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Bunnie Sullins – President**



Season Greetings

Yes ladies I did say seasons greetings, it's upon us again, whether we are ready or not here they come. So be ready to cook, clean, shop, decorate, invite, clean some more, eat until you think (WHY)am I doing this to myself; in less than five months CONVENTION will be here, and I've got that dress to get into.

Now that I've depressed you, get over it! Time is wasting, and being ESA woman and men we are not ones to waste time. Think of all the opportunities to maybe meet someone new and introduce them to ESA. (Spread your wings)

September was a busy month with all the leaderships. If you missed them, you really missed something wonderful. Each one was totally different, and I would like to commend each of the ladies, District II Aletha Bolt, District III Judi York, District IV Maxine Wheelan, and last but not least District V Margaret Kramer; job well done ladies.

If you have been coming to the state meetings you know we have been having mini workshops at these meetings, Sr. Past President, Workshop Coordinator Robbin Brown has done a wonderful job.

These last November meetings for those of us ever wondering about being Awards Chairman or Directory Chairman were enlightened by past chairman Linda Southerland and Nancy Buck. Mona Martin gave us the knowledge of being an eagle or a chicken.

SO please don't miss March's meeting especially if this will be your first time going to convention. You will learn what to expect, BEFORE you get there.

I hope each and every one of you a wonderful holiday, be safe in all you do. For the New Year I wish you health, love and prosperity, ESA needs you.



**OK. State President
Bunnie Sullins**



SECOND VICE PRESIDENT

2008-2009

By Jacque Edwards

2nd Vice President/Educational Chairman

“ESA....It's Made in Oklahoma”

When you read this article, Thanksgiving will have come and gone. I hope you did not over-eat and everyone was blessed with family feasts.

I am so proud to share that “Maxine Wheelan, Educational Chair of Delta Chi” has sent in six reports which qualifies as the first “Gold Link” award. Congrats Maxine!!!

Your educational programs are so interesting and some make me hungry just reading them. All of your programs sound great and I wish I could personally attend each one. It's obvious by your reports, you are truly exploring the many products made in Oklahoma. **KEEP UP THE GOOD WORK!!!**

Remember to invite me to your chapter meeting so I can present an educational program. (P.S. - Educational Report Form can be found in this issue of the PJ)

I have personally visited several chapters and have either visited with you in person and/or by phone regarding your educational reports of which I have received quite a few. That means you are well on your way toward completing a “Gold Link” award and I hope a “Gold Seal” entry.

Don't forget, your educational programs are a great opportunity to invite prospective members to “get acquainted with ESA”. It's also a way to combine your educational with a social.

Just a few reminders:

- 1) Chapter Treasurers**---Your dues have to be paid by January 1, 2009. Send to State Treasurer Robyn Ryan. (This will make your chapter eligible to vote at Convention and qualifies your chapter for contests).
- 2) Chapter Educational Directors** --- This is the time to organize your “**Gold Seal Entry**”. (Your chapter educational report forms and educational programs (6 minimum) should be compiled in a notebook in an organized manner). Deadline is – April 1, 2009.
- 3) Chapter Presidents** --- When your chapter and chapter educational chair has completed the above, please nominate her as the “Distinguished Athenian”. Highlight her outstanding contributions to her chapter, community and state council. The deadline is April 1, 2009.
- 4) Chapter Educational Directors** --- Have at least one program on my theme, “*ESA....It's Made in Oklahoma*” for a special award. I believe all of your programs qualify for this category.

If you need any assistance, please call, email or snail mail me. Enjoy your “*Made in Oklahoma*” themes.

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PROJECT DIRECTOR

Mary Ann Jones

October 4 was a fun-filled day FOR ALL WHO ATTENDED THE Oklahoma School for the Deaf (OSD) Tour. Courtney Norman had prepared pictures of all the students who had chapter members visiting to give out as well as a "goody sack" for each person in attendance. The pictures had magnets on the back so that they could be placed on your refrigerator. Following the District IV meeting, Courtney Norman and Tracy Prince presented a program about the OSD and we all enjoyed seeing the students use the Wii Program which had been purchased with the contributions to OSD. Not only were there gifts for individual students but sacks of candy were provided to all students. In the dining room students and chapters had smiles on their faces as many recognized each other. We all enjoyed the delicious meal provided for us.

One bit of news which was sad to me is that Courtney Norman's last day at OSD was October 31, 2008. Any questions or information needed should be referred to Tracy Prince until her replacement is selected. I will let you know as soon as I know.

Not all of the students at OSD and OSB have been sponsored. The love offering that you help provide in June will go to help my goal to see that each child not sponsored receives a Walmart's card so that no student is left out at Christmas. I thank you for your help. Remember, it is never too late to sponsor a student.

Thanks to the following who have contributed towards the State Project Fund for 2008-2009 in the amount of \$734.49:

Ramona Paine, Theta Tau
Zeta Gamma
Joyce Whitewing Slate, Epsilon Kappa
Beta Psi
Beta Mu
Maxine Wheelan, Delta Chi
Lola Jaegers, Zeta Gamma
Delta Chi
Delta Epsilon
Sigma Chi

DON'T FORGET:

To contribute to the State Project Fund which helps the schools purchase needed items for all students.
To send your Project Report Forms.

Mary Ann Jones
State Project Director
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A Christmas Lesson

by
Tom Krause



"Is there a purpose? Why are we here?"
A little boy asked as the yuletide drew near.
"I really do hope that someday I will know
the reason we stand out here in the snow,
ringing this bell as people walk by,
while thousands of snowflakes
descend from the sky."

The mother just smiled at her shivering son
who would rather be playing and having some fun
but soon would discover before evening was done
the meaning of Christmas
the very first one.

The young boy exclaimed, "Mother where does it go?"
"All the pennies we collect - every year in the snow."
"Why do we do it? Why do we care?"
"We worked for these pennies,
so why should we share?"

"Because once a baby - so meek and so mild
was born in a manger - so humble the child
the son of a King - was born in this way
to give us the message
He carried that day.

"The present God gave the world on that night,
was the gift of his son to make everything right.
Why did he do it? Why did he care?
To teach about loving
and how we should share."

"The meaning of Christmas, you see my dear son,
is not about presents or just having fun
but the gift of a father - his own precious Son
so the world would be saved
when his work was all done"

Now the little boy smiled - with a tear in his eye
as snowflakes kept falling from out of the sky -
rang louder the bell as the people walked by
while down deep in his heart
At last he knew why.

PETTICOAT JOURNAL EDITOR

BY Charlene Law

I wish all my Oklahoma ESA sisters a Happy Holiday Season. May this 2008 holiday season bring you and your family peace, joy and love.

May 2009 bring health and happiness to you and yours.



Happy Thanksgiving **Wishing you a Blessed Christmas**

The deadlines for the next issues are: January 5 and March 5.

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Editor's Note:

I want to apologize for omitting the following Thank you Notes from Junior Past President Ramona Paine.

To the 2007-2008 Oklahoma State Council Members:

Thank you for remember me in such a nice way with a gift certificate to Dillard's. I'm so very grateful.

To the 2007-2008 Executive and General Board:

What you did really warmed my heart with the two twin handmade quilts. They look so elegant on my beds. It was so nice of all or you, so appreciated by me.

Ramona Paine
2007-08 Oklahoma State President



DISASTER FUND By Ramona Paine

One of the best things about December is getting together with family and friends and letting them know that we care and remember. It is the time when our hearts remember all the very special people in our life.

During this holiday season let us not forget those we love and who have suffered misfortunes, hardships, disasters and heartache.

If you haven't made a contribution to the Disaster Fund, please do so while you are in the spirit of giving.

One last thing to think about...the...Holidays!!!! They are now upon us and it will be a stressful time for some. Be good to yourself, kind to others and have a happy and safe Holiday Season.

To date 8 chapters have contributed \$985.00. Those reporting for this time period are:

Kappa Theta, Guthrie	\$50.00
Beta Psi, Clinton	\$200.00
Gamma Zeta, Edmond	\$50.00
Beta Mu, Lawton	\$10.00
Sigma Chi, Inola	\$100.00
Delta Chi, Midwest City	\$400.00
Alpha Zeta, Pawhuska	\$25.00

Ramona Paine
Junior Past President/Disaster Fund

My husband. and I want to thank the Oklahoma State Disaster Fund for the assistance we received after experiencing damage to our home due to flooding in our home in July. Words cannot begin to tell you how much this meant to us.



Charlene and Allan Law



Dist. IV

District IV had two meetings pretty close together. The theme for Dist. IV is "Bee-lieve in You" Sept. 20 was the Leadership Seminar in Lawton at the Greiner School. There were 42 present and guest speakers for the Seminar were President Bunnie Sullins, Vice Pres. Deb Hughes, 1st. Vice Pres. Jacque Edwards.

Dr. Billye Hansen, Webmaster, Aletha Bolt and ended with Karen Nix giving some pointers on exercise for Good Health. The group was reminded of the 70's when the song "Where are you going Pretty Woman" was played.

Mr. Whitely spoke to the group on some of the history of the school. Beta Mu Chapter, Lawton was hostess for the meeting and fixed a salad lunch for the attendees.

Oct. 4th. Meeting was held at the School for the Deaf in Sulphur. The School served a great lunch to everyone and some of the members were able to visit with their adopted children. The main order of business was election of a nominating committee. There were 33 members present. Mary Toole will serve as Chairman with members Virginia Taylor, Glenda Petty, Marcie Ellington and Judy Montgomery to present a slate of officers for 2009-10 at the April 4th meeting. They will also be installed at that time. This meeting will be held in Shawnee with Lora Thompson being installed as Dist. IV Coordinator.

Maxine Wheelan
District IV Coordinator

District V

I want to wish all the Chapters in District V as well as all the other Chapters in Oklahoma a very Merry Christmas, making good memories with friends and family. May 2009 bring each and everyone health, happiness, good fortune and continued success with your ESA projects "Making a Difference".

Fondly,
Margaret
District V Coordinator



Happy Holidays to each of you! By the time you get this Petticoat Journal, you will probably be “knee deep” in lot of cooking and planning for your families. That’s what I’ll be doing! At the same time, I’ll be thinking of all of you, hoping that you each have a wonderful holiday season!

Remember to let me know if you have address changes or officer changes in your chapter. I will see that they get reported as soon as I get the information!

Joyce Whitewing, Corresponding Secretary

Christmas Is a Time for Love and Fun

Christmas is a time for love and fun,
A time to reshape souls and roots and skies,
A time to give your heart to everyone
Freely, like a rich and lavish sun,
Like a burning star to those whose lonely sighs
Show need of such a time for love and fun.

For children first, whose pain is never done,
Whose bright white fire of anguish never dies,
It's time to give your heart to every one,

That not one angel fall, to hatred won
For lack of ears to listen to her cries,
Or arms to carry him towards love and fun,

Or friends to care what happens on the run
To adult life, where joy or sadness lies.
It's time to give your heart to everyone,

For God loves all, and turns His back on none,
Good or twisted, ignorant or wise.
Christmas is a time for love and fun,
A time to give your heart to everyone.



Chairman Reports



CHAPLAIN PEGGIE SPRINKLE



Look to this day, for yesterday is already a dream and tomorrow only a vision but today well lived, makes every yesterday a dream of happiness and every tomorrow a vision of hope. Look well therefore to this day.

---Author Unknown

The following cards/emails have been sent:

Sympathy — Cathy Holsted, Theta Tau Chapter – death of her mother; Kay Brader, Beta Rho Chapter – death of father; family and Alpha Epsilon Chapter on death of Lorraine Irvin; family and Delta Epsilon Chapter – death of Sandy Stoner; Beta Gamma Chapter – death of former member Louise Spence.

Get Well/Thinking of you – Jane Garrard, Kappa Theta Chapter – mother diagnosed with cancer; Gwynn Nell Swanson, Delta Kappa Chapter - in hospital; Connie Johnson, Kappa Theta Chapter – father-in-law in hospital; Joyce Lacey-Kenney, Beta Psi Chapter – surgery; Carol Anson, Gamma Kappa Chapter – in hospital; Nellrita Barrick, Beta Psi Chapter – in hospital; Mary Toole, Zeta Gamma Chapter – in hospital; Joy Agan, Beta Psi Chapter – surgery.

Please send me the names and addresses of your chapter members needing cards and prayers. Please use the Chaplain form found under FORMS at www.oklaesa.org, then email to me at chaplain@oklaesa.org or peggieokesa@cox.net.

“May the Lord continually bless you with heaven’s blessing as well as with human joys”

---PSALM 128:5

May you and your loved ones be blessed at this time of year and remember those who need our prayers and thoughts. HAPPY HOLIDAYS!



CONVENTION CHAIRMAN

BY: Priscilla Drummond

Epsilon Kappa, Hominy, Alpha Zeta, Pawhuska and Eta Epsilon, Skiatook, cordially Invite you to the Cherokee Resort and Casino in Catoosa, OK for our 66th Annual State Convention, "ESA'S CASINO ROYALE" The dates are April 24-26, 2009. Registration fees are \$85.00 for Women, DESA and ELANS;\$40.00 for men and guests. A copy of the registration form is included elsewhere in this issue. Registration deadline is April 13, 2009.

The room rate is \$99.00 (plus tax) single-squad. You may reserve your room by calling the Cherokee Resort at 1-800-760-6700 or online at www.cherokeecasingo.com be sure to use group code EP5A0409. Deadline for room reservation is March 23, 2009. Valet Parking is FREE if you have a State Handicap Sticker.

Also we will be offering members, men and guests a sit down meal for \$20.00 per person prior to the Friday night mixer/skits. The hotel/casino restaurants are extremely busy on Friday with sometimes a 1 ½ hour wait in line to eat. We encourage you to join us for fun, fellowship and good food.

The President/Convention charms are on sale for \$5.00 each. Charms will be available at all upcoming State and District Meetings.

It is never too early to submit your order for an ad in our program. You could advertise an upcoming event in your chapter, good wishes to a chapter member or secret sis or advertise your business. Ad prices are full page \$100.00, half page \$50.00, quarter page \$25.00 and business card \$15.00. There is an order form included elsewhere in this issue. Feel free to contact Ellen Mader (918)299-7226 or ejmbranch@aol.com

We hope to see all of you at the Cherokee Resort Hotel for "ESA'S Casino Royale.

Priscilla Drummond
Convention Chairman

CREDENTIALS CHAIRMAN

By Marcus Lucas Ellington

Dear Sisters,

Please say you have paid your chapter dues by now! I am looking forward to issuing your ballots at convention. If you haven't paid yet, be sure to get those chapter dues in by January 1, 2009. I don't want any chapters unable to vote this year.

I wish you all a very Merry Christmas and a Blessed New Year.

Hug y'all later,
Marcie Lucas Ellington



EASTER SEALS CHAIRMAN LOLA JAEGER

I want everyone to be aware of the fine management that Easter Seals enjoys! Donations are broken down as follows: 85.9% to Program Services, 10.3% to Management and General Expenses; and 3.8% to Fund Raising. That is a great percentage for Program Services.

On September 8, Oklahoma Easter Seals opened a Therapeutic Day School for children with Autism. This school features one-on-one tutors trained in Applied Behavioral Analysis, Discrete Trial Training, Data Collection Techniques and more importantly, how to love a child with autism. The school also provides parent training, in-home counseling and Biomedical intervention, speech/language therapy, occupational therapy, and physical therapy. We are very proud of Oklahoma Easter Seals!

You can put a Smile on Someone's Face by sending them free ecards from Easter Seals. Just click on <http://www.easterseals.com/childart>. All the designs were created by children who receive Easter Seals' disability services.

Do what you do - and for Easter Seals do it a little better.

Lola Jaegers, Easter Seals Chairman

ESA FOUNDATION NEWS

By June Miller

Hello ladies. I am so happy to tell you I have completed the ESA Foundation Scholarship mailing to 500 schools and colleges in Oklahoma! It was quite an undertaking but I got it done with help of my friend, Tina McKamie, and a very long time friend, my husband Bob.

We are in the midst of the time when students across Oklahoma are thinking about tuition, money for books, and many other expenses. So our ESA Foundation Scholarships will play a big role in helping students attain their educational goals. There are 45 Endowment/Scholarships plus several General Scholarships available this year. There are also funds available for Graduate Students.

If you know a student who needs tuition monies, please direct them to our website. www.esaintl.com/esaf, click on Scholarship Application on left sidebar, click on ESA Foundation Scholarship Application and Guidelines. They can print it out. Then they need to go to ESAF Scholarships available by State, click on State to learn which scholarships are applicable for Oklahoma residents. The student may apply for three scholarships. **THE DEADLINE FOR SUBMISSION OF APPLICATIONS IS FEBRUARY 1, 2009.**

Now for my other important message.....If you have not paid your ESA Foundation dues or if your chapter has not paid its dues.....\$15.00, please do so right away. **DO NOT SEND TO ME. SEND DUES TO ESA FOUNDATION HEADQUARTERS, P. O. BOX 270517, FORT COLLINS, CO 80527. Please pay dues by March 1, 2009, to be eligible to vote at the Foundation Annual Meeting.**

Love – June Miller

OUTSTANDING YOUTH

By Dr. Billye Hansen

What a great addition to a resume for any student—being named Outstanding Youth for ESA! You can make it happen by nominating a junior high school student (grades 7-9) and/or a high school student (seniors are eligible) for this great honor! They can win some terrific prizes and gain recognition for themselves.

Deadline for state AND international entries is March 1, so duplicates should be made of each contest entry. Outstanding Youth information and forms can be downloaded at www.oklaesa.org or www.esaintl.com or contact me and I'll send them "snail mail."

Dr. Billye Hansen,
Outstanding Youth Chair
405.812.0138

PHILANTHROPIC

Lora Thompson

I know that all of you are doing great things this year philanthropically. Keep up the good works and let me hear from you.

In reporting hours and monies from a local project going to different organizations, divide the money given to any one organization by the total money raised, for the % rate. The total project hours is then multiplied by the % rate to arrive at the number of hours to report for that organization donation. Money collected can only be counted when it is donated to some organization.

Even if you are not interested in the contest, it is VERY IMPORTANT to report all of you hours and monies, so that they may be counted in the International report. By reporting we get a full count on the magnitude of the work done by ESA members.

Lora Thompson
Philanthropic Chairman

Webmaster

Would you like to have your very own personal "oklaesa" email account? At the November State Council meeting the members approved a proposal that 100 email accounts using our domain name – oklaesa.org -- be made available for personal use by Oklahoma ESA members for a fee of \$10 per year, per email account. These email accounts can be accessed via the link at the bottom of our website homepage – www.oklaesa.org just like the email accounts that are used by the State Council Board members and the chapters. The \$10 per year fees will go directly into our State Council Treasury and be used to help meet our budgeted expenses. What a great way to promote ESA in Oklahoma and support our State Council! If you'd like to sign up for an email account, simply fill out the email account form published elsewhere in this issue and send it to me with your \$10 check. If you have questions about these new "oklaesa" email accounts you can email me at webmaster@oklaesa.org or call me at (405)324-7010.

Aletha Bolt - Webmaster

Chapter Chatter



Beta Gamma # 0391 Tulsa, OK

Hope everyone had an awesome summer. We did. Had fun.

Deb and Judi came back from IC convention with reports of exhaustion and elation. Did you see Judi's pic on the COVER of the Jonquil? She was part of the 3 Judi(y)'s leading a cooking workshop. She's so cute with her little toque on! Had fun cooking. Judi and Deb toured Oklahoma School for the Deaf. They took a whole bunch of school supplies. Had fun with the kids.

Another radiothon!! We worked at KQLL, Kool-106FM, to help raise money for our kids at St Jude's. The staff at the station was very gracious. It's great to be pampered so when all we're doing is what we do. 'Course we had fun there too, picking up the phone & stuffing envelopes.

We took our salads with us and had supper then a tour of Emergency Infant Services. Had fun finding out what good work they do for the babies and--we help. Getting the trend here? We always have fun--it's ESA baby!

On a more serious note, Cheryl, Deb and Doloris had surgeries and are at different levels of recuperation. Our Doloris has gone to live in Muskogee. We'll be missing her sweetness and hard work.

LIVE, LOVE, LAUGH in ESA - Connie Bartlett - Publicity

DELTA CHI CHAPTER # 1637 MIDWEST CITY

Delta Chi members are back in the swing of things since the last article and had their meeting in September with Laura Robinson giving an educational program on Frankoma Pottery. We also attended a meeting at the First Christian Church in Midwest City with LeAnn Sapp giving a program which was very good. Lunch was also served.

Maxine, as Dist. IV Coordinator this year, held her Leadership Seminar in Lawton at the Greiner School with Louise Watkins and Delta Chi's President Shirley Hall attending.

Maxine also conducted the Dist IV Meeting in Sulphur at the School for the Deaf. The members have adopted 3 children from the School for the Blind and 3 children from the School for the Deaf.

The meeting in October was held at the home of Fran Petrusawich's and Fran gave an Educational Program on Field's Pies in Pauls Valley. We have now reported 6 educational meetings and adopted 5 children.

We donated funds to the State Project Fund, Easter Seals and Disaster Fund. We are looking forward to the State Meeting in November in Sapulpa.

Maxine Wheelan

BETA IOTA #4283

McAlester

Happy Holidays!

We are so excited to share our news with you – we have 4 new members and 1 reinstatement!

We're busy and having lots of fun as we start on our philanthropic projects for the year. We'll be doing everything from pumping gas and washing windshields to wrapping Christmas packages to having Breakfast with Santa. We will have our annual Christmas Tour of Homes, then take a break to get ready for the Miss McAlester Scholarship Pageant, scheduled for February 21.

Several from our chapter went to Chili's Restaurant on September 29, when they donated 100% of their profits to St. Jude's. What could be better – good food and good time with good friends, and St. Jude's benefits! Some of our members went earlier or later than the group. Pictured (L to R) are Betty Balkman, Jennye Hickman, Elaine Ockletree, Bob Miller, Virginia Purcell, June Miller, and Loise Washington. Elaine's husband had planned to join us, but had to round up the goats that their grandchildren had accidentally let out of the pasture. Being at Chili's would have been lots more fun!



Kappa Theta #5414

Guthrie, Oklahoma

Members gathered at Jacque Edwards house on September 23rd for a girls night out. We watched 27 Dresses and had a great time. After the movie ended, a birthday party was given for our President, Connie Johnson.

Fall is here and all of God's beautiful colors are abundant. Jacque and I went to the School for the Deaf on October 4th for open house. The meeting on Saturday was wonderful and well presented. We were able to have lunch with one of our sponsored students. It is such a blessing to be part of these students' life. After the meeting, we went to Stratford to the Jelly Factory and we met lots of nice people from ESA there.

Several of our members attended our District II field trip to Charlie Bean Coffee in Mustang on October 18th. We were honored to have Charlie give a very interesting lesson on coffee beans and got to sample some of the coffee that they grind and brew there.

May you and your families have a safe and blessed holiday season and a wonderful 2009.

Marie Thomas
Publicity Chair

**Omega Pi #3832
Tulsa, OK**

Omega Pi members were thrilled to add another new member to our roster in October. Not only is she YOUNG, her name is KELI YOUNG. We're delighted that our new members are so very enthusiastic about our philanthropic endeavors. They are especially excited about participating in projects that support St. Jude. We older Omega Pi members are excited that our last three members have lowered the average age of our chapter dramatically!

Jacque Edwards and Deb Hughes were guests at our October business meeting. Jacque gave interesting educational (accompanied by samples and recipes) on two Oklahoma businesses: J. C. Potter and the Old Santa Fe Company. Deb Hughes demonstrated a sample "Nifty Knitter" and told us about the program for knitting small pillows for members of our armed services serving in the Middle East.

Omega Pi members visited Donna at her new home in Grove in September and enjoyed an educational tour of the beautiful Lindenwood Gardens. Following lunch, members finished off the day by browsing numerous antique stores in the Grove area. The October social was a SCARY Halloween party at Anne's lovely home.

Both Donna and Billie are recuperating well from October surgeries.

We congratulate Omega Pi member Jenny Lizama on the successful completion of her first term as Tulsa Area Council Treasurer and are very pleased she has agreed to stand for a second term.

As always, Omega Pi members send best wishes to all of our ESA sisters for a wonderful holiday season.

Donna Gibbs Crawford

**ALPHA RHO CHAPTER #4350
BROKEN ARROW**

Our 36th Annual Arts & Craft Benefit Bazaar was huge success thanks to our members, over 100 crafters and shoppers from all over. We want to thank all of the other chapter members who attended to support our efforts. Joyce Whitewing won a beautiful fall basket in one of our raffle drawings. Nancy Stanley and Ann Wear, craft show co-chairs did an outstanding job coordinating the aspects of the show. Monies raised over \$6,000 will be budgeted for St. Jude's, Easter Seals, and local charities such as Meals on Wheels, Margaret Hudson Program and Broken Arrow Neighbors, etc.

Now accepting applications for Oct. 2009.

Contact: Nancy Stanley: craftshow102508@live.com

Zeta Gamma #4253 Shawnee

Zeta Gamma Chapter members: Lora Thompson, Lola Jaegers, Michelle McKnight, Linda and Mary Voss and Mary Ann Jones, Project Director left early from Shawnee with a trunk load of items to take to the Oklahoma School for the Deaf on October 4. Although their student was unable to be there fun was had watching other sisters visit with their sponsored student and visiting with sisters.

The following week was a busy week as sisters prepared for their fall garage sale. As usual the biggest customers are the sisters. Over \$350 was made before the day was over. Members participating were Lora Thompson, Michelle McKnight, Mary Toole, Linda and Mary Voss, Gwen Beasley, Mary Ann Jones and Lola Jaegers. Patty Heer brought lots of items but was unable to be there on Saturday. Lola opened her garage, drive and house up to her sisters for the day. It was a beautiful day.

Craig McKnight, O&E, enlightened us with his knowledge and handouts for our October educational. We all broadened our knowledge of how to save energy and become more cost effective. Wind power is the way to go!

Mary Ann Jones

Gamma Kappa #4018 Checotah

Greetings

Our November meeting was hosted by Margaret Kramer. We enjoyed the company of 10 members, good news, wonderful snacks and dessert. We had so much to celebrate. Carol Anson is returning to good health after her Heart Surgery and post-op infection. Susie Davidson is healing from her shoulder surgery. Our fourth annual Chinese Auction was a great success. All our hard work paid off. We earned \$1500 toward our years projects. We are looking forward to our December meeting, we will be learning who our Secret Sisters are, enjoying the joys and traditions of the holiday season; and we are especially excited to be pledging **3 new** members. As Christmas approaches the chapter will be supplying gifts and a class party for the Special Needs children at the Checotah School as well as bring gift to our adopted children at the OKSB and furnishing special goodies for the kids at the McIntosh Youth Shelter. It is such a warm feeling to see the excitement on the faces of these special children. The Gamma Kappa Sisters are wishing our Oklahoma sisters a blessed holiday season. We are looking forward to 2009 and upcoming projects. Be happy, stay well, take care of yourselves, and remember to stop and smell the roses!

GAMMA DELTA #702

Tulsa

In September, Gamma Delta hosted the Tulsa Area Council meeting. We attended District III Leadership and had a great time. Judi and her officers did a great job. Tulsa Area Council hosted the luncheon, the food was excellent. We also had a garage sale at Donna's house which was successful even due to the rain. The chapter had dinner at Chili's Restaurant for a special St. Jude Day, 100% of their sales went to St. Jude's. We had a special guest Barbara Stapleton's new great grandson, his mother, Jennifer, who is a member of Gamma Delta, his father and big sister.

In October, we attended Tulsa Area Council. Our business meeting was held for the second time at the new Kaiser Library. It is a beautiful place, and the accommodations are wonderful. We had another fundraiser selling Butter Braid Bread which was pretty successful. Several of us worked the St. Jude's Radiothon and really enjoyed each other's company.

BETA ZETA #3158

Oklahoma City

On Monday, September 29th we ate at Chili's in OKC for their "Day of Profits" for St. Jude Hospital. Saturday Oct 4, Aletha Bolt traveled to Sulphur to visit the Oklahoma School for the Deaf to tour and visit with our three adopted children, she returned with pictures and excitement about them.

We are proud of Aletha Bolt, in September Billie Fritch, Jeanie Williams and Marie Hansen, Beta Zeta members attended the District II Leadership Seminar, where she completed her term as District II Coordinator. This is the only office she had not held on the State Council, look out IC!

On Saturday Aletha, Jeanie and Wanda Selter attended District II Field Trip to Mustang, "The Charlie Bean Coffee". A demonstration was made by "Charlie the Owner", performing roasting of coffee beans and demonstrating the process. We had lunch with the District II group while there. Wanda Selter will have been in ESA sixty-three years in April 09. She will celebrate her eighty sixth birthday Nov. 12, 2008, and would love hearing from any of you.

Several of us had some health issues



Mini-Educational

by Jacque Edwards, Educational Chairman

BEDRE FINE CHOCOLATE & CHOCOLATE FACTORY

Bedre started their business in Ada, Oklahoma and soon moved to Pauls Valley, Oklahoma in 2004.

Bedre, which simply means “better” is owned and operated by The Chickasaw Nation. Bedre is a Native American company producing fine chocolate.

Their chocolate is made from the best ingredients and the recipe is an age-old secret that makes it a better choice for everyone.

Delivered by the Mayas through ancient tribal trade routes, and cultivated by the Olmecs and Toltecs, cocoa is truly a delicacy with a rich history. From the European’s first contact with the Aztecs in the early 16th Century, to our taste buds today, chocolate has truly been Native American’s gift to the world.

Today, the Chickasaw Nation, in conjunction with its strong lineage to Aztec culture, is the only modern American Indian tribe to produce fine chocolate for our culinary pleasure.

The company offers tours of which you can see the entire assembly line. You can see the entire making from the beginning to the ending of how they package it ready for shipping.

Chocolate has to be kept warm in large round stainless steel barrels and is stirred constantly. It is molded, then enters a cooling assembly line where its cut into chocolate bars.

The chocolate covered chips is known as their signature product. They also offer the Oklahoma Cow Patty, Shark Teeth, Twists, Bedre Black Gold Bars, Caramel Filled Meltaways, Sensations, Clusters and several others.

Their products can be purchased locally in Oklahoma City at the Route 66 store and the Gourmet Gallery in Edmond, Oklahoma



BRYANT PECAN COMPANY & CANDIES

The Bryant family began commercially harvesting pecans in 1984 near Ada, Oklahoma—the heart of native pecan country.

Today, the Bryant family harvest pecans within a 60-mile radius of Ada. Each year, the family manages more than 6,000 trees throughout the year.

The pecan season starts in the spring and summer when trees are sprayed with nutrients such as zinc that are often lacking in pecan trees.

A shaker clamps around the tree trunk. You can literally feel the earth move as the pecans fall to the ground. Next a stick rake is driven around the tree after it has been shaken to collect the large limbs that have fallen. A harvester, similar to a small combine is driven around the tree. Rubber fingers flip the pecans off the ground into a hopper. The harvester dumps the pecans into a pre-cleaner that blows out much of the lightweight pecans and trash before it is hauled to the cleaner.

The pecans are dumped into an elevator that feeds the pecans through a final cleaner where the pecans will be sized and inspected. The pecans are visually inspected on a motorized belt. Bad pecans, rocks, sticks and other trash are removed by hand. After the pecans are cleaned, they are dumped into a supersack that holds approximately 1,300 lbs. of pecans, and weighed. When enough pecans are cleaned, they are loaded into a truckload of more than 40,000 lbs. and shipped to a sheller.

After the pecans are shelled, the Bryant family uses the pecans to make many candies and other products.

Pecan oil for example is a healthier alternative than most oils and butters. It leaves no aftertaste and is neutral in flavor. However, it brings out flavors when used in cooking.

Pecans raise Vitamin E levels and may support intestinal health. It has been proved to increase levels of dietary fiber, thiamin, magnesium, copper and manganese.

Pecans should be stored in a refrigerator in a tightly-covered container.

Pecans will keep indefinitely at 0o F or below and may be refrozen many times without quality loss.

Some of the candies offered is Pecan Fudge, Pecan Butter, Chocolate Covered Pecans, Chocolate Toffee Pecans, Butter Toffee Pecans, Praline Pecans, Pecan Brittle, Butterscotch Pecans, Pecan Pralines, Oklahoma-Shaped Pecan Soap, Soup Mixes, Syrups and many other products.

The Bryan Pecan Company offers the purchase of their products online at www.enjoypecans.com





Oklahoma State Council
Chaplain's Report Form
2008-2009
Peggie Sprinkle, State Chaplain

If you know of someone who needs a card, please let me know. Whether the occasion is happy (retirement, new baby/grandbaby, marriage) or sad (illness, death), a card lets our sisters know we are thinking of them, and that means a lot.

You can send the information to me by e-mail or regular mail, or call if you prefer.

Name, Address, & Chapter (if applicable) of person to receive card

OCCASION and RELATIONSHIP TO MEMBER

Birth (boy/girl), Death, Illness (nature of), Thinking of You, Marriage, Other.

Name and Chapter Information received from

Peggie Sprinkle
State Chaplain
8201 East Norman St.
Broken Arrow, OK 74014
(918) 813-3382 cell
Email: chaplain@oklaesa.org

DISASTER FUND APPLICATION

Date Name Spouse

Address City/State/Zip

Member of - Chapter Name and Number, City/State:

Members Pledge Date and Present Status

Explain Nature of Destruction/Damage to Home // Explain Nature of Destruction/Damage to Personal Items // Explain

Serious Accident and/or Catastrophic Illness

Total \$ Amount of Destruction and/or Medical Expense:

Total \$ Amount of Disaster Fund Assistance Requested:

Prior Assistance from Disaster Fund: Yes or No If Yes: Dollar Amount/Date/Nature of Claim:

Submitted by:

(Please print or type: Chapter President's name, address, city/state/zip)

Chapter President's Signature:

The State Disaster Fund Chair hereby approves this application. My signature on this application indicates that I have reviewed this application and find it to be a valid claim according to IC Disaster Fund Guidelines.

State Disaster Fund Chair

Address

City/State/Zip

Phone/e-mail address

Date: _____

NOTE: ALL ABOVE INFORMATION IS REQUIRED AND MUST BE COMPLETED - Additional information can be attached to this application. Original & two (2) copies go to the State Disaster Fund Chair. Original goes to the IC Disaster Fund Chair; she will distribute copies to IC President and IC 1st Vice President. **Important:** State Disaster Fund Chair should retain the third copy for the state files.

IC Disaster Fund Chair only:

Date Received:

Amount Paid: Date

Initial: **Revised: July 2006**



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EDUCATIONAL REPORT FORM

Chapter Name and Number: _____ State: _____

City: _____ Meeting/Presentation Date: _____

Yearly Theme: _____

Topic of this Program: _____

METHOD OF PRESENTATION (Check all that apply)

Member's Oral Report (name)

Guest Speaker (who/title)

Visual Aid Program (kind and type)

Field Trip (where)

Reference Listing (book or magazine)

Other (explain - internet, pamphlets, etc.)

SUMMARY: (Briefly summarize the program and attach a more complete narrative or outline stating all major points emphasized so the program can be fully understood.)

COMMENTS BY THE EDUCATIONAL CHAIR: (Value to chapter/community, general comments about the presentation and chapter discussion.)

CHAPTER EDUCATION CHAIR:

Name: _____

Address: _____

City: _____

State and Zip Code: _____

(Revised March 2003)

PLEASE SEND TO:

STATE EDUCATIONAL CHAIR:

Name: Jacque Edwards

Address: 2101 E Cooksey Rd.

City: Guthrie

State and Zip Code: OK 73044

Email: secondvp@oklaesa.org



**OKLAHOMA STATE COUNCIL
NOMINATION FORM
FOR 2009-2010 OFFICERS**

Please complete the nomination form and submit to the 1st Vice-President before March 1, 2009. All candidates must send their written consent, qualifications and a picture to the 1st Vice- President **BEFORE** March 1, 2009. 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:** _____
Contact: _____

Mail to: Deb Hughes
Email: firstvp@oklaesa.org
2817 S. Hudson Ave.
Tulsa, OK 74114



**OKLAHOMA STATE COUNCIL
STATE SERVICE REPORT**

Chapter Name & Number:	
Report for the Month(s) of:	

STATE PROJECT DETAILS

Name of Sponsored Child	Actual <u>Hours</u>	Actual Money Donated	Donated Goods	Actual Mileage

Donations made directly to schools:

Name of School	Actual <u>Hours</u>	Actual Money Donated	Value of Donated Goods	Actual Mileage

Donations made directly to the State Project Fund:
(checks payable to Oklahoma State Council of ESA, State Project Fund)

Actual <u>Hours</u>	Actual Money Donated	Value of Donated Goods	Actual Mileage

	Actual <u>Hours</u>	Actual Money Donated	Value of Donated Goods	Actual Mileage
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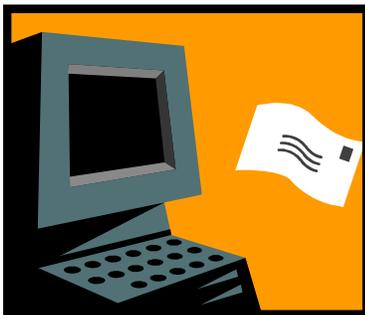
What would you like to use for your “oklaesa” email address?

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Mail this form along with your \$10 check payable to the Oklahoma State Council of ESA to –

Aletha Bolt
PO Box 851038
Yukon, OK 73085

Questions? Email me at webmaster@oklaesa.org or call me at (405)324-7010.



“ESA’S CASINO ROYALE”
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2009 Oklahoma State Council 66th Annual State Convention
Cherokee Resort & Casino—
PO Box 399—777 West Cherokee Street—Catoosa 74015-0399—1.800.760.6700
Reservations should be made using the group code EPSA0409
Deadline for making hotel reservations is March 23, 2009
April 24-26, 2009

Registration Form

Member Name: _____ **Member Number** _____

Address: _____ **City,** _____ **State,** _____ **Zip Code** _____

Telephone Number _____ **Fax** _____ **E-Mail** _____

Chapter Name: _____ **Chapter Number:** _____

Check All That Apply:

- Current/Previous ESAF Bd Mbr General Bd Mbr 2008-2009 Pledge
 Guest
 Current/Previous IC Officer Sooner Seniorette 1st Time Convention Goer
 Executive Bd Mbr Chapter President Special Diet Menu/Medical Reasons

Contact Priscilla Drummond, Convention Chairman, at Priscilla.Drummond@att.net or 918-885-6633

Men’s Registration

Name _____ Husband/Escort of _____

DESA Registration

Name: _____ Daughter of _____

Check All That Apply

- Member’s Full Registration Fee Cost: \$85.00 Men’s Registration Fee Cost: \$40.00
Includes:
Friday Night Mixer/Skits DESA Registration Fee Cost: \$85.00
Awards Luncheon
Installation Banquet Friday Night Meal Function Cost: \$20.00
Sunday Brunch
 Late Fee: Cost \$25.00

Registration postmarked after April 13, 2009

Enclose Check Payable to: 2009 ESA State Convention Fund

Mail Registration Form and Payment to: Janette Murray, 206 East 14th, Pawhuska, OK 74056

Phone: 918-287-2412 E-Mail: janettemurray43@hotmail.com

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 no later than April 13, 2009. Seating at the Awards Luncheon and Installation Banquet will be assigned from registrations postmarked by the April 13, 2009 deadline. Registrations postmarked after April 13, 2009, will be assigned seating where vacancies exist. We cannot guarantee that late registrants will be seated with their chapters.



Hotel Information

**2009 ESA State Convention
April 24-26, 2009**

**Cherokee Casino Resort
777 West Cherokee Street
Catoosa, Ok 74015**

Phone: (800) 760-6700

Room Rate: \$99, plus tax

Group Code: EPSA0409

Reservation Deadline: March 23, 2009

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DEADLINE FOR AD's April 5, 2009

DATES TO REMEMBER

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Saturday, May 17	Executive and General Board Meeting Hominy
Saturday, June 21	Committee Meetings State Council Meeting Freddie's Restaurant - Sapulpa
July 6-13	International Council Convention "Down Home in Tennessee" Marriott at the Convention Center Chattanooga, TN
Saturday, August 9	State Leadership Seminar Freddie's Restaurant - Sapulpa MAP
Saturday, September 6	District III Leadership Seminar Tulsa
Saturday, September 13	District II Leadership Seminar Rose Rock Bank Kingfisher
Saturday, September 20	District IV Leadership Seminar Greiner School Lawton
Saturday, September 27	District V Leadership Seminar Kelly B. Todd Cerebral Palsy Center Muskogee
Saturday, October 4	Oklahoma School for the Deaf - Tour Sulphur
October 23-25	St. Jude Children's Research Hospital - Bus Trip/Tour Memphis, TN
Saturday, November 8	Committee Meetings Christmas Party State Council Meeting Freddie's Restaurant - Sapulpa

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| Saturday, February 28 | Oklahoma School for the Blind - Tour
District III Spring Meeting & Installation
District V Spring Meeting & Installation
Muskogee |
| Saturday, March 14 | District II Spring Meeting & Installation
Holy Trinity Lutheran Church
Edmond |
| Saturday, March 21 | Committee Meetings
State Council Meeting
Freddie's Restaurant - Sapulpa |
| April 24-26 | Oklahoma State Convention
"ESA-Royale"
Cherokee Casino Resort
Catoosa |