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BEAMS from your President

Dear Oklahoma State Council Members:

You can hear the sounds of Christmas
All across this spacious land,
From the hillsides to the mountains,
And above the whistling sand.
You can hear the sound of Christmas
On the sidewalks of the street,
And the sound of Christmas laughter
Come from happy folks you meet,
Yes, the many sounds of Christmas,
Fill the earth and sky above,
And reflect the joy of Jesus’ birth,
And God’s perfect care and love!



As this joyous Christmas season approaches, may we reflect on the true meaning of Christmas, the birth of Him whose Star we have seen in the East. May we be thankful for His constant abiding love in our lives and the real wealth that each of us possess--the wealth of home, family and friends.

May His star give us guidance, like that of a lighthouse, and may His love be reflected in our words and deeds to others.

The 2007-2008 Officers and Appointed Chairman, join me in wishing you and your loved ones the following wish:

May the Christmas Dove, the symbol of peace on Earth and goodwill, fly to your house this season, bringing you a joyous and Merry Christmas.

President

Ramona Paine
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Calling for Nominations
Bunnie Sullins - 1st Vice President/Nominating Chairman

Oklahoma State Council needs you to be a part of 2008-2009

Before you know it March 1 will be here, the deadline to submit for 2008/2009 offices. I have received a few **BUT** I need a lot more. Please consider running for an elected office or let me know you would like an appointed office; they are all important. I would love to have you on the board for 2008/2009; we will get our work done, and then party hearty. Think of the **fun** we will have. Please contact any of girls on the nominating committee: Linda Voss, Vivian Gibson, Nadine Moyer, Peggy Eversole, or me.

Bunnie Sullins – 1st Vice President
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(Post script)

Dear Sisters,

Larry and I would like to thank each of you for the cards and prayers we received when his mom died. We really appreciated all the kind words, it meant a lot to him at that difficult time.

Love to you all,

Larry and Bunnie

GENERAL BOARD COMMITTEE CHAIRMAN
2008-2009

Please look over the openings that are available for next year. I may not know that you are interested in serving and this is my way of reaching out to those Members who would like to be a part of the Board. Please list your choice as 1, 2, and 3

ASSOCIATION OF THE ARTS

- a. Write short articles for PJ
- b. Promote & increase participation in....
- c. Host display room at convention
- d. Hold contest for judging & presenting awards
- e. Promote the different categories

AUDITOR

- a. Member of budget committee
- b. 1 article for PJ
- c. Auditing books for following:
 - (1). OK State Council Treasurer
 - (2). Convention (after convention)
 - (3). Directory
 - (4). Petticoat Journal
 - (5). Project Director
 - (6). Optional: Districts

CHAPLAIN

- a. Invocation (Council meetings & Convention before meals)
- b. Flag Salute & Devotional
- c. Send cards/letters on illness, death, special occasion's
- d. 5 articles to Petticoat Journal
- e. Memorial service

EXECUTIVE BOARD

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- c. Send cards/letters on illness, death, special occasion's
- d. 5 articles to Petticoat Journal
- e. Memorial service at convention

EASTER SEALS

- a. Work closely with State Easter Seals office
- b. Encourage chapters to sell candy or other fundraiser

DIANA

- a. Secure packet from ESA Headquarters for forms
- b. Article for Petticoat Journal
- c. Encourage chapters to nominate a DIANA
- d. After judging notify sponsoring chapters
- e. Order DIANA certificate and folder from Headquarters

DIRECTORY

- a. Complete list of State Executive & General Board
- b. Complete membership list
- c. Meeting dates
- d. Compile a Directory of pertinent information
- e. Have ready by June State Council meeting

SCRAPBOOK

- a. Articles to Petticoat Journal
- b. Request chapters to mail pictures, name tags, invitations, newspaper articles for State scrapbook
- c. Encourage ALL chapters to submit material to fill at least 1 page
- d. Prepare State Scrapbook to present to State President at Convention during the Executive Board Luncheon on Friday

JUNIOR MEMBERSHIP

- a. Assist the Senior Membership Chairman
- b. Give chairman report at Council meetings if the Senior Membership chairman is absent
- c. Assist Senior Membership chairman presenting awards at State Convention
- d. Process all information about member-at-large and recommend a friend
- e. Help with presentation and introduction of all pledges at State Convention

PUBLICITY

- a. Articles for Petticoat Journal
- b. Submit news articles to area newspapers and etc. for coverage of any event
- c. Compile a list of editors and newspapers, etc.
- d. Request chapters to send a clipping of ESA news articles
- e. Arrange news article in a folder and present to State President at 2' General Assembly

ESA FOUNDATION

- a. Article to Petticoat Journal
- b. Member of the Foundation
- c. Inform membership of all phases of the ESA Foundation
- d. Present awards at State Convention

CONTESTS

- a. 1 article to Petticoat Journal
- b. Conduct contest meeting at State Council Meetings
- c. Provide judging rules, composite sheets, etc.

Awards _

- a. Chairman "What ESA Means to Me"
- b. Service Awards
- c. 1 article to Petticoat Journal

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OUTSTANDING CHAPTER CHAIRMAN

- a. 2 articles to Petticoat Journal
- b. Secure all information from other contest chairman
- c. Secure all information from District secretary of those chapters in attendance
- d. Secure all information from Recording Secretary of those chapters in attendance at State meetings

OUTSTANDING YOUTH CHAIRMAN

- a. 2 articles to Petticoat Journal
- b. Secure all information from other contest chairman
- c. Secure all information from District secretary of those chapters in attendance
- d. Secure all information from Recording Secretary of those chapters in attendance at State meetings

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Care Connection _____
Care Connection Co – Chairman _____
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*With
Warm Wishes
at
Christmas*



**EPSILON SIGMA ALPHA INTERNATIONAL
OKLAHOMA STATE COUNCIL
NOMINATION FORM FOR 2008-2009 OFFICERS**

Please complete the nomination form and submit to the 1st Vice-President before March 1, 2008. All candidates must send their written consent, qualifications and a picture to the 1st Vice-President **BEFORE** March 1, 2008. The candidates for state offices will be presented at the March State Council meeting and their qualifications and picture will be published in the April/May issue of *The Petticoat Journal*.

SECOND VICE PRESIDENT

Name _____ Chapter _____
Town _____ Acceptance Attached _____
Nominee has been notified of nomination _____ Yes _____ No

RECORDING SECRETARY

Name _____ Chapter _____
Town _____ Acceptance Attached _____
Nominee has been notified of nomination _____ Yes _____ No

PARLIAMENTARIAN

Name _____ Chapter _____
Town _____ Acceptance Attached _____
Nominee has been notified of nomination _____ Yes _____ No

TREASURER

Name _____ Chapter _____
Town _____ Acceptance Attached _____
Nominee has been notified of nomination _____ Yes _____ No

PROJECT DIRECTOR

Name _____ Chapter _____
Town _____ Acceptance Attached _____
Nominee has been notified of nomination _____ Yes _____ No

PETTICOAT JOURNAL EDITOR

Name _____ Chapter _____
Town _____ Acceptance Attached _____
Nominee has been notified of nomination _____ Yes _____ No

Nominating Chapter Name & #: _____ **City:** _____
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“Indulge Yourself”
Deb Hughes-2nd Vice President & Educational Director

Greetings of the season, I wish you a very Merry Christmas and a great '08.

What exciting and interesting educational programs you are having! I anxiously sort the mail each day and your education reports take top priority. I am thrilled to review your reports and wish I could personally attend each program. Several chapters have submitted at least four or more timely reports, so you are well on your way toward a Gold Link Award and I hope, completing your Gold Seal Entry too. Keep up the outstanding momentum ladies! However let me emphasize, every chapter in the state can do this. It is not too late to begin an educational program for your chapter. You still have time! Some chapters may have more than one program at a meeting, others may take a Saturday or Sunday and include several programs and still some chapters combine a social and an educational program in the same meeting. Don't forget, our educational programs are a great opportunity to invite prospective members to “get acquainted with ESA” too.

The idea behind my theme “*Indulge Yourself*” is to select something you have always wanted to do and involve your members. The door is wide open. Make it work for your chapter and be creative! Now it is time for additional chapter teamwork as we approach the second half of our state ESA year.

1. Chapter members, please encourage your educational director to submit at least six timely reports about your programs. This will make your chapter eligible for the Gold Link Award. All reports are due to me by April 1, 2008.

2. Chapter Treasurers, be sure you have paid your chapter dues to the state treasurer, Gwynn Nell Swanson, by Jan. 1, 2008. (This will enable your chapter to be eligible for voting at our state convention and qualified for contests.)

3. Chapter Educational Directors, you should be in the process of organizing your **Gold Seal Entry** for submission. This is a notebook compiling all of your chapter education programs for the year, a minimum of six timely reports. The deadline is April 1, 2008.

4. Chapter Presidents, if your chapter is in the process or completed the above requirements your chapter educational director is eligible to be nominated as Distinguished Athenian. You should **send me a letter to nominate her** by highlighting her outstanding contributions to her chapter, community and state council. The deadline is April 1, 2008.

5. Chapter Educational Directors, have at least one program on my theme, “*Indulge Yourself*” for a special award. I feel rather confident that most, if not all, of your programs will fit into this category, so everyone is a winner, members and chapters. However you do need to submit a timely report. The deadline is April 1, 2008.

As your resource contact please feel free to call or email me if you need assistance preparing a program or have questions. *P.S. I also enjoy visiting our Oklahoma chapters. *hint** Continue to “*Indulge Yourself*” and have a good time learning through ESA.

Deb Hughes

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A Mini-Educational: “Let’s Have A Tea Party” Deb Hughes-2nd Vice President & Educational Director

Interaction and active participation are two aspects that I wanted to include in the state educational program this year. Take the time to “*Indulge Yourself*” in something that you have always wanted to do or even re-do. Educational programs can be in the form of oral presentations, visual aids, hands-on demonstrations, guest speakers, tours, etc. If you need assistance preparing a special educational program for your chapter, please be sure to contact me.

At the November State Council meeting we had a mini hands-on demonstration making candy reindeers. As a follow-up, now that you have learned the sequence, you are able to be the leader to take it back to your chapter and show them the same. Here is another idea for a hands-on participation.

When you think of a tea party what first comes to your mind? I know many of our chapters host a “Rush Tea” and others perhaps a “Founder’s Day Tea” but those have a different agenda. I am speaking of a *real tea party*, where each of you is the guest of an elegant period where you can rid yourself of that sinking feeling in the middle of the day, diminish the stress for a brief time, visit with each other, and indulge a tasty treat.

This program also has several options. You can have a tea party for a kindergarten class or a young class from your church and introduce them to an aspect of another era. On the other hand, you can host a tea party for a senior adult day care program too. I know of one group that has an elegant tea party each year near Mother’s Day and the ladies just love it. Think outside the box for your planning.

Perhaps there is a local restaurant or tea room that you can schedule a visit which will lessen the planning, although you may wish to prepare a brief oral presentation to share at your tea party on the various types of tea. This could be on the tea itself or the difference between “high tea” and “low tea” times.

I know several years ago my chapter went to Bartlesville for “afternoon tea” complete with hats, gloves, finger sandwiches, sweet delicate desserts and of course, several types of tea. Our hostess even provided a program about the differences of teas. While we laughed at ourselves in the unusual hats we did have great fun, and felt quite pampered.

If you want to host the tea party yourself, have each guest bring her favorite tea cup and saucer. I bet a story will accompany each one which is a great opening for conversation, especially for your guests that might not know each other well. The hostess may want to pick up a few extra cups and saucers to have on hand in case some forget. I haven’t been to a garage sale that doesn’t have dozens of cups and saucers waiting for a tea party. And don’t be surprised if you find teacups without handles. Early porcelain cups from China did not have handles and were quite small. The raising of the pinky finger was to offer balance in holding the cup with the thumb at six o’clock and the index and middle finger at twelve o’clock position. Etiquette protocol is to never loop your fingers through the handle nor hold the vessel bowl with the palm of your hand.

While you are there, pick up cloth napkins too. Give them a quick wash and swipe of an iron and they are ready to make an elegant entrance on your table. Don’t worry if they don’t match, let your creativity shine. Place the napkin to the left side of the place setting. The napkin should be folded with the closed edge to the left and the open edge to the right. There are no exceptions! This rule applies for rectangular, triangular, and square shape folds. Note: Less formal affairs may allow a fancy folded napkin to be placed in the center of the place setting.

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When serving lemon with tea, lemon slices are preferable, not wedges. Either provide a small fork or lemon fork for your guests, or have the tea server neatly place a slice in the tea cup after the tea has been poured. Be sure never to add lemon with milk since the lemon's citric acid will cause the proteins in the milk to curdle. By the way, milk is preferred over heavy cream as the cream will mask the taste of the tea. Some ladies will prefer to pour the milk in after the tea to get the right flavor, definitely an individual taste. Do not use your tea to wash down food. Sip, don't slurp, your tea and swallow before eating.

As for a tip, do not stir your tea, with your tea spoon, in sweeping circular motions. Place your tea spoon at the six o'clock position and softly fold the liquid towards the twelve o'clock position two or three times. Never leave your tea spoon in your tea cup. When not in use, place your tea spoon on the right side of the tea saucer. Never wave or hold your tea cup in the air. When not in use, place the tea cup back in the tea saucer.

As for recipes and types of tea to serve, the resource materials are abundant and easy to locate. Perhaps your own grandmother or great-grandmother had favorite recipes she passed along to you. Have fun experimenting with recipes. I have also provided links to a few websites for scrumptious recipes too!

Because it is usually taken in the late afternoon, "afternoon tea" is also called 'low tea'; it was usually taken in a sitting room where low tables such as a coffee table were placed near sofas or chairs. Three basic types of "afternoon or low tea" are 1. Cream Tea - Tea, scones, jam and cream 2. Light Tea - Tea, scones and sweets 3. Full Tea - Tea, savories, scones, sweets and dessert

In England, the traditional time for tea was four or five o'clock and no one stayed after seven o'clock. Most tea rooms today serve tea from three to five o'clock. The menu has also changed from tea, bread, butter and cakes, to include three particular courses served specifically in this order: 1. Savories - Tiny sandwiches or appetizers 2. Scones - Served with jam and Devonshire or clotted cream 3. Pastries - Cakes, cookies, shortbread and sweets

"High Tea" or "meat tea" is really dinner. Most people refer to "afternoon tea" as "high tea" because they think it sounds regal and lofty. "High tea" in England tends to be on the heavier side. American hotels and tea rooms tend to offer tidbits of fancy pastries and cakes on delicate china when they offer a 'high tea.'

Here are a few tidbits about the early history of tea time. Afternoon tea may have been started by the French in Paris in 1636, some 22 years before England accepted the practice. According to legend, the practice of drinking tea was extremely popular with the aristocracy. In an early gossip newspaper it was noted that society Madams took 12 or more cups of tea each morning and it cured their ails, so naturally others soon followed the practice too. One such Madame took her tea with milk and the English immediately adopted this French touch and even touted it as their own.

In the mid 1600's England's Queen Elizabeth I granted permission to open trade routes from India, Far East, and Southwest Asia. While the original focus was spices, by the 1670's traders included cottons, silks, indigo, saltpeter and tea. England's King Charles II further opened the tea trade with his acceptance of his bride's dowry of direct trading ports. King Charles and his wife, Catherine, were confirmed tea drinkers and when they re-established the monarchy in England, they brought the foreign tea influence with them, especially among the wealthier society. Soon everyone began copying the royal tradition and tea became the beverage of choice, replacing ale as the breakfast drink.

Prior to the introduction of tea, the English had two main meals, breakfast and dinner. Breakfast

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was ale, bread, and beef. Sometime during the middle of the eighteenth century, dinner for the upper and middle classes shifted from noontime to an evening meal and became long and massive as it was served at a fashionable late hour.

It was during the Industrial Revolution, the later portion of the Victorian period, that working families brought the dining custom to another level. When they returned home exhausted from a hard day's work their table would be set with meats, bread, butter, pickles, cheese and of course tea. Because the meal was eaten at a high, dining table rather than the low tea tables, it was termed "high tea". Note the absence of the dainty finger sandwiches, scones and pastries of the society afternoon tea.

According to legend, the Duchess of Bedford also known as Anna Maria Stanhope, a lady-in-waiting for England's Queen Victoria is credited with afternoon teatime. As the noon meal became skimpier, the Duchess began to get a "sinking feeling" about four o'clock in the afternoon, and she would have her servants sneak her a pot of tea and a few pieces of bread to hold her until the dinner serving. She soon adopted the European tea service format for this afternoon meal about five o'clock. The menu expanded to include small cakes, bread and butter sandwiches, assorted sweets and of course, the pot of tea.

The practice grew so popular that when she returned to London following her summer visits to the countryside she began inviting friends to join her for "tea and a walk in the gardens". And naturally because the royals did it, the practice was quickly adopted by other social hostesses.

Okay now you have your tea cups and saucers and the recipes are ready for the tasting. Okay now you have your tea cups and saucers and the recipes are ready for the tasting. I think a tea party would be a great way to pass a cold winter afternoon. By the way, while sharing a tea party with others is enjoyable, setting aside a time for a tea party for one, you, is also a great pick-me-up idea.

Ladies, let's have tea!

Deb Hughes

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6. "AFTERNOON TEA...TIPS, TERMS and TRADITIONS and Good \$ense For \$uccess"™ by Ellen Easton
7. "Etiquette Faux Pas and Other Misconceptions About Afternoon Tea" by Ellen Easton



October/Halloween Jacque Edwards – State Project Director

October 13, OSD Tour was a huge success! A perfect crisp day full of sunshine and smiles on the students' faces when we presented gifts to them both individually and as a chapter. We started with the District IV business meeting followed with a presentation by the Job Placement Director presenting a wonderful power point presentation of how structured the process is. The students earn privileges and are so proud when they succeed. 4 of the OSD employed students were on hand to visit with us. With the help of Kappa Theta, we stuffed 130 bags with Halloween candy that you sisters donated. We also made 130 bags of food snacks, drinks & travel items that were presented to Ann Willis for each child.

THANK YOU, THANK YOU, THANK YOU Sisters, it's because of the love offerings you gave that made this a success, and Ann was so nice to send pictures of smiley faces with the children holding their bags and they all were so grateful! We then enjoyed the wonderful meal OSD prepared along with the students and parents while watching the children open gifts.

Afterwards, President Connie Johnson and I traveled to the Football Stadium for the Queen Coronation. David Lawer, (sponsored by myself) age 4, was the crown bearer and oh—what a cutie! Roxy Stallings sponsored by State President Ramona Paine was one of the Queen attendants. What a fun-filled day for all who attended.

SPONSOR/STUDENT SUMMARY

OSD---Enrollment	130
Participating	88
Sponsored as 11/5	77
	(11) Un-sponsored
OSB---Enrollment	92
Participating	78
Sponsored as 11/5	72
	(6) Un-sponsored

A REALLY BIG THANKS TO ALL THE ESA SISTERS & CHAPTERS
FOR SPONSORING THE CHILDREN FROM THE BOTTOM OF MY HEART!

State Project Fund Update

Eta Epsilon-\$50.; Delta Epsilon-\$50.;

Sigma Chi-\$100. **TOTAL to date \$477.99**

Now we have to concentrate on replenishing our Project Fund - Our GOAL-- \$3,800.

We are \$3,322.01 away from our goal.

DON'T FORGET YOUR PROJECT REPORT FORMS. They are due anytime; however, the last deadline is April 1, 2008.

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Petticoat Journal
Donna Shook - Editor

This month has been a real trial as my computer was down while my husband and I moved to OKC. We are now mostly settled in our new home, so to all of you who have been patient about your articles, I say "Thank You." Please remember to email me at RShook@cox.net if you have any questions or want to place an article or ad. The next PJ will come out in the new year. May each of you have a blessed Christmas and A Happy New Year.

Donna Shook – Petticoat Journal Editor
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Junior Past President Report
Robbin Brown – Junior Past President

Do you realize tht the year for ESA is more than half over? That means only four more months until all deadlines have paset, and it will be time for the 2008 State Covention. Has your chapter sent in your donation? The deadline for donations is April 1, but it is never too early to donate. Send your check to me made out to ESA Disaster Fund. If you need anyt assistance, you may call or e-mail me at any time.

So far this year, we have assisted one Oklahoma sister with another being processed. Without your donations, this would not be possible. As of today, I have received 16 donations from 15 chapters and one individual for a total of 922.00. We are a bit down from this time last year, but I know it is possible to reach my goal for this year of \$3200.00, so wh have a lot of work to do. Dyou think this is a possible goal for Oklahoma? I DO! I know we can all accomplish this so, let us make The Light to ESA's Path Shine Brighter for our sisters now and for in the future and make our President Ramona shine with delight.

Robbin Brown – Junior Past President
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District II News
Linda Southerland-Coordinator

Thankfully, the District II Leadership was a success but I am certainly glad that it is over. It was a great learning experience and I think everyone should serve once... I would like to take this opportunity to thank everyone who attended District II Leadership.

I want to tell the other District Coordinators how much I enjoyed their Leadership conferences. Good Job everyone. It seems like I just got through attending the District Leadership conferences and my husband took a step backward with his health issues. Thank goodness I have retired and can spend time with him. It seems like we have had an abundance of bad health related to our ESA sisters across the state. Hope everyone gets better soon.

Fall is just around the corner and temperatures are cooling down. Good Football Weather!!!!

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Hope your favorite teams come out on top!!! It will soon be Thanksgiving and then Christmas will be next. Happy Holidays to all.

Linda Southerland District II Coordinator
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Association of the Arts Marilyn Joplin - Chairman

I would like to remind all ESA Chapters to be thinking about all the talented members they have and to start encouraging them to submit for the contest.

Areas of participation are as follows:

Division I – Literature

Division II – Music

Division III – Fine Arts

Division IV – Visual Arts

Division V – Folk Art

Division VI – Needlework (Hand)

This year our “Special” category will be Lighthouses in following with our President’s theme.

Entry forms must be submitted to chairman by April 1, 2008.

Send entry form to:

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A copy of the entry form, as well as descriptions of each division can be obtained from <http://esaintl.com>

Chaplain Reports Joy Agan - Chaplain

Thanksgiving and Christmas are in the air, and we have sisters who need your prayers, thoughts, concerns, and cards. Since last PJ, I have sent the following cards and notes:
Death of Shirley Wadja – Zeta Gamma, Shawnee; Doloris Fix-Beta Gamma, Tulsa, Knee Surgery;
Jeanne Kindley – Beta Gamma, Tulsa, Hand Surgery; Virginia and Don Taylor – Beta Rho- Del City – 50th Anniversary and Grandson; Death of Dr. Elise Earl – Kappa Alpha, Tulsa; Delta Kappa – Norman – Chapter 40th Birthday; Donna Kother, Beta Gamma – Tulsa – Death of sister; Death of Jeanne Swat – Eta Epsilon, Skiatook, inactive; Cathy May – Beta Psi – Clinton – Death of husband; Linda Southerland – Beta Psi, Clinton – Illness of husband and son; Death of Judy Dillard – Alpha Theta, Muskogee; Carolyn Morris – Beta Psi, Clinton – Husband ill with back problems; Zenda Bryan – Beta Psi, Clinton – Granddaughter with anemia fanconi.

Please let me hear from you if you have illness in your chapter or deaths. I want to send cards or notes to let them know we are concerned.

Your State Chaplina, Joy Agan

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Sisters:

I'm sure everyone had a nice Thanksgiving and looking forward to Christmas with much anticipation!!

Thank You to everyone who participated in Olene's " Change Jars " We have been counting monies and getting cashier checks sent off. What a Wonderful idea to be able to help St. Judes. Also remember to bring your Change Jars in March or you may count your monies and send us a check, whichever is easier for you.

Chapters please start thinking about what your Chapter would like to donate for the Silent Auction at Convention for St. Jude's.

Thank all of you again for all your help, Olene and my year is drawing to a close and will be here before we know it.
See all in March!

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Diana Information
Dr. Bille Hanson – DIANA Chairman

Have you downloaded your DIANA information yet from the Internet? It's easy!

Go to: www.esaintl.com

Click on: Intl Council

Click on: Forms

Click on either: DIANA Award Packet or DIANA Award Form

Remember in Oklahoma, we have eliminated #4. "What type of family involvement do they have with their children and their activities" because we didn't want someone who doesn't have children to be marked down on their score!

A revised form should be up soon on the Oklahoma website. Even if you use the IC form which includes #4, the judges will be instructed to ignore that question.

Find your DIANA today! Our ESA love only grows by sharing!

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TRUE CONFESSION

By Barbara Stapleton for Members Only

It all began when.....

Gamma Delta, my chapter, decided that we had waited long enough to have a rush. So with only two weeks notice, we sent invitations to 14 friends, co-workers and neighbors to join us for a Get Acquainted Social/Rush. I invited my Granddaughter Jennifer who is a single mother with a 3 year old daughter. I knew she didn't have the time for ESA but I had an ulterior for asking her. I thought that Jennifer's future mother-in-law would be a perfect candidate to join ESA.

We had six guests come to visit and learn about ESA. We purposely kept this first meeting fun and informal. We found out a little about each guests personal and professional life and their interests. We told them about our lives, why and when we joined ESA and why we have remained involved in ESA all these years.

Our Rush was like a Chick Flick. We laughed, we shared and shed a few tears, we hugged and of course we ate. All our guests seemed interested in ESA but no one committed that night. Everyone went home with an ESA information packet. We mailed hand written thank you notes to our guests and received notes in return. after reading her packet, Jennifer called with some questions. She said that even though we were all very friendly, she felt uncomfortable speaking about herself to our group. Later however, when one of our members told how before ESA, she used to be terrified speaking to a group and did everything to avoid it, Jennifer recognized herself. This same member went on to say how ESA changed her life and gave her the confidence to now be able to make presentations before large audiences. Jennifer said she realized that ESA could help her to build that kind of confidence and become more professional at work. **JENNIFER JOINED ESA!** The one person I was sure was too busy and too young was the first to join.

I confess; I made a negative assumption. I've been preaching, "Don't make up your mind for them" and that is exactly what I did. Please don't be guilty of making the same mistake. **KEEP A POSITIVE ATTITUDE.** We are all aware that young working mothers already know how busy they are and there are not enough hours in a day. If we place too much emphasis on all our Service projects, they may feel overwhelmed and think they just don't have any time left to give to ESA. **With young working women we should consider placing the emphasis on the Leadership aspects of ESA and how it can personally assist them in attaining success and becoming more professional.**

HAPPY HOLIDAYS TO ALL and seriously think about pledging a new ESA member as one of your New Year's Resolutions.

Barbara Stapleton - Sr. Membership Chair
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Editor's Note: Peggie Sprinkle is the new Easter Seal Chairman. You may contact her at 8201 E. Norman Street, Broken Arrow 74014. She may also be reached by either of these two numbers: 918-813-3385 or 918-813-3382. Her e-mail address is: garysprinkle@hotmail.com
Congratulations, Peggie!

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OUTSTANDING CHAPTER REQUIREMENTS Dana Terrell - Outstanding Chapter Chairman

Hello, Ladies! I want to wish each of you the best of holiday seasons! I am certain that Santa will visit each of your homes because I know you have been “good girls” this year! Think of all the wonderful things you have done for others and ESA. Santa knows!

I would like to encourage chapters to enter the Outstanding Chapter contest. To view the specifics of the contest, please look at the Outstanding Chapter Official Judging Sheet, which can be found online at <http://members.cox.net/oklaesa>. Remember that points are earned if your State Council dues and District dues are paid by January 1. Your International dues must be paid by April 1, and your ESAF chapter dues must be paid by March 1. The prompt payment of these dues will earn your chapter up to 40 points for the Outstanding Chapter competition.

In addition, you can earn points by submitting materials for the state scrapbook, selecting a DIANA and having a DIANA Award Presentation, selecting an Outstanding Youth and having an awards presentation, entering items in the Association of the Arts, entering in the “What ESA Means to ME” contest, and entering the Publicity Contest. Of course, each educational reported by April 1 will earn points for your chapter, too. These illustrate only a portion of those items which will earn points and help your chapter earn the Outstanding Chapter award.

What about rush? Have you pledged a new member, had an MAL join your group, had someone transfer into your chapter, or have a reinstatement in your chapter? If so, you have again earned points for your chapter. Did you attend the State Project Tours? If so, you earned points.

As one can see, earning points for the Outstanding Chapter is easy—all one has to do is be an active member of ESA on the local, district, and state level.

Will your chapter be a candidate for Outstanding Chapter? I hope to have entries from all chapters in the state as I know, just as Santa does, that you have been “good girls,” and that you work hard for ESA. Once again, I wish you a blessed holiday season and a new year filled with good health and much happiness.

Dana Terrell - Outstanding Chapter Chairman
Rt. 1 Box 100
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Outstanding Youth Charlene Law - Chairman

Greetings to all, it is that time of busy time of the year again. We are all making plans for the upcoming holidays. I hope with all your busy schedules you take time to think of the Youth in your communities. The deadline to submit your entries for Outstanding Youth, both Senior and Junior is March 1st. That date may seem so far away, but it will be here before you know it, and if you procrastinate and miss the deadline there may be a youth who missed out on both recognition and a monetary reward. So please take the time to nominate a candidate for this award.

Charlene Law – Outstanding Youth
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FUTURE MEETINGS

**Saturday,
March 15, 2008**

Hotdog/ham-
Burger cookout/
Hayride at
Roman Nose
Park – Watonga

**Sunday,
March 16, 2008**

State Council
Meeting
Roman Nose
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Crown Plaza
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General Contest Information and Guidelines

1. All entries are sent to the chairman of each respective contest
2. State dues must be paid on or before January 1 to be eligible for state contests and voting privileges
3. New chapters are not required to pay state dues until the May 1 following the anniversary of their charter date
4. Contest entries and materials must be postmarked on or before March 1 to be eligible for DIANA, "What ESA Means to Me" and Outstanding Youth

**Publicity
Susan Patterson Chairman**

Hello Ladies,

Publicity is the best way to inform the public about ESA. Your chapter publicity chairman can do press releases, or ads; she can post fliers or do word of mouth. Some of the most effective publicity ideas are often creative and unusual. Letters to the editor are a good way to communicate to the public about an ESA event that is occurring in your community.

Please send me a copy of the articles from your local paper. All the information you send to me I will put together for Romona's publicity book.

I wish all of you a Merry Christmas and Great New Year!

Sue Patterson - Publicity Chairman
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**Scrapbook Reminders
Nadine Weatherly- Chair**

I am the scrapbook chairman for Ramona's scrapbook. I need items for her scrapbook. Each chapter should be represented in the scrapbook, so send pictures to fill one page. We all want to give Ramona a scrapbook she will always treasure. I need your help to do that. Please send the items you want in the scrapbook to me by April 1st.

My address is: Nadine Weatherly;
15155 E 600 Road; Inola, OK 74036



**HAPPY BIRTHDAY
BETA GAMMA
FROM YOUR SISTER
DEB HUGHES**



**And a happy new year
beta gamma
from your sister
deb hughes**

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2008 Oklahoma State Council 65th Annual State Convention
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**Contact Cathy Holsted, Convention Chairman, at nanakitty22@sbcglobal.net or 405.826.9867

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DESA Registration: Name: _____ Daughter of: _____

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Friday Night Mixer Party
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Installation Banquet
Sunday Brunch

Men's Registration Fee
Cost: \$40.00

DESA Registration Fee
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Late Fee – Registration postmarked After April 15, 2008 Cost: \$25.00

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CANCELLATION: If you find it necessary to cancel this registration, the full amount less a \$15 processing fee will be refunded if your written cancellation is postmarked or faxed to 580.323.1804 no later than April 15, 2008. Seating at the Awards Luncheon and Installation Banquet will be assigned from registrations postmarked by the April 15, 2008, deadline. Registrations postmarked after April 15, 2008, will be assigned seating where vacancies exist....we cannot guarantee that late registrants will be seated with their chapters.

4. All other contest entries and materials must be postmarked on or before April 1st.

5. Scrapbook will be for display only at convention.

6. First, Second, and Third Place Certification will be awarded. The decision of the judges will be final.

7. All contest IC guidelines will follow these guidelines.

Summary of Contests, Chairmen, Guidelines, and Deadlines can be found in the Oct/Nov issue.

POINT OF LIGHT AWARD
OKLAHOMA STATE COUNCIL OF ESA
NOMINATION FORM
(District: Leadership or at Installation)

Oklahoma State Council State President wishes to recognize a member from each District who serves her chapter lovingly, assumes responsibilities, promotes ESA, shares her talents with the community, regularly attends chapter, district, state meetings, and has been a member for more than five years.

Please submit this nomination form secretly. Should your nominee be selected, you will be notified and will have to make certain that she will be present at the district meeting so that she may receive her award.

NOMINEE _____

CHAPTER _____ DISTRICT _____

INITIATION DATE _____

CHAPTER PRESIDENT'S INFORMATION

NAME _____

Address _____

Phone _____ email _____

President's Signature _____

NARRATIVE:

Gamma Delta #0702
Tulsa

Our chapter had a rush that began in September at the home of Gladys Murphy. We had five guests at our social. After refreshments we introduced ourselves giving a few reasons why we joined and why we have remained in ESA. Our guests then shared a little about themselves with us. A great time was had by all. Two of the guests joined us at our September meeting. Our October social was held at the home of Barbara Stapleton where we enjoyed a "**Howling Bunco**" refreshments were enjoyed followed by a few rounds of Bunco. Prizes for most wins, most Bunco's and least wins were awarded.

Some of our members attended District IV, II and II meetings. We also helped Beta Gama to celebrate their 63 birthday Saturday night November 3 at York Electronic. After a wonderful pot luck meal, we bid on White Elephant items, all in all a great evening was shared by all.

Events coming up are November TAC meeting, and Candlelight Dinner.

A blessed and happy holiday to all of you

Charlene Law, Publicity Chair

Start right now – today- to recruit new officers and chairmen, not only for the local chapter but also for state offices. Reassure the members that they can do the job because other holders of the offices or chairmanship will be there to help, to give advice, and to support their efforts. When a member gets involved, it shows her that the chapter needs her. And everyone wants to be needed

Omega Pi #3832 Tulsa

Omega Pi members journeyed to Chouteau on October 25 to eat an Amish dinner at the famed Miller's family farm. The roast beef and coconut cream pie are something to write home about! If your group hasn't yet experienced dinner at the Miller's, you must schedule an outing there sometime.

Our ladies put together Halloween goodie bags for residents at our adopted nursing home and we are planning to furnish Christmas remembrances as well. Some of these elderly people are quite lonely as some have few or no family members remaining in Tulsa, and they are so appreciative of even the smallest remembrances.

We are pleased to report one of our members, Jenny Lizama, is running for Tulsa Area Council Treasurer. She is certainly an asset to our chapter and to ESA. Jenny is the proud sponsor of her sister, Toni Boyer, who is our newest Omega Pi member! My holiday wish is that every chapter in Oklahoma could recruit two new members like Jenny and Toni.

Omega Pi members send warm wishes to all of you for a peaceful and blessed Christmas and a happy New Year. May you and your family enjoy good health and good fortune in the coming year.

Donna Gibbs, Publicity Chairman

Delta Kappa #3538 Norman

Grrrreetings from Norman! Delta Kappa has been very, very busy this past month. Delta Kappa was contacted by a couple in Norman who donate their time and money to give Christmas to the needy, handicapped and shut-ins to see if we would help wrap their presents.

For the next 10 days, members of Delta Kappa wrapped 8,000 presents. When we finished, we had sore backs, sore fingers and some very warm hearts. We all felt this was the most rewarding work we had done in a long time. The wrappers were well fed as Mozelle Smith prepared sloppy joes and stew for us and Nancy Buck made chicken and dumplings.

We are also preparing for our annual Thanksgiving dinner and DIANA presentation. Beth Gatewood is Delta Kappa's DIANA recipient this year and she is very deserving indeed!

Karen Nix, Publicity Chairman

Theta Tau #4563 Kingfisher

Greetings from Theta Tau!

The leaves have fallen and so have the temperatures here in Northwest Oklahoma, and that means winter is not far behind.

This means that Theta Tau members found themselves the weekend before Thanksgiving baking bread. Boy, did we bake bread -300+ loaves to be exact! The biggest selling breads were banana

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nut, banana, apricot, lemon poppy seed and strawberry cheesecake. We also baked several other kinds. Our resident baker, Cathy Holsted and crew starting baking at 8:00 a.m. on Saturday morning until 5:00 a.m. on Sunday morning. Took a few hours off for a quick snooze and right back at work. at 8:00 a.m. Our candy makers, Anita Long, Cynthia Eaton, Stormy Simmons, Cathy Holsted and others whipped out 150 lbs.+ of Aunt Bill's candy during the weeks preceding the baking. Anita made turtle candy with other members.

Billye Peterson, gave the educational on Wednesday, November 14th, as part of the State Educational theme, "Indulge Yourself." Billye sells a line of clothing for Destination Fashions out of Dallas. Those modeling were Cynthia Eaton, Terri Stake, Ramona Paine, Karen Edgar, Anita Long and Debbie Trout.

Theta Tau served brunch to the members in attendance at the November State Council meeting on November 10th in Hennessey at the Family Life Center. There were 69 members in attendance.

Season Greetings and Happy New Year!
Ramona Paine, Publicity Chairman

Beta Zeta #3158 Oklahoma City

Chapter meetings, socials, fund raisers, state and district meetings are all opportunities for us as members of ESA. But the longer I'm a member the more I realize my desire to see ESA members, from our chapter and others, is the main reason I look forward to ESA activities.

The enthusiasm shown in ESA is outstanding and I like to dwell on the talents of each member: great leaders, workers, cooks, hostesses, artists, crafters, authors. The list could go on and on.

At this time of the year there is bound to be a lot of ESA activity. Beta Zeta is focusing on the ESA Dream Home to be drawn for next year. Aletha Bolt and Billy Fritch will be very involved in this worthwhile project.

Thanksgiving and Christmas are on our minds too. We're planning our breakfast and gift exchange early in December and early in the morning so that we can spend the rest of the day on church and family plans.

Best wishes to all our sisters for a happy holiday season and an exceptional new year.

Vera Hefner, Publicity Chairman

Kappa Theta #5414 Gutherie

District II Parliamentarian Marie Thomas and Kappa Theta President Connie Johnson traveled to Clinton on September 13th to attend the District II meeting. Our Clinton sisters did a great job of hosting our Leadership meeting. Thanks for being wonderful hostesses. We really enjoyed spending our day with you.

Dream House Giveaways are Being planned in Yukon and Tulsa Areas for 2008. As you may remember, Oklahoma ESA Members sent Over one million dollars to St. Jude's Hospital last year. It was an awesome amount of money raised here in our state. Let's get behind the chapters who are sponsoring these houses as well as all the other ways and means that our ESA sisters are involved in. Let's show everyone we can do it again

130 Treat bags were made by members of Kappa Theta with the candy that all of you donated. Kappa Theta also made 130 snack bags for the students of OSD. A big thank you to all that helped make this possible. These bags were delivered to OSD by State Project Director Jacque Edwards and Kappa Theta President Connie Johnson while they attended the District IV meeting. This is a wonderful experience and really drives home the importance of the sponsorship of children at both OSD and OSB. On Friday, October 26th, 30 bags of goodies, 2 pumpkins and a container of 66 cartons of playdough were also taken to the children of OSB by Jacque and her husband Ron.

Pops in Arcadia was the setting for our October social and educational. Members and guests enjoyed the wonderful food and looking at all the varieties of sodas that they have available. Many of the sodas have very interesting names! If you have never been there it is definitely a neat place to visit. Members of Kappa Theta are looking forward to November State Council and to the November 16th Statehood Day with a the governors reenactment, a huge parade and a picnic in the park.

The holidays are rapidly upon us. May you and your families enjoy this wonderful time of year and may God bless each one of you. Happy Thanksgiving, Merry Christmas, and Happy New Year. Until Next Time,

Connie Johnson, Publicity Chairman

Beta Gamma #0391 Tulsa

HAPPY HOLIDAYS FROM BETA GAMMA All members of the chapter have been very busy with a garage sale for philanthropic projects, Tour of the School for the Deaf, making Halloween bags for the adult day care center, attending and hostessing the Tulsa Area Council meeting, attending District III's Leadership Seminar (Rita and Eta Mu chapter did GREAT!) and supporting our State 2nd Vice President Deb with an evening at the "Purple Glaze" painting ceramics.

We are 63 years old! We celebrated on November 3rd with a birthday party and white elephant sale at Judi York's office - raising over \$200.00 for our philanthropic projects. Thanks to Gamma Delta members for helping us to have a good time.

December 1 will be a Candlelight Dinner with TAC and installation of Jeanne Kindley, President and Peggie Sprinkle, Secretary.

Congratulations to Frances Mann who received the Point of Light award at the District III Leadership from State Council President Ramona Paine. Frances has served ESA and Beta Gamma for too many years to count!

See you all next year!

Peggie Sprinkle, Publicity



**Beta Psi #0498
Clinton**

Hello Sisters!

Hope this chatter finds everyone well. Our business meeting resumed in September, and we had a very informative educational. Sis Sandra McCauley invited a representative from Multi County Youth Servies to speak to us about western Oklahoma's lack of a children's crisis center. Peta Psi learned that our closest children's center is sixty miles away. That is just not acceptable. Multi County is in the process of locating adequate facilities for their needs. In order for them to receive state funding, they must have a center fully staffed and running by April. Prayers are desperately needed for their success.

As Educational Chair, for this year, I asked members to choose their educational topics, based on their own hobbies and interests, encouraging them to open up about themselves, in order that we could get to know each other on a more personal level. I love to scrapbook, so that will be my topic when my turn comes up.

The District II meting we hosted in September was such fun. ESA was thoroughly represented, and I enjoyed getting to know you.

Our September social was the first round of our Rush meetings. We had quite a turn out with eight guests attending. In keeping with the Oklahoma Centennial, invitations went out inviting rushees to come to a cowboy social, dressed as pioneers, where they would be eating beans, cornbread, and fruit cobbler. We even had a cake shaped as the state of Oklahoma, adorned with Yellow jonquils. Our decorations consisted of lanterns, lariats, boots, bonnets, and sunflowers. Some of the attendees showed up as, of course, pioneers. We even had a school marm, a sod buster, a cowgirl, and an Indian.

Then our October business meetin was the "Model Meeting." Sis Catherine Poe, a very talented sister, had the educational. She brought tons of pictures and examples of her crafting hobby. She makes wood crafts, jewelry, purses, the cutest mason jarkits, magnets, and so many other things that I could take up a whole page with her talent. She did teach us how to make paper boxes by first creasing and then folding decorative papers. Well done, Catherine!

The "Preferential Dinner" was the social, and I an proud to say that we had five pledges that night. I'll make the formal announcement after our Pledge Ceremony in November. Also, November is Secret Sister Reveal, and I can't wait for that.

The Beta Psi girls need lots of prayers. We have had several illnesses, and one of our sisters lost her beloved husband, and we are so sad for her. Well, girls, until next time. God Bless.

Darla Barton, Publicity Chair

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