OKLAHOMA SCHOOL FOR THE  
BLIND



OKLAHOMA SCHOOL FOR THE  
DEAF

Margaret Kramer, OK State Council Project Director

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**Disaster Fund Chair**

Be a Sweetheart give to the ESA Disaster Fund.

Please include your chapter number on the check. Send your contribution payable to ESA Disaster Fund to:

Linda Jones  
4716 W. Ocala St.  
Broken Arrow, Ok. 74011

## District Coordinators

Happy New Year!

I hope everyone is staying safe and warm during these frigid temperatures! Attached is the invite for the Eastern District Leadership meeting on Saturday, February 17th at the Oklahoma School for the Blind in Muskogee (all details are on the attachment).

I hope you'll be able to join us, as we have some great speakers and a fun event planned!

- Please RSVP to me, ASAP.
- Please let me know if you have a report and I'll include you on the agenda.
- Please let me know if you have a document/flyer you would like to include in the program packet and send to me prior to February 2<sup>nd</sup>.
- Please let me know if you have any dietary restrictions.

Below is the proposed slate of officers for Eastern District for 2024-2025:

- Ø Coordinator: Cheryl Young
- Ø Vice Coordinator: Mara Wheeler
- Ø Secretary: Brenda Yates
- Ø Treasurer: Margaret Kramer
- Ø Parliamentarian: Dawn Haley

Sandy Lackey, the Eastern District Project Chair, will be holding a **Silent Auction for the Food Bank of Eastern Oklahoma. Please bring a gently used purse with maybe a surprise inside!** Also, if your chapter hasn't done so already, they may want to make a monetary donation to the Eastern District Project. We will have a speaker from The Spring Shelter ([thespringok.org](http://thespringok.org)). Below is a list of in-kind donations they need. Please feel free to bring some items to help them out.

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|------------------------------------|--|
| Adult & kids shampoo & conditioner | Adult & kids body wash and/or bar soap |
| Toothbrushes                       | Children's toothpaste                  |
| Deodorant                          | Wash clothes & towels                  |
| Baby wipes                         | Twin size linens                       |
| Toilet paper                       | Paper towels                           |

I look forward to seeing everyone next month!

*Dawn Haley*

Eastern District Coordinator



*Your invited to*  
**Eastern District Meeting**

Saturday, February 17, 2024

Oklahoma School for the Blind  
3300 Gibson Street, Muskogee, OK



Registration 9-9:30am

Meeting: 10am

Lunch: \$15.00



Please bring a gently used purse (w/maybe a surprise inside) for a Silent Auction to benefit  
The Food Bank of Eastern Oklahoma

***RSVP: Dawn Haley at [dmhaley4@yahoo.com](mailto:dmhaley4@yahoo.com)***

***Looking forward to seeing you!!***



# Western District Meeting

March 2nd, 2024  
Wesley United Methodist Church  
Shawnee, Ok

Check-in starts at 9:30am  
Meeting begins at 10am



**Chapters:**  
*Bring a Silent Auction Item  
related to Spring*



*Let's Celebrate!*  
**Liz King Installation**  
*Western District Coordinator*



**\$20**  
*Join us for a tour of soups  
to include: tortellini,  
veggie, beef, & chicken  
noodle  
Crackers & Cornbread  
included*



*Light breakfast items also  
available:  
Mini egg tarts, donut holes,  
coffee & water*



**Bring Socks for the  
Shoes that Fit Project**



**Health & Wellness Keynote Speaker:**

**Linh Sasser, LPC-Candidate**  
**Cornerstone Counseling**



**RSVP by February 21st  
to Lana Rubio, Western District Secretary  
lanacr82@yahoo.com**

**Wesley United Methodist Church  
302 E Independence St  
Shawnee, Ok 74804**



**Association of the Arts**

It is cold and blustery out as I write this for the PJ, but that, too, will pass; and it will soon be Convention time. I hope all you creative and talented sisters are working on something to display in our Associations of the Arts room. I was amazed at

all displayed last year and know ideas for more and even better projects are popping up in your minds. I hope your nimble fingers are busy sewing, crocheting, embroidering, painting, sculpting, writing, composing, knitting, photographing, and/or creating something we can share. Please fill out the Association of the Arts form (found elsewhere in the PJ) and return it to me by April 1, 2024.

Looking forward to seeing you and your projects at Convention!

Kay Brader  
5516 Woodmont Drive  
Oklahoma City, OK. 73135  
405-388-4813  
[dbrader@yahoo.com](mailto:dbrader@yahoo.com)

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**ESA AWARDS**

It's time to think about your awards.

First is the essay contest "What ESA Means to me." Get your creative skills going by writing an essay of 300 words or less. The requirements can be found on the Oklahoma Website. There are two categories which will go on the cover sheet along with your information: (1) for active members of one year or less and (2) for active members of more than one year. Please find all the requirements on our website.

Also, I will be recognizing members for years of service. These start at 5, 10, 15,20, etc., and proceed in increments of 5 years for as long as members have served. I know we have several 50+years of service. Please send me this information from your chapter BEFORE APRIL 1. These members will be recognized at our State Convention! How exciting!

One more thing I need to receive by April is First Pearl and Pallas Athens awards earned since last year's convention. These members will also be recognized at our State Convention.

Be proud of your service and accomplishments. Please send the essays and accomplishments to me prior to April 1, 2024.

If you have questions, please call or text me at 405-641-1830 or email me, [theochsrealestate@gmail.com](mailto:theochsrealestate@gmail.com).

Happy New Year!  
Sylvia Ochs  
Awards Chairman

## Chaplain



Cards sent to: Ellen & Kevin Martin on death of her mother, Linda Sutherland; Tammy Gregg, Gwen Rosa and Shelby Smith on death of mother Bernice Smith; Lavenia Boutwell on death of her sister Madell Henderson; Rosemarie Pagan – flu; Linda Leveridge – back surgery.

Be a Woman of Promise, Not Panic.

“We have different gifts, according to the grace given to each of us...if it is to encourage, then give encouragement...” Romans 12:6-8

When we picture someone as our sister, brother or friend sometimes this makes it easier to treat them as Christ would in that moment. Because God’s Holy Spirit is alive in us if we follow Jesus, we can become inspired to encourage others.

We have the power to lift a person’s spirit with peace by simply offering a smile and pausing to hear what they might say. We can offer the gift of listening. Being present.

We can allude encouragement. We all find ourselves stuck in hard places. That’s why God gifted each of us with something we can offer. Yes, you have wisdom, encouragement or an interest you enjoy that someone else will surely need in the moment you share it. *You are a woman of promise and purpose* because of God’s promise to love and care for you. When others panic, you have the power to bless them at a time when they need connection most.

Instead of panicking, try practicing soul care. When you face life’s storms, calm your fears by hearing God’s loving voice and His promise to protect and provide for you step by step. Then offer a loving word or smile to others with the blessing of peace. Turn a moment of panic into a promise. Shine God’s light. Let’s all share our certain hope during uncertain times.

Jacci Gantz  
Oklahoma ESA chaplain

### March Wind

March wind is a jolly fellow;  
He likes to joke and play.  
He turns umbrellas inside out  
And blows men’s hats away.

He calls the pussy willows  
And whispers in each ear,  
“Wake up you lazy little seeds;  
Don’t you know that spring is here?”



**Contest Chair**

Hello members!

Winter has made an appearance! I am writing this wrapped in a blanket in an attempt to stay warm while it is 10° outside.

I hope everyone had a fantastic Christmas and New Year’s Holiday, but now it is time to get back to business! It is getting close to all the deadlines for contests and to get those reports in to the appropriate State Council Chairmen. I know that the Contest Chairs are all looking

forward to see what we have accomplished this past year!

See you in March at the State Council Meeting!

Cheryl Young  
Contest Chair 2023-2024  
918-504-3403

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**2024 State Convention**

Hello Oklahoma sisters!

Just a friendly reminder to get your convention registration in before the deadline of March 31. This is going to be a great three-day celebration. This will be relaxing and extra time to spend with your ESA sister. If you pay by check, make sure to make the check out to **Stormy Simmons Convention Treasurer**. (this is so we are able to provide the Venmo & CASHAPP). You still need to send me your registration form. And don’t forget to check your choice for the Awards lunch sandwich.

Our registration is very low right now so please send in your registration soon. We look forward to spend a fun weekend and see all the places we have been...in ESA!!

Robbin Brown  
Convention registration chair.

**DAA Chair**

I hope each of you a wonderful holiday season and are moving forward to the new year and all it offers.

I hope that each chapter has found your canadiate for this years DAA award. This person, male or female, should be an outstanding volunteer in their community, who goes above and beyond what is expected. In other words someone who stands out, turns people heads and others want to eminate. These people often go unnoticed and work quietly behind the scenes wanting no recoginaition, they just make a difference in their community!

They could be your neighbor, a teacher, coach, church member or someone who just sees a need and does it. Your choices are endless.

Contest rules and entry forms are on the ESA website and are due to me on or before March 1, 2024. Feel free to contact me should you have any questions. Happy Hunting.

Sharon Storms, DDA Chair  
s-mcguire@att.net  
405-996-0677

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**EASTER SEALS**

Has your chapter budgeted a donation for Easter Seals this year? If you have, have you sent it in yet? I have only received very few. Remember you can find a wealth of information on Easter Seals and all they do by going on their website, easterseals/com. Just send me your check, I will credit your chapter for the donation and will then send the checks on to them to the giving coordinator at the headquarters of Easter Seals. Please send me your donations so your chapter can be credited for it.



Thanks,  
Gwen Beasley



**Peggie Sprinkle - Educational Chair - "Enjoy the Little Things in Life" - like having hot chocolate**



While it's very cold outside!

The most underestimated pleasure of winter is the cold. There are standard responses to the cold season. One goes by such names as hibernating, cocooning and binge-e watching. The idea is never to suffer so much as a draft. A heated house leads to a pre-heated car in a heated garage, then off to a heated workplace or store.

The second approach is to enjoy winter despite the cold: to ski, snowshoe, toboggan, ice skate, snowmobile, build a snowman, have a snowball fight - and then retreat into hibernation!

To enjoy the cold is simple: it requires nothing more than layers of clothing and a mindset.

Hope you are staying warm and safe - have a cup of hot chocolate and enjoy the beautiful white snow the good Lord has sent us!!



## ESA for St Jude

2023 St. Jude Tulsa Ok Walk/Run was an amazing success this year!



Thanks to you, your families, your friends and business associates! 57,895 people participated and nearly \$14 million was raised nationally! ESA made such a huge difference for the kids of St. Jude!!

One of our sponsored kids, Penelope has recently received great news about remission! Thank you for all of the wonderful fundraising events our Ok ESA chapters continue to do!

Remember even \$1 can make a difference fighting childhood cancer around the World!

Janet Guiles Curry  
(405) 517-8384  
janetguiles@gmail.com



Thanks to all of you who have made a contribution to the Foundation this past year. You still can make a donation to any of the Foundation's Endowments or projects, such as the Fantasy Event; the Pathway Program; the Grant program; and Live Active membership. For other ways, go on line to the ESA Foundation or contact me: tigervip@aol.com.

I hope all of you referred at least one person to our scholarships. Think about how many applicants we would have if every person would refer at least one person. It's too late this year but I am giving you an early heads up for next year. If you start now think of how many referrals we can have by the opening of the scholarship season in September. The scholarships closed February 1, 2024.

A reminder to all chapters, please donate items for the annual auction to benefit Easter Seals, St. Jude, and ESA Foundation. You may bring the items to state convention. Please check them in by 12:00 noon.

It's okay to get a head start on the items for the auction at I C Convention. If your chapter would like to donate, please get the items to Cathy Holsted. You can bring them to the March State Council or June State Council, so she will be sure and have them by July. You can donate any small item so the people won't have a problem in transporting it home You can do gift cards, chocolates, wine, any kind of snack-able or any small item that will fit in the basket.

If you have donated or helped with the ESA Foundation in anyway, thank you. Stay safe and be kind. Until next time.

Vivian Y Gibson  
ESA Foundation State Counselor





**Membership Co-chairs**

Coming soon to stores near you, Valentine's candy and presents. For people that have someone to love it can be such a fun time. For people with no community, family, or spouse it can be a rather difficult time. This should be the time of year we are focusing on love. How hard is it to love someone that loved you first?

ESA should be easy to join. walking into an ESA meeting or social should have the same feeling as walking into a big hug from someone you love.

My favorite part of ESA gatherings is the love that is surrounding everyone there and everyone that wishes they could be there. Anyone new to ESA should be able to feel that love, that it matters they showed up, that joining ESA is the easy choice.

How can we spread the love for each other and for our community to people who need ESA? How can we better retain our members through love and compassion? How can we continue the legacy that ESA has become? How can we do it together? We may not have all of the answers but we have some of the best people to find a way if we can just band together to have the will. Where there's a will, there's a way, where there's a way there's ESA.

Mary Voss  
Membership Co-Chair



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**Outstanding Youth**

CALLING ALL CHAPTERS:

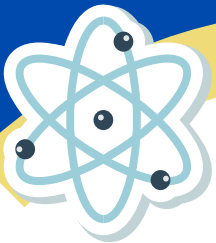
It is time to get your Outstanding Youth participant applications from your area for scholarship money. It is simple, just go to the ESA website and print the forms. Then follow the prompts. Pay very close to the deadline dates.

All applications must be postmarked NO later than March 1. Please mail all applications to: Faye Alexander, 9810 Aztec Dr., Norman, OK 73026.

Thank you and good luck to all applicants.

Faye Alexander  
Outstanding Youth Chairman

# TH PHILANTHROPI REPOR



DEADLINE  
MONDAY  
APRIL  
1st

Remember: At the beginning of the Chapters should indicate all of their projects; members can count donated towards these specific projects. philanthropic projects are to be listed in attached to the Chapter's



- ✓ Track hours, monies donated, and
- ✓ Keep a spreadsheet or ledger to information for your
- ✓ Hours and monies for ESA Projects should be counted the same any other



**For More Information**  
Lori Few or Melissa  
[philanthropic@oklaesa.org](mailto:philanthropic@oklaesa.org)

# Chapter Chatter

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## Beta Gamma, Tulsa

Beta Gamma ended the year with a Christmas Party and started the New Year with a Tea Party. What can I say - we like to party! Along with the festivities we made Christmas favors and Valentine bookmarks to give away.



\_Making Valentine bookmarks



Making Christmas favors



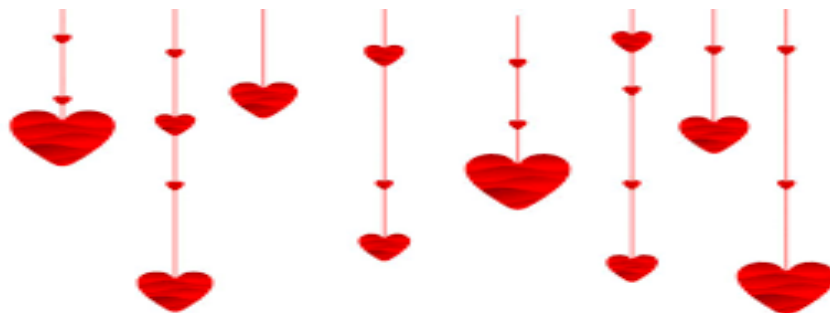
## Beta Iota, McAlester

Greeting from Beta Iota, McAlester

Hope that your 2024 started off well and continues to be a great year. The members had a wonderful Christmas celebration playing games, eating and showcasing our talents doing ceramics. Many members adopted an angel from the Shared Blessings Angel Tree.

Beta Iota ladies and a few husbands and sons cooked and served Friendship Kitchen on 12/9. We were able to serve 79 meals of Hawaiian Pork over rice, mixed vegetables, dessert, hot and cold drinks. Breakfast was attended on 1/16 and the waitress was tipped in the amount of \$300, this was instead of doing a chapter gift exchange.

The chapters DAA and Outstanding Senior and Junior Youth winners were selected and awards will be present at the January 18, chapter meeting. In February Beta Iota will be hosting a benefit dinner for a McAlester resident who is traveling to Houston for Cancer treatment. Mom Prom and Murder Mystery are in the final stages of planning. We are looking forward to attending the Eastern District meeting on February 17 at the Oklahoma School for the Blind and the March State Council meeting March 9. Hope to see many of you there. With frigid temps and snow please stay warm and be safe.



## Beta Rho, Del City

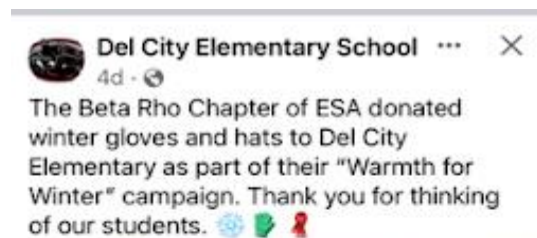
Beta Rho had a social/Secret Sis reveal in early December. We collected hats, mittens, and scarves to be distributed at the local elementary schools before Christmas break. Items were collected for Skyline and warm clothes were taken to high schools for use by those in need.

Beta Rho would like to thank you for all the help with our pecan sales. We successfully sold all the extra pounds that were purchased. The profits will be shared with philanthropic projects, when the weather allows us to meet for the distribution of the funds.



2024 is off to a cool/cold start but ESA fills our hearts with warmth and love as kindness spreads from chapter to chapter, city to city, and state to state helping those who need it.

Kay Brader



## Delta Kappa Chapter, Norman

Delta Kappa had a “Ho Ho Ho” great time at our Christmas party by going to dinner at Penny Hill Restaurant in Norman. Dirty Santa is always a fun time for us. There was some really serious bargaining going on to get certain gifts. We brought toys and food to give to our adopted family for Christmas. Each item on the children’s wish list and gifts for the parents too was purchased and wrapped to help provide a Merry Christmas to this family.

We donated money to the Cleveland County Christmas Store and the Norman Christmas Day Community Dinner. We provided a car load of toys to be given to the children attending the Community Christmas Dinner.

We continue to give birthday baskets to the students at Bridges each month. Bridges is a facility for displaced high school students to live to finish their education. The baskets are overflowing with items they have listed on their wish list plus toiletries and household items for their apartment. The kids also receive gift cards to help them celebrate their birthdays!

Our January educational will be a hands-on demonstration by Faye’s mother, Mrs. White, to make Turtle candy. I am sure taste testing will be the highlight of this meeting.

We have selected a really good candidate for our Zeus Award. Can’t tell yet, it’s a surprise!

Not that we are counting or looking forward to the end of our duties of scanning tickets at the OU sporting events, but we have 14 more basketball games and 5 more gymnastic meets between now and March 5. This project requires lots of hours, but it’s easy and makes us lots of money.

Several DK members, Cheryl, Nancy, Doyleene, Linda, Gloria and Rosemarie need your loving prayers for healing because of illness, surgery or being homebound. We want to send a special message to Vivian and Joyce. We love you and miss you. We hope and pray you and your girls are doing well in Colorado!!!

Until next time ..... stay warm and safe in this freezing weather we are having!!!!

Janice Shockley



Delta Kappa Christmas gathering



Gwynn Nell, Georgia, Rosemarie working OU basketball game

### Gamma Zeta, Edmond

Gamma Zeta has been very busy with a Friendsgiving dinner, installation of new members, volunteering at U R Special for clothing distribution, ringing the bell for the Salvation Army, baking birthday cakes for The Boys' Ranch Town, and a big Christmas party.



**Groundbreaking for Dream Home**



**Shirley Moore and Laura Howells ringing the Salvation Army bell.**



Laura Howells is pictured with her 8 grandchildren holding the pull tabs they have saved for the Ronald McDonald House.

For 4 years Laura Howell's siblings, children, grandchildren, nieces, nephews, great nieces, great nephews in her 100 plus family along with many, many friends helped collect the tabs for the Ronald McDonald House. So far, they have collected over 29 containers of pull tabs. What an awesome project and learning experience for the whole family!

The Ronald McDonald House supports families and helps them access the medical care and resources they need. This program is a home away from home that provides comfort, support, and resources to families who travel far from home for the medical care their child needs.





## Kappa Theta – Guthrie

Kappa Thera Guthrie has been busy this year with preparations for the upcoming 3<sup>rd</sup> Annual Salute to Veterans and Families on Feb 10<sup>th</sup> in Guthrie at the American Legion. Tickets are \$25 and can be purchased in advance or at the door (see the flyer below) Everyone is welcome. This year Golden Chick has generously sponsored our lunch. There will be lots of silent auction items and raffles! Please come and help support our Hope for Hero's event!

Kappa Theta Guthrie has also been working on the State Convention held in April 2024. Fundraising ideas include the BIG news about Spirit Mums! President Lana Rubio's amazing idea will be shared with everyone at the Western District meeting in March!!

Stay tuned for more exciting info and order forms!



*3rd Annual*  
**Salute  
To Veterans & Families**

**February 10, 2024**  
**\$25.00**

**American Legion Post 58,  
123 1st St.  
Guthrie, Oklahoma  
10am-1:30pm**

**hosted by Epsilon Sigma Alpha, Kappa Theta**

**Guest Speakers, Auctions, Lunch, Free Prizes & more**  
Tickets must be purchased in advance  
contact Ramona Bench (909) 553-0130  
and follow at [www.Facebook.com/kappathetasalutes](http://www.Facebook.com/kappathetasalutes)

## Zeta Gamma - Shawnee

Whew, can you believe that it is 2024? Where has the time gone? Zeta Gamma has certainly been on the crazy train of activity. Robbin hosted our annual Christmas Party again this year. We had such a great time. Members all brought various snacks and food to the party. Which we promptly devoured, and every year Robbin, her mother, and daughters bake tons and tons of cookies in which we all took boxes of them home to enjoy later. We also enjoyed a very dirty Santa gift card exchange. So much fun stealing gifts from one another. Great times and something we always enjoy every year.

Later on that month of December saw some of us surprising Lora Thompson with a birthday lunch at Meiji restaurant in Midwest City. Talk about a big surprise Lora had absolutely no idea that we would be there. Happy 93rd birthday to Lora! Such fun with the chef clanging the knives and cooking instruments around d. Flipping food in the air at us and trying to catch it in our mouths. Which your truly managed to actually catch. Robin got tricked into thinking he squirted soy sauce at her when it really was a string or something. Hilarious laughter ensued after that one. I can definitely recommend plum sake. Very good, first time trying sake.

Of course, plans and preparations are ongoing for convention. Patty and her Committee have continued finalizing plans for that. Have you registered yet? Don't think you would want to miss this upcoming convention because it will be fun.

On a sad note we learned today, Jan.15, that Lora has suffered a fall and broken a hip. Please keep her in your thoughts and prayers. More information will be announced when we know more.

Submitted by  
Gwen Beasley



# REGISTRATIONS, FORMS AND Ads





Oklahoma State Council 81<sup>st</sup> Annual Convention

*"Oh, the Places We Will Go in ESA"*

*April 26, 27, 28, 2024*

Delta Hotels by Marriott and Reed Conference Center

5750 Will Rogers Road Midwest City, OK 73110 405-455-1800

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<b>CHECK ALL THAT APPLY:</b>		
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<b>SPECIAL DIET MENU/MEDICAL REASONS ONLY ** CONTACT: Robbin Brown robbesa4@gmail.com</b>		
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<input type="checkbox"/> MEMBERS/ELAN FULL REGISTRATION FEE includes Mixer Dinner, General Assemblies, Workshops, Recognition Luncheon, Saturday Night Banquet, & Sunday Continental Breakfast		\$150.00
<input type="checkbox"/> MEN'S/GUEST REGISTRATION FEE includes Mixer & Saturday Banquet		\$100.00
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<b>Awards Box Lunch Sandwich (Pick 1) <input type="checkbox"/> Turkey <input type="checkbox"/> Ham <input type="checkbox"/> Chicken <input type="checkbox"/> Veggie Wrap</b>		
<b>Indicate Type of Payment: <input type="checkbox"/> Check <input type="checkbox"/> Cash <input type="checkbox"/> Venmo <input type="checkbox"/> Cashapp</b>		<b>TOTAL PAYMENT:</b>

Enclosed check payable to: Stormy Simmons, Convention Treasurer, 8108 NW 20<sup>th</sup> Terrace, OKC, OK 73121: Mail form to: Robbin Brown, PO Box 946, Choctaw, OK 73020. Cashapp: \$2024stateconvention Venmo: @simmsb843

Registration deadline: Registration deadline is March 31<sup>st</sup>, 2024. Registrations postmarked after March 31st will be assigned seating where vacancies exist. Late registrants may not be able to be seated with their chapter.

**HOTEL RESERVATION DEADLINE APRIL 5<sup>TH</sup>, 2024. Phone: 405-455-1800 mention you are with ESA.**

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- Articles should not exceed one-half typewritten page and written in Word and saved as a word doc. or pdf.
- Pictures of chapter activities, only 2 pictures per article and save as jpeg and send as a jpeg.

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- The following will usually have information that will exceed the one-half page limit. President, First Vice President, Treasurer, Secretary minutes, and Project Director.
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**PLEASE SEND ALL ARTICLES IN WORD OR PDF AND ALL PICTURES IN JPEG.**

Thank you.



# ASSOCIATION OF THE ARTS ENTRY FORM - OKLAHOMA 2023-2024

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CHAPTER NAME \_\_\_\_\_ DESA: Yes or No CHAPTER NO \_\_\_\_\_

(Indicate your area of participation. Up to two (2) entries per member may be entered.)

### **Division I (Visual Arts)**

- \_\_\_\_\_ Oil Painting or Acrylics
- \_\_\_\_\_ Drawings, Pastel or Charcoal
- \_\_\_\_\_ Watercolors
- \_\_\_\_\_ Sculpture
- \_\_\_\_\_ Pottery

### **DIVISION II (Photography)**

- \_\_\_\_\_ Black & White or Color Photo
- \_\_\_\_\_ Graphic Design
- \_\_\_\_\_ Computer Assisted Design

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- \_\_\_\_\_ Tole Painting
- \_\_\_\_\_ Painted Pottery
- \_\_\_\_\_ China Painting
- \_\_\_\_\_ Porcelain
- \_\_\_\_\_ Calligraphy (matted for display)
- \_\_\_\_\_ Fabric Painting

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- \_\_\_\_\_ Rubber Stamping
- \_\_\_\_\_ Decoupage
- \_\_\_\_\_ Glass
- \_\_\_\_\_ Wood
- \_\_\_\_\_ Floral Arrangements
- \_\_\_\_\_ Soap
- \_\_\_\_\_ Baskets
- \_\_\_\_\_ Candle
- \_\_\_\_\_ Paper Making

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- \_\_\_\_\_ Embroidery/Hardanger/Silk Ribbon
- \_\_\_\_\_ Counted Cross Stitch
- \_\_\_\_\_ Needlepoint
- \_\_\_\_\_ Knitting
- \_\_\_\_\_ Crochet
- \_\_\_\_\_ Cloth Weaving
- \_\_\_\_\_ Stuffed Animals
- \_\_\_\_\_ Sewing
- \_\_\_\_\_ Smocking
- \_\_\_\_\_ Knitting
- \_\_\_\_\_ Latch Hooking

### **DIVISION VI (Quilting)** \_\_\_\_\_ All types

### **DIVISION VII (Holiday – Ornaments & Decorations)**

\_\_\_\_\_ Please Describe:  
\_\_\_\_\_

### **DIVISION VIII (Composition – Literary or Musical)**

\_\_\_\_\_ Please Describe: \_\_\_\_\_

### **DIVISION IX (State President Division)**

\_\_\_\_\_ Any art form pertaining to the President's Theme

### **DIVISION X (St Jude Division)**

\_\_\_\_\_ Any art exhibiting St. Jude

### **DIVISION XI (81<sup>st</sup> Annual Oklahoma Convention)**

\_\_\_\_\_ Any art pertaining to ESA OK State Conventions

The Clara Vaughn "Dream Award" will be presented to the chapter with the highest percentage of member participation.

**DEADLINE – ENTRY FORMS MUST BE POSTMARKED BY APRIL 1.**

**The rules for ALL divisions are as follows:**

- 1) Up to two (2) entries per Division per member may be entered.
- 2) An item can be entered one time only (if entered the previous year, it may not be entered in a subsequent year).
- 3) Although security precautions will be enforced, we are not covered by casualty insurance should damages or theft occur.

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**NOMINATION FORM FOR 2024-2025 OFFICERS**

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Nominee has been notified of nomination \_\_\_ Yes \_\_\_ No

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Town \_\_\_\_\_ Acceptance Attached \_\_\_\_\_

Nominee has been notified of nomination \_\_\_ Yes \_\_\_ No

**PARLIAMENTARIAN**

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Chapter \_\_\_\_\_

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Town \_\_\_\_\_ Acceptance Attached \_\_\_\_\_

Nominee has been notified of nomination \_\_\_ Yes \_\_\_ No

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Town \_\_\_\_\_ Acceptance Attached \_\_\_\_\_

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