



HIGHLIGHTS FROM ESA OKLAHOMA STATE COUNCIL

LEADERSHIP MEETING

Saturday August 22, 2015

If you did not get the chance to attend the Leadership Meeting, you sure missed out on a great opportunity for a pleasurable day of shopping, new found knowledge, entertainment, delicious and plentiful food, and especially priceless ESA sisterhood.

Registration, light breakfast and Shopping on the Mall started the day off.

The meeting was called to order by President Dr. Billye Peterson.

The new version of the ESA Opening Ritual was recited:

Members of Epsilon Sigma Alpha, we meet here again to pledge ourselves anew to the vows we accepted. Let us be ever mindful of the responsibilities that we pledged to our organization, keep faith with ourselves and the other ESA members, be tolerant and sincere, and ever worthy to wear the badge that symbolizes virtue, honor and truth.

Peggy Hughes, Chaplain, gave a Thought for the Day after leading the membership in the Flag Salute.

Dr. Peterson recognized New Pledges and First Time State Leadership attendees. They were presented with a gift.

Sooner Senioresses were recognized. They were acknowledged for all they do for Billye and ESA.

Billie Fritch, Beta Zeta, OKC, donated her chapter's profit of \$200 from the 2015 Convention to the State Council.

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Deputy Kim Lopez, TRIAD Coordinator for the Oklahoma County Sheriff, gave a very informative presentation on how to protect yourself from a perpetrator in your home, car, shopping mall and other places that you might be vulnerable.

Second Vice President, Educational Director, Peggie Sprinkle presented a Slide Show picturing many Oklahoma Stars. The membership had an opportunity to test their Oklahoma knowledge by guessing who these people were. The persons with the highest number of correct answers were given a prize.

Darla Barton, Philanthropic Workshop Coordinator, gave an overview of her job description and reviewed what chapters that participate in "Contests" were required to submit.

OK State Council St. Jude Co-Coordinators, Darlene Cushenberry and Barbara Childers, had a slide show of their recent trip to St. Jude, Memphis. They both shared their experiences during the days they spent with other ESA members from around the country during a training seminar. Taylor Johnson, ALSAC Representative, addressed the group. She thanked OK ESA for all their hard work supporting St. Jude. Dawn Haley along with the Give Thanks Walk Team challenged the members to sign up for the walk and get 10 other members to sign up. Gold and white striped ribbons were given to those who were already signed up for the walk and all names of members who were registered to walk were entered into a drawing. There was a live auction conducted by Nancy Buck, Delta Kappa, Norman, as well as a silent auction, wire ring sale and donations netting \$1,247 for St. Jude.

ESA State Council Convention Committee members, Linda Voss, Robin Brown, Lola Jaegers and Gwen Beasley, reminded the members that today was the last day to "Fast Track" and pay convention registration and there was still time to "Slow Track". All the names of members who had registered were entered into a bucket and a winner was drawn.

We were adjourned to a bountiful salad lunch prepared by Gamma Zeta, Edmond. While dining we had a brain challenging ESA Trivia handout prepared by Rosalie Griffith to complete. Shirley Moore, Gamma Zeta, Edmond, hosted a "Service is in Style" fashion show. The models were ESA members and the clothing was from the Hopefully Yours second-hand clothing store in Edmond.

At 1:22 p.m. the meeting was reconvened by Dr. Peterson.

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Dr. Tori McKee, Professor of Marketing at the University of Oklahoma was the second guest speaker. Dr. McKee spoke on Women, Leadership and Well Being. She focused on relationships, thriving and defining success.

President Peterson showed a slide show highlighting the ESA International Convention held in Orlando, Florida, July 2016. IC awards were presented to the recipients.

ESA Foundation Counselor, Vivian Gibson, presented the Foundation Scholarship recipients and other awards.

Dr. Peterson read a story about "Planned Abandonment" and another from an OK ESA member who was reluctant to serve on the Council Board. The members present were then asked to form groups and answer several questions about what their thoughts about making positive change in ESA by Cleaning ESA's Closet while moving forward and remaining service motivated. After the individual roundtable discussion, each group's spokesperson shared their ideas with the entire group.

President Peterson sat on stage next to an empty chair and asked a very pondering question. Who would be sitting in the empty chair in ESA's future? If everyone doesn't work on membership, then both chairs are eventually going to empty!

Nancy Baucom, First Vice President, Nominating Committee Chair, invited and encouraged members to contact the nomination committee if they were interested in running for an ESA Board position for the year 2016-2017. Committee members are: Chair Nancy Baucom, Jo Rott, Judi York, Janice Shockley, and June Miller.

Announcements from the floor were made.

The meeting was adjourned using the new closing ritual:

Here as we close, may we guide and direct each other so that we remain steadfast in our hearts and faithful to our pledge. May we be reminded of our goals, and as we go our separate ways, may we ever hold aloft the ray from the lamp of learning that those who follow in our footsteps may be guided by its light.

Respectfully submitted,

Margaret Kramer – Recording Secretary



TRIVIA was presented by Rosalie Griffin at the State Leadership

Who in Oklahoma participated in a cross country Bike Ride for St. Jude?	What State president visited the White House?	What state will host the 2016 IC Convention?	What state president's theme was "ESA – No Dream Too Tall"?	Who was Mrs. J. G. "Mom" Sartin?
Who introduced ESA to ALSAC?	How many years has the Oklahoma School for the Blind been a State Project?	Who is always our doctor on call?	What year did Oklahoma have 140 Chapters?	What is the new name for the DIANA Award?
Who made and designed the first ESA Flag?	In what year was the 1 st State Leadership held and who was State President?	What year was the first State Convention held?	Who wrote "Oklahoma Celebrating 60 Years in ESA"?	What Chapter submitted the winning name of our newsletter the "Petticoat Journal"?
Who was the state's first Philanthropic Chairman?	Who was the first Chairman of the ESA Foundation?	When was name ESA World Center Foundation changed to the ESA Foundation?	What is the current State President's Theme?	Who is Robert Palmer?

ANSWERS TO ESA TRIVIA

Q. What Oklahoma ESA couple participated in a cross-country Million Dollar Bike Ride for St. Jude?

A. Dr. Billye Peterson & her husband the summer of 1974 – Began in Memphis, TN and ended in Los Angeles at Rancho Park. Danny Thomas was there to greet them.

Q. What State president visited the White House?

A. Rosalie Griffith – She got a private audience with President Bill Clinton when she visited during her years as President of the OSSBA and was IC President.

Q. What state will host the 2016 IC Convention?

A. Rocky Mountain Regional states – Colorado, Idaho, Montana, New Mexico, Utah and Wyoming. It will be held in Colorado.

Q. What state president's theme was "ESA – No Dream too Tall"?

A. Lola Jaegers - 1992-93

Q. Who was Mrs. J. G. "Mom" Sartin?

A. J.G. "Mom" was an organizer of Chapters in Oklahoma and acted as an advisor to them. She helped the chapters form what is now known as the Oklahoma State Council.

Q. Who introduced ESA to ALSAC?

A. Judy Lester from Indiana

Q. How many years has Oklahoma School for the Blind been a State Project?

A. Forty seven years. The State Project was voted on in 1968 when Norma Moore was president.

Q. Who is always our doctor on call?

A. Doc Holsted

Q. What year did Oklahoma have 140 Chapters?

- A.** 1977 – Billie Fritch was State President
- Q.** What is the new name for the DIANA AWARD?
- A.** The Distinguished Achievement Award
- Q.** Who made and designed the first ESA Flag?
- A.** Myre Starr – Myre served as the Oklahoma State President in 1955-56 and as IC President in 1960-61
- Q.** In what year was the 1st State Leadership held and who was State President?
- A.** First Oklahoma Leadership was held in 1966 and Betty Andrews was State President.
- Q.** What year was the first State Convention held?
- A.** The first convention was held April 17-18, 1945.
- Q.** Who wrote “Oklahoma Celebrating 60 Years in ESA”?
- A.** Rosalie Griffith - 1990 she served as Publicity Chair
- Q.** What Chapter submitted the winning name of our newsletter the “Petticoat Journal”?
- A.** Alpha Theta #1036 – Muskogee – The year was 1951.
- Q.** Who was the state’s first Philanthropic Chairman?
- A.** Blanch March – 1960-61 Ardyce Buse Briggs was State President.
- Q.** Who was the first Chairman of the ESA Foundation?
- A.** Judy Lester from Seymour, Indiana – Kitty Rodman served as the first Director in 1970-71
- Q.** When was name ESA World Center Foundation changed to the ESA Foundation?
- A.** It became the ESA Foundation in 1977-78.
- Q.** What is the current State President’s Theme?
- A.** Star Spangled ESA
- Q.** Who is Robert Palmer?
- A.** Robert Palmer and his wife Dixie were the founders of ESA in 1929.