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Deb Hughes President

Greetings OK ESA friends. While the weather outside might be cooling down from the heat of the summer, our Oklahoma chapters and state council are certainly heating up with activity. Our four district leaderships have concluded their leadership meetings and each one was a shining star. It has been a thrill for me to accept your invitations to visit and become acquainted with each of you and your chapter activities; thank you for sharing your hospitality.

ESA provides us a chance to reach out and make a difference in an experience unlike any other. We often request the assistance of family, friends, co-workers, etc. for our projects, events and educational programs. Fortunately for us they willingly accept. Though how often do we offer an invitation for that same person to join ESA? After all, they have already experienced working alongside us and feel the satisfaction of completing a successful project or event. Take the next step and invite them to join ESA so they can also reap the benefits of personal growth, networking and the value of making a difference with friends.
Encourage them to experience ESA with you!

I hope you are planning a day trip to the **OK School for Deaf Tour on Saturday, Oct. 24th** and see first-hand what OK ESA members have contributed to one of two of our state projects. I believe you will be pleased.

YOU are invited to a **Holiday Party & Ornament Exchange on Friday evening, Nov. 6th** in conjunction with our **Saturday, Nov. 7th OK State Council Meeting**. Look for the meeting information, location and hotel details in this issue and on the state website www.oklaesa.org.

This meeting will be the kickoff of our **OK Hope for Heroes Event**. Please bring \$10 Wal-Mart gift cards and/or teddy bears to be shared with military families in Oklahoma. You are encouraged to wear red, white and blue in honor of our service men and women.

Hope for Heroes is expanding this year and we are seeking 100% participation by every OK chapter in a special program or event the week of Nov. 7-14, 2009 which includes Veterans' Day. This is our opportunity to not only say thank you and support our military personnel and their families but to also

share our ESA program locally. It's is a wonderful chance to partner with veteran's groups and other military support organizations. Sample press releases and other information have been posted on our state website, www.oklaesa.org for your use. It is easy to download and personalize for your chapter and community. Remember to wear and share your yellow ribbons in your community and say thank you to those that serve on our behalf.
Please email me your chapter's plans with date, location and brief description so it can be publicized for everyone.

Join us for a little stroll inside Woodland Hills Mall in Tulsa for the **Give Thanks. Walk** on Saturday morning, **Nov. 21st** as we raise funds and walk for St. Jude Children's Research Hospital. Oklahoma is extremely fortunate to be one of only 40 locations selected this year and we want participation from across our great state. Check out our state website www.oklaesa.org or www.givethankswalk.org and select Tulsa to register. Contact chapter, family, friends, churches, businesses, youth activity groups – ALL can form teams and ALL can assist to raise funds for the patients and their families, this event is NOT limited to ESA members. Let's grow the event and show others what Oklahomans can do to support St. Jude!

Opportunities are plentiful for you to participate, experience and strengthen our state organization. Be sure to check our state website frequently, review the *Petticoat Journal*, check the chapter email inbox often, and watch for the *Star Chatter* as well as information sent directly to chapter presidents. If you are not receiving information, please let me know and we will remedy the situation. We don't want you to miss a single happening!

I am honored to serve as your state president yet it takes us working together to increase and enhance ESA in Oklahoma. A single star does not light the night; it takes many stars shining collectively to bring brilliance to the dark skies. Thank you for being my stars!



**Believe
-Deb**

Congratulations Oklahoma ESA

The following awards for 2008-09 were received at IC Convention in San Antonio, TX in July 2009.

THE ESA FOUNDATION STATE AWARD – Third Place

June Miller, ESA Foundation Counselor 2008-09

THE ESA FOUNDATION 2009 FANASY BALL AWARD – First Place

June Miller, ESA Foundation Counselor 2008-09

THE WHAT ESA MEANS TO ME AWARD – Members of More Than One Year – First Place

Toni Morrow, Kappa Theta Chapter, Guthrie

THE WHAT ESA MEANS TO ME AWARD – Members of Less Than One Year – First Place

Mary Johnson, Epsilon Kappa Chapter, Hominy

THE MAIE L. WELLS OUTSTANDING STATE EDUCATIONAL DIRECTOR – First Place

Oklahoma, Jacque Edwards, 2nd Vice President / Educational Director 2008-09

THE STATE NEWS BULLETING AWARD – FIVE ISSUES OR MORE – Honorable Mention

Oklahoma – Charlene Law, *Petticoat Journal* Editor 2008-09

**Jacque Edwards
First Vice President
Nominating Committee Chair**

Nominations are now in order for the offices of 2nd Vice President, Treasurer, Recording Secretary, Parliamentarian, Project Director and PJ Editor.

I am very excited!!! I received my first two nominations for 2010-2011. Don't wait until the last minute to nominate a very capable member of your chapter for a State Office?

There are many personal rewards in serving on the Oklahoma State Council Board. Read over the qualifications to see if you are qualified to run for office.

Qualifications for elected office:

- A) An active chapter may nominate any member for an elected office, except Corresponding Secretary.
- B) A candidate for elected office must have held the office of Chapter or City Area Council President.
- C) Must be an active member of her chapter in good standing.
- D) Must have been an active ESA member a minimum of two years.
- E) Must have attended at least one previous State Conv.
- F) Give her consent in writing.
- G) Candidates for the office of 1st Vice Pres or 2nd Vice Pres shall have served at least three terms as an elected officer or two terms as an elected officer and two terms as an appointed chairperson prior to her nomination.
- H) Consent of the candidate and her qualifications shall be sent to the Nominating Committee by March 1.

Chapter Presidents, nominate one of your qualified chapter members to accept the challenge of a State office and mail it s-o-o-n!!! We need a full slate of officers, and I know there are so many well-qualified members out there. DO IT NOW!!!!!!
(Committee: Aletha Bolt, Sue Knight, Lora Thompson and Peggy Pate)

**Joyce Gibson
Treasurer**

Hi Everyone:

Fall seems to be coming a little early this year. I am definitely ready for the milder temperatures. A copy of the dues list is available on line at: www.oklaesa.org.

Please make a note of my change of address:

Joyce Gibson, P.O. Box 179, Norman, Oklahoma 73070.

DUES \$\$\$ DUES\$\$\$ and more DUES!!!!

International Council

International Dues\$35.00 per chapter or district

Due by June 1

Mail to: Judi Grefer at 503 Brookstone Lane, Cold Springs, KY 41076

Oklahoma State Council

State Dues \$30.00 plus \$3.00 per member

Due by January 1 in order to participate in contest and vote at State Convention

Mail to: Joyce Gibson at P.O. Box 179, Norman, OK 73070

ESA Foundation

ESA Foundation Dues \$15.00 per Chapter and Individual

Due by January 1 (Chapter)

Due by March 1 in order to vote at the annual Foundation meeting in July

Mail to: ESA Foundation at P.O. Box 270517, Fort Collins, CO 80527

District II Treasurer

District Dues\$10.00

Due by January 1

Mail to: Cathy Holsted at 3 Woodbridge Drive, Bella Vista, AR 72714

District III Treasurer

District Dues\$10.00

Due by January 1

Mail to: Debby Thompson at 15358 E 91st St. N, Owasso, OK 74055

District IV Treasurer

District Dues\$10.00

Due by January 1

Mail to: Michelle McKnight at 18 Pineyridge Lane, Shawnee, OK 74801

District V Treasurer

District Dues\$15.00

Due by January 1

Mail to: Helen Weaver at 1160 Skyview Dr., Muskogee, OK 74403

Individual Membership

International Dues\$45.00

Due according to Pledge date

Mail to: ESA Headquarters at 363 West Drake Road, Fort Collins, CO 80526

Robbin Brown
Project Director

Hello sisters! What a beautiful time of year... the leaves turning bright reds, oranges and yellows, the coolness in the air. This is my favorite time of year. This is also the time of year to send in your State Project forms to help sponsor a child at Oklahoma School for the Deaf and Oklahoma School for the Blind. We have a lot of wonderful kids who haven't been sponsored but hope I can encourage everyone to help get them sponsored. Can you imagine a child not receiving a present or even just a card in the mail when their friend is having so much fun opening presents from their ESA chapter? Let's not have this happen. This is why we take these schools on for our State Projects.

One way you can help is to send in your donations to help with the State Projects Fund. The schools depend on us to help them buy items they need each year. Start sending in your donations to me, PO Box 946, Choctaw, OK 73020.

I am also taking donations to help give each of our un-sponsored children a gift certificate at Christmas. Please, let's put a smile on every child's face at Christmas. You can also mail these donations to me or you can give them to me at the District meeting and the November State Council meeting.

Jennye Hickman
Petticoat Journal Editor

Deadline for the December January issue of the Petticoat Journal is November 5. Please email those articles or announcements to me at pjeditor@oklaesa.org.



Bunnie Sullins
Junior Past President
Disaster Fund Chairman

First of all I would like to thank everyone for your cards, and prayers; I'm on the road to recovery it's just takes time, so the Dr. says, it's just I'm NOT a very patient person.



Now to the matter at hand. I hope you are making plans to donate to the Disaster Fund; before you know it the holidays will be here, and then the first of the year will be here. If you stop and think time goes fly.

Thanks to Vivian Gibson at our first meeting in June when she gave my report, she collected \$191.00. GREAT JOB, we are off to a good start. Also I have had one chapter to donate so far; and so far I have had one claim to submit. Remember we never know when and if we may have to ask for help, we need to make sure the funds are there.

Thanks again, be well and safe.

Dr. Billye Peterson
District II Coordinator

DISTRICT II LEADERSHIP WAS A STAR-STUDED SUCCESS!

The August 29 District II Leadership in Edmond, OK was attended by 50 sisters and guests. They enjoyed a great hands-on leadership exercise with President Deb Hughes, followed by Nellrita Barrick who challenged us with the Grandparents program for St. Jude's.

We all learned about our different personalities and how to work with multi-generations from guest speaker, Jennifer Howard, owner of Positive Business Solutions. Gamma Zeta sisters served a delicious baked potato bar lunch. Then the STAR of the day, Lauren Bacall (aka Shari Carney) entertained us with her life story. We folded miniature American flags for The Hugs Project to send to our troops, and ended the day right on schedule! We missed those who didn't attend—try to come to our March meeting!

Lora Thompson
District IV Coordinator

Every District Leadership has been really good this year and the number of members attending has shown that our sorority is interested in every event that ESA has to offer. Great!

District IV will have their fall meeting on October 24, 2009 in Sulphur. We will join all the ESA members from across the state visiting with our sponsored students at Oklahoma School for the Blind. We are also planning a fun project that everyone will enjoy. Nancy Buck, the District IV Educational Chairman will have another great Educational. If you attended the District IV Leadership you saw and head first hand the greatness of our Educational Chairman. Please come and enjoy a fun filled day of activities. (Guaranteed.)

I'm looking forward to seeing all of you at Oklahoma School for the Deaf.

Mary Toole
Chaplain

This is the day the Lord has made! Let us rejoice and be glad in it.

Sympathy - Sue Knight, Sigma Chi chapter, death of husband Don's sister.

Get Well/Thinking of You

Jo Talbert, Eta Mu chapter, lung tumor; Linda Douthitt, Alpha Rho chapter, broken ankle; Linda Southerland, Beta Psi chapter, thyroidectomy; Julie Berry, Gamma Theta Chapter, back surgery; Byrdie Emanuel, Gamma Delta chapter, outpatient surgery; Marcie Lucas Ellington, Eta Pi chapter, knee surgery; Bunnie Sullins, Epsilon Kappa chapter, kidney infection and low potassium.

Congratulations - Dr. Billye Peterson, Gamma Zeta Chapter, for receiving an award from the Oklahoma Federation of Republican Women.

Nellrita Barrick
Circle of Life

GRATEFUL GRANDPARENT

I am excited about the Letter Writing Campaign, **Grateful Grandparent**, that has already begun by several of our state chapters with more ready to get started to help the Kids of St. Jude. Having presented the Grateful Grandparent event at all four District Leadership Meetings proved to be a challenge due to the short amount of time allotted to explain the procedures. At this writing, I will condense the steps and hopefully do some clarifications. Chapter presidents, as early in your new year as you can, please hand out the sheets for your members to make their list of family, friends, neighbors, business acquaintances, etc. (Presidents, prior to this, please make copies of the names/addresses sheet for each of your members as St. Jude failed to send me copies, only an original.)

1st -- At the next chapter meeting each member is asked to bring back her list of names and addresses. You are now ready for the Letter Writing Party. Write on the printed letter provided, your salutations and sign your name at the closing of the brief letter. (Hopefully, you will write a short note why St. Jude means so much to you before signing your name.)

2nd -- At the bottom of that letter ... the part that the donor will clip off and mail back ... on the left side you are to fill out all the Member Information asked for so you and your chapter will get the proper credit for your efforts. (Be consistent in writing your name, e.g., use Jennifer each time, not Jen or Jenny at other times.)

3rd -- Having written the name and address of your prospective donor on the face of the envelope with the *Epsilon Sigma Alpha* return address. Place the letter in the envelope. (To make it more personal write your name just above the ESA address.) Also, place the envelope with the window in the same letter. With your information and the donor's information completed at the bottom of your letter, he/she will clip that part off, turning it to the back side and place it in the envelope so the St. Jude address will show through the window.

4th -- The chapter president will then collect the completed letters, put all of them in a large

manila envelope or box and mail them to our regional ALSAC office attention to: Mandy Ward, 3700 W. Robinson, Norman, OK 73072. (Some are going to use the box provided by United States Postal Service.) She, in turn, will mail them to St. Jude along with the others.

5th -- Your credit will be taken from the CODE that is in the box just above *Member Information* that the donor will be returning with his/her donation to St. Jude.

** Sisters of ESA, I sincerely hope that each chapter will follow through on this project. As your Circle of Life Chairman, this is my goal. I realize that not every member will do this, but it is my great desire that ESA Oklahoma will have 100% chapter participation in this event, an event that takes such little time and effort, but state-wide it can have awesome results for the Kids of St. Jude.

ESA OKLAHOMA TOUR AT ST. JUDE CHILDREN'S RESEARCH HOSPITAL, OCTOBER 15,16,17

Thursday will be travel day with evening fun up and down Beale Street, other downtown Memphis areas or across the Mississippi River near Memphis at the Casino. We will be staying at the Hampton Inn & Suites at Beale St. located at 175 Peabody Place. The telephone number to call for your reservations is 901.260.4000. We have a block of ten rooms reserved under the name of ESA at the rate of \$149.00 per night. Free hot breakfasts will be included in the reservations. There is a parking fee of \$17.00 per night. Use the code ESA when requesting rooms. The block of rooms will be held until October 9th. You will surely want to check out the Peabody Gardens across the street from the hotel. I hear it is all great! We will car pool, travel on our own schedules and meet at the hotel ... no caravan. Some of the Antlers' gals are flying down for the day. On Friday, we will all gather at St. Jude's hospital lobby and promptly begin our tour at 10:00 a.m. for our 1 1/2 to 2 hour tour. When you receive this PJ, if you have not let me know of your desires to go, please call me ASAP at (H) 580.323.2728 or (Cell) 580.331.8803 or email snbarrick@itlnet.net. If you have never been to St. Jude, this is the time. If you have gone, but it's been awhile and you would really like to see how it has grown, this is the time. And staying on Beale

Street, what a great time to be had! Come join us.

GIVE THANKS.WALK

I know that you have heard about this big event. Saturday, November 28th is the day for the **Give thanks. Walk** at the Woodland Hills Mall in Tulsa with registration at 8:00 a.m. and the walk to begin at 9:00 a.m. But, have you contacted Tina Davenport McKamie to say, "I will be a walker, or I will register, or I will hand out water, or I will help, etc.?" Can't walk? There are sitter jobs. Remember, this is an Oklahoma State Council sponsored event, not just a Tulsa Walk. And do remember this is a fundraiser for St. Jude Children's Research Hospital, so bring donated monies for whatever part you will be doing.

SADDLE-UP FOR ST. JUDE

Beta Psi of Clinton and the local Round-Up-Club are working with Mandy Ward, Regional ALSAC representative for a **Saddle-UP** fundraiser event for this fall at Foss Lake and State Park. Got a horse? Want to ride? Come join the trail ride and have a good time, all for the Kids of St. Jude. Want to have a Saddle-up event in your community? Call me or Mandy.

**Judi York
Convention Chair 2010**

"ESA...It's In The Bag" is coming April 30, May 1 & 2, 2010 to the Radisson Hotel in Tulsa, Oklahoma. Make plans to attend and enjoy workshops, special guests, and a few surprises. Don't forget to mark your registration to attend the Fajita Buffet on Friday evening before the Mixer. You won't want to miss out on all the fun.

Register today and you will be eligible for the drawing for a free registration to be given away at the November 7 State Council meeting. There is a form elsewhere in this issue of the PJ and also online at www.oklaesa.org.

Deb Hughes
Directory 2009-2010

Directories are on sale for \$8.00 each.

There is still some confusion with the directory and I will explain. We are presently unable to reach our directory chair and she has the sales list from convention and the June 13th State Council Meeting.

At our State Leadership and each of the District Meetings I have circulated a list for you to order your directory or re-order. If you paid for your directory by check we are asking that you please make a replacement check for the directory that you purchased and VOID your original check. Please note in the memo portion "**Replacement**" for our Treasurer and new directory records.

We want to make every attempt to not miss anyone. Thank you for your consideration and understanding in this unfortunate situation.

Doers
Vivian Gibson

Hi Everyone:

Remember the DOERS? There is still a Doers banking account with available funds for a loan to new chapters. Start a chapter; chapter needs funds, contact the Membership Chairman Rita Hains. Donations are accepted if you would like to donate to the fund.



June Miller
ESA Foundation Counselor

Hello! While you are reading this I will be working hard to get the ESA Foundation Scholarship Applications out to all the high schools and colleges in the state. Wouldn't it be great if I could e-mail them the information....but my investigations in that matter have come up empty so far.

What's the most important thing you can do to help the Foundation? **BECOME A MEMBER--\$25 TO JOIN. STAY A MEMBER--PAY YOUR \$15 DUES EACH YEAR.**

Wouldn't you love to have a scholarship or endowment named for your chapter or council or someone you love? This can happen. It takes \$100 to establish a scholarship endowment. You then continue to contribute to it until there is \$5,000 in the fund. After that as the interest accrues over the \$5,000, scholarships can be paid out. Other ways you can contribute to the Foundation...for your friends or family members who have everything, make a contribution to the ESAF honoring them on their birthday. Of course, there is the FANTASY EVENT that you are invited to yearly that you can support with a contribution. (Oklahoma had the highest total contributions to the Fantasy Event this year.) Actually, you don't really need a reason to contribute.....just do it!

Do you know that if you are a **Federal Employee** there is an annual event called the **Combined Federal Campaign** coming up in September, October and November? During this time federal employees may designate contributions for approved human health and welfare organizations by one time contributions or payroll deductions.....The ESA Foundation has been **approved** and is on this list along with American Red Cross, Easter Seals, St. Jude, American Cancer Society. If you are a federal employee, please consider the ESA Foundation #10031. Check it out on the CFC website: www.opm.gov/cfc/index.htm.

Next issue....THE TURN-AROUND FUND..

***Tina Davenport McKamie
Give Thanks. Walk***

Oklahoma ESA is once again participating in the St. Jude's Give Thanks program by hosting the Give Thanks Walk. This is a statewide funding raising project. The Walk will be held on November 21st at the Woodland Hills Mall in Tulsa.

Everyone is encouraged to participate. You may participate by collecting donations and walking. Or, if you can not walk, you can still collect donations. There are also many jobs for sitters.

We have challenged each chapter to for a team. Please invite all your friends, family, and neighbors to walk. Maybe you church group, bunco group, exercise class, ladies from the beauty shop, etc. could also form teams. Have you asked you local Girl Scouts or Cub Scouts to walk? Invite everyone you know to participate by walking or donations.

Registration begins at 8:00am and the Walk will begin at 8:45am. You may also register and accept donations online at www.givethankswalk.com.

The Hampton Inn has once again arranged a special ESA Room Block. The rate for double room (2 double beds) is \$75 plus tax = \$85.14 and includes a free breakfast. Call 918-663-1000 to reserve your room. The Hampton Inn is located at 3209 South 79th East Avenue. This is the same hotel we used for State Leadership.

Remember, 100% of this project counts for our philanthropy endeavors. We have extra flyers and brochures if you need or want them. If you have any questions or need additional information, please contact me at tina@jimmyjwilliamspsc.com or (918) 916-2199.

***Mary Ann Jones
Philanthropic***

During the fall is when most chapters really begin working to help others.

Now is the time to sponsor a child at the Schools for the Blind and Deaf. Keep track of the time you purchase, wrap and mail the gifts sent as all of these can be counted philanthropically.

I would encourage every chapter and/or individual who is performing a philanthropic endeavor to keep track of your hours worked and travel time. When you do this, be sure and give your Philanthropic chair the information so she can record it.

I want to hear from each of you.

***Leslie Farabee & Faye Rikkola
Scrapbook Co-Chairmen***

Hello Ladies! We are excited to get Deb's scrapbook completed. Please make an extra copy for us, so you can be seen by your ESA state sisters.

Include enough labeled pictures, invites, fliers, etc., to fill at least one 12X12 scrapbook page.

You can send snail-mail or give to us in person. The deadline is April 1. Thanks. Questions? Email or call

Leslie Farabee
807 N.I Elm Street
Owasso, OK 74055
lesliefarabee@cox.net
918-808-6085

Chapter Chatter

Beta Gamma Tulsa

A big HELLO out there in ESA land from your sisters and brother in Beta Gamma! Since our publicity chairman is a *slacker* we'll have to play catch up since the beginning of our chapter year in April. Our officers are Judi York, President; Peggy Hughes, Vice-President; Donna Rother, Treasurer; Connie Bartlett, Secretary and Peggie Sprinkle, Parliamentarian. Judi's golfing buddy, Rosalie Griffith, came over to Tulsa to install the crew. She presented a beautiful installation. Judi has chosen the theme, "Dream it, Believe it, Be it, Live it!" Fairies are her symbol.

We've had some intriguing educational presentations so far: "Believe in Fairies" by Donna Rother; "Living Life to it's Fullest" by Connie Bartlett; "Believe in Miracles" (We saw a St. Jude Children's Research Hospital film and heard about the history of the organization), by Peggie Sprinkle and a strange and revealing educational, "What Do Dreams Mean?" by Peggy Hughes. It was fun to hear some recurring dreams each of us have had at different times in our lives. Judi has actually dreamt some of her poetry!

We had some Pizza and watched a movie then made some tray favors for Life Senior Services Day Center. We had a salad supper too. We Bunco'd with TAC.

We haven't had all fun and games though—we worked hard at the St Jude Dream Home and Office. Our efforts, combined with Tulsa Area Council were a success—we sold all of the tickets! We worked at La Preciosa Radiothon for St. Jude—another terrific success for the kids! ¡Muy bien! We have rallied for the Tulsa Area Council President, our Peggie Sprinkle, supported our District III Coordinator, Cheryl LaMascus and we are all still working hard as can be as administrative assistants to support the Oklahoma State Council President, our own Deb Hughes. Whew! (Not bragging really! OK, not much).

O! O! O! I called her Cheryl LaMascus, but she has a different name now! Cheryl and her Kelly tied the knot so her name is Cheryl

Young now! Best Wishes!

We, sadly, close with a humble memoriam to sisters who travel before us. Our beloved Pauline Ratliff and Doloris Fix passed away. Our fondest hopes and prayers for them and theirs are for The Eternal Father's Peace and that their footsteps continue to be guided by the light of the ray from the lamp of learning. While we are at it—these prayers go out to each of you too. -CDB

PS: Please keep our Jeanne Kindley and her husband in your thoughts and prayers.
--Thank you!

Beta Iota McAlester

Tina McKamie and June Miller attended IC Convention in San Antonio, went to meetings, went shopping in Fredericksburg, went to meetings, ate good food, went shopping at to the Mexican Market, ate Mexican food, went to meetings, visited with friends--old and new, went shopping at the Hard Rock Cafe, ate good food at Budrou's, went to workshops, went shopping, got dressed up and went to the Saturday night event, and then got up really early Sunday and drove home.

August 8th was the State Council Leadership Seminar! Friday night Amber, Stacy, Kirby, Jennye, Elaine, Tina M, and June trekked up to Tulsa; helped Tina and Deb set up for the meeting the next day; went to eat at Santa Fe Steak House; sat are in our room and giggled and laughed. Saturday we had a booth on Shopping on the Mall, attended a great meeting. District V Coordinator Elaine Ockletree was in charge of the get off your seat and on your feet activity. Chapters from all over the state brought back-to-school items for the Kelly B. Todd Center. Then we recycled old greeting cards and made new cards of cheer for the students there. It was a rousing success.

Chapter Chatter

Beta Iota had their Pow Wow (organizational meeting) at Betty's house to make plans for this year when we are going "eat our peas with girlfriends"....only we ate our beans that night....with cornbread, peach cobbler, chocolate cake, and watermelon.

Two days later eleven! Beta Iota members (Amber, Betty, Tina H, Tina M, Jennye, Stacy, Kitty, June, Elaine, Mona, and Kirby) went to the District V Leadership Seminar and supported their own Elaine Ockletree who is District V Coordinator. Amber arranged the meeting at the Army Ammunition Depot in the bowling alley! It was cozy, relaxed, and promoted a fun atmosphere. We had a fantastic speaker, Dr. Sally Davis, Dean of Students at Eastern Oklahoma State College, Wilburton. She spoke on women in leadership and somehow wove Dorothy and the Wizard of Oz through her talk as the theme. Everyone wanted a copy of her talk...she was that good. Afterwards we bowled, ate lunch, and then went over to the Bingo room and played bingo. We raised \$175 for our District project, Kelly B. Todd Cerebral Palsy Center in Muskogee.

Beta Psi Clinton

The Leadership Meetings were great! Beta Psi had good turn-outs at the State Leadership with five members attending, eight at District II in Edmond, with Linda Southerland and Nellrita Barrick going to all four district meets; McAlester, Edmond, Shawnee and Tulsa. They reportedly worked in some shopping, movies and fabulous places to dine.

Our new year has begun with guest, Gwyn Nell Swanson, presenting the educational program on nearby Jackson County that included information and photos of sites on the Oklahoma and/or National Historical List. Plans were made for the fall Rush Party with a Las Vegas theme. Wonder where that idea came from?? This is the second year for our officers

to serve on their 2 year terms. President Carrie Willingham has done a great job. It has been joyful watching her grow in ESA and Sisterhood.

We are anxious to get the report from St. Jude for the responses and donations from our Grateful Grandparent letter writing campaign.

The month of October, we will do our annual delivering of Meals on Wheels. Eight of us are signed up to go on the trip to Memphis for the St. Jude Tour and some evenings of fun. This fall we will be sponsoring the Saddle-up event with the Clinton Round Up Club, a fundraiser for the Kids of St. Jude. In November, our ticket sales will begin for our annual fundraiser; the Cajun Bean Dinner/Silent Auction held early December.

May the days of autumn bring you glimpses of fall colors that warms your heart.

Delta Kappa Norman

Believe it or not, summer is fading and fall is quickly approaching. The summer was quite busy for Delta Kappa. We have started the Christmas gift wrapping project for the Mcquire Community Foundation; Karen Nix is busy making homemade cards for the Foundation and making hats for the Hugs Project. Several members attended State Leadership and participated in "Shopping On the Mall."

Jim and Annette Brown of Noble, OK was nominated by Delta Kappa for the ESA Foundation's Humanitarian Award for their work in the community and Oklahoma. The Browns were named as the recipients of the award at IC Convention. (See Oklahoma's website). The Browns established the Mcquire Community Foundation and the Burn Closet. They work closely with Red Cross to furnish household items for people who have been burned out. They cover Cleveland, McClain

Chapter Chatter

Garvin and Ponotoc Counties.

Even though DK worked very hard this summer, we still found time to play. Several took trips; several attended Vivian's 70th birthday party and several attended the Movie Night with snacks at Gwynn Nell's. Some of the DK ladies did it all.

There were many joys celebrated in the chapter since May. Wanda Morrow's grandson, Michael Jed Williams and Gwynn Nell Swanson's grandson, Cory Garrard, graduated from high school; Gwynn Nell's son, Rodney, graduated from the OU College of Pharmacy in June, recently he passed the Pharmacy State exam and is now a Licensed Pharmacist; Mozelle Smith's Son, Randy Smith, is the Concierge at the new Embassy Suites Hotel in Norman; Mozelle's grandson, Tim Baxter, recently returned from Iraq; Mary Rohr recently found out that her granddaughter, Tiya is expecting in March, 2010. Mary is ecstatic that she is going to be a great grandmother; Vivian Gibson's Granddaughter, Emily Ann Gibson, graduated from 5th grade and is now in middle school; Her brother Jordan, received the Principal's Award. This award is given to a student for good behavior; Emily and Jordan's Dad, Vivian's son, Wilbur Jr., was selected as the 2009 Outstanding Clinical Instructor by the 2009 Ultra Sound graduating class from Oklahoma University (OU) Health Science Center. Wilbur, BSRT, RDCS does Cardiac Ultra Sound at Jane Phillips Hospital. He is the Supervisor of the Department.

The first meeting for Delta kappa was the day after Labor Day. Everyone was enthusiastic and ready for a new year.

Gamma Delta Tulsa

We had our installation of new officers in April at Eddie's Steakhouse. Robin Brown who presented a beautiful ceremony did the installation. The new officers are President

Charlene Law, Vice President Donna McCandless, Secretary Jessica Gresens, Treasurer Gladys Murphy, Educational Director Karen Flanagan, and Parliamentarian Rosemary Benning. Donna, Charlene and Byrdie attended the State Convention at the Cherokee Casino and had a great time.

Gamma Delta's first business meeting/salad supper was in May at Gladys' home. We all had a great time and good food as usual. We also attended Tulsa Area Council and the Founder's Day Tea where Rosemary received her 30 year pin.

The June business meeting was held at Rosemary's home and Charlene presented Karen Flanagan with her Jewel Pin. We also attended the TAC meeting. We worked at the St. Jude Dream Home and at the Home Giveaway on Channel 2.

Our July social was at Bette's home. We watched a hilarious movie, and Bette served some very delicious snacks.

In August, Gamma Delta was hostess for TAC and served old-fashioned Root Beer floats with a Route 66 theme. We also attended the State Leadership and had lots of fun. We sold books and some very tasty goodies.

Gamma Kappa Checotah

Greetings Sisters! We hope that this communication finds you well and approaching the remainder of the 2009-2010 year with excitement. We are so very excited to share that we have pledged 3 new members and have a few new prospects.

The chapter has been hard-working on multiple projects on the local, state and international levels. The Scholarship committee selected a senior from Checotah and one from Eufaula to receive the Tina Chronister and Vicki Lleweling Memorial Scholarships, respectively. Although

Chapter Chatter

the summer is unofficial meeting time, Jhonnie Dedmon, Ways and Means Chair has been busy with her committee preparing for our Annual Chinese Auction which will be held on October 3, 2009 at 10AM at the Checotah Senior Citizen Center. We invite all our sisters to join us in this fun day.

Several members attended the District V Leadership Meeting in McAlester. Elaine, Amber and their committee did a wonderful job, the guest speaker was both informative and humorous, the food delicious and the bowling and bingo fun.

We sadly report that chapter member Pricilla Hallum Thomas lost her daughter suddenly August 17, Jayne Helton. We request you keep Pricilla and her family in your prayers.

May God bless us individually, as chapters and as ESA Sisters with the health and energy necessary to continue our superior work and support of ESA's **MISSION!**

Kappa Theta Guthrie

Hello sisters. We have been busy this summer.

In July, State 1st VP attended the IC Convention in San Antonio and had a great time. We agreed to cancel our other July activities due to the death of Connie's father-in-law and the hospitalization of the mother of Jeanne Prince. However, we are still planning our outing to the Oklahoma History Center in OKC to visit the Rock n' Roll Exhibit.

Jacque, Connie and Jeanne attended the Leadership in Tulsa on August 8th. We all enjoyed the Shopping on the Mall and selling our baked desserts along with Jeanne's beautiful jewelry.

We held our August 10th business meeting at El Rodeo Mexican Restaurant and several of

our husbands attended as well. Connie and Jacque both gave very interesting educationals.

Jacque Edwards attended the District V Leadership in McAlester on August 22, at the Army Ammunition plant. Everyone bowled and played bingo for the fun part of the day. Rumor is Jacque had a bingo on the blackout. Yeah!!!!

Jane Garrard hosted our annual White Elephant auction on August 24th. After eating hamburgers cooked by Chef Doug (Jane's husband), we held our auction. Everything from bricks and mortar in a beautifully wrapped package to handmade jewelry, a clock radio, and an outrageous pair of reddish orange ceramic Spanish dancers was sold. (Ron just had to have in his refurbished home). We raised \$165 for our students at OSD & OSB. We had a great time!

Shelly Labus, Sylvia Ochs (District II Secretary), and State 1st VP Jacque Edwards attended the District II Leadership in Edmond on August 29. They even saw a famous Hollywood Star !!!.

See you at the November Council meeting for a Christmas Party.....

Zeta Gamma Shawnee

It has been a busy summer individually for Zeta Gamma members who did lots of traveling and being with their families.

Mary Toole, Lora Thompson, Robbin Brown, Michelle McKnight and Mary Ann Jones also attended State Council Meeting.

Zeta Gamma sisters also planned and prepared to help District IV Coordinator, Lora Thompson, with her special Leadership Day. It was a great day and we thank all who attended.

MEETING NOTICE
OK STATE COUNCIL OF ESA
SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 7, 2009

“Believe and Show Your Colors”



Hope for Heroes National Event



To kick-off our Oklahoma Events we will collect \$10 Wal-Mart gift cards and teddy bears for our military families at this meeting.
You are encouraged to wear red, white or blue.

First Christian Church

1625 North Broadway Avenue, Shawnee, OK

Directions to the church: From the I-40 and State Highway 18 Intersection (Harrison Street)

Go south on Harrison Street to the second stop light (1.5 miles) to MacArthur Street.

Turn west (right) on MacArthur for .07 mile to Broadway Street.

Turn South (left) on Broadway for 10 blocks.

The church is on the east side of the street on the corner.

Parking lot is at the back of the church and the entrance door is just off the parking lot.

COMMITTEE MEETINGS

Saturday, Nov. 7th at First Christian Church

8:30 a.m. Membership Task Force - Contact Rita Hains

8:30 a.m. Nominating Committee - Contact Jacque Edwards

EXECUTIVE & GENERAL BOARD MEETING

9:00 a.m. Registration

9:30 a.m. Board Meeting

State Board Secret Sister Gift Exchange will be during the Board Meeting.

STATE COUNCIL MEETING & LUNCH

10:00 a.m. Registration

10:30 a.m. Council Meeting

We encourage all ESA members to attend.

\$14.00 per person registration & lunch

RSVP by Friday, October 30, 2009

Tina Davenport-McKamie, Corresponding Secretary

Cell: 918-916-2199 correspsecretary@oklaesa.org or tina@jimmyjwilliamspe.com

A SPECIAL ACTIVITY BROUGHT TO YOU BY DISTRICT 4

At each State Council Meeting this year we will have a special project led by one of our District Coordinators. For this meeting Lora Thompson, District 4 Coordinator, and Robbin Brown, State Project Director, are working together for our philanthropic activity. They ask that you please bring your scissors and white craft glue or hot/cold glue gun. Do not bring Elmer's Glue. White fabric ribbon, not to exceed 1/2" wide can also be used for this project.

For new members and those that have not attended State Council Meeting before:

Each time you attend a State Council Meeting this year your name will be included in a basket for a special drawing at the March State Council Meeting.

Come join us!

NEED A ROOM FRIDAY NIGHT?

An **ESA room block** has been secured for your convenience at the Holiday Inn Express, 4909 North Union, Shawnee, OK
(Hotel is adjacent to the Shawnee Mall, off I-40 and Highway 18)

Call 405-275-8880 to reserve your room by Oct. 30, 2009 and mention ESA
(The hotel will not guarantee the rate or availability after Oct. 30th.)

ESA rate for double room (2 double beds) is \$75 plus tax & includes free breakfast

FRIDAY, NOV. 6th

It's a Holiday Party & Ornament Exchange

This is a party for ALL ESA members.

See the attached notice for party details

A variety of activities are planned for you and I hope you will make every effort to attend. Come meet someone new.

See you in Shawnee. –Deb



It's a Holiday Party & Ornament Exchange

ALL ESA MEMBERS ARE INVITED

Friday, Nov. 6, 2009



Plan to arrive between 7:00 – 7:30 p.m.

We are cooking hot soup and holiday treats for everyone

To be sure we have sufficient food please RSVP by Friday, Oct. 30, 2009

Tina Davenport-McKamie, Corresponding Secretary

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Bring a wrapped or bagged ornament to exchange (\$5-\$10 range)

We will have food, fellowship and fun planned and the missing element is YOU!

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*State Board Secret Sister Gift Exchange
will be Saturday morning during the Board Meeting.*



We have an opportunity to showcase our ESA Hope for Heroes Program, say thank you to our military personnel and their families and publicize ESA all at the same time. While we continue to directly support our troops by sending packages some chapters may be focusing on the families at home too.

If your chapter hasn't made plans yet, there is still time. Join in for 100% state participation – share your appreciation.

Each chapter is asked to plan a special event in your community to show appreciation during the week of Nov. 7-14, 2009. Chapters all across ESA-land will be doing the same. You can also use it as a time to partner with another organization such as a veterans group, schools, family readiness or assistance groups, the list continues.

At our State Leadership Meeting in August we distributed two pieces of 12" yellow ribbon to each member present. One ribbon was for the member and the other one is to be given away to share the promotion of

our National Event. You can cut it in half and wear it on your lapel, tie it on your car antennae, tie it on your purse or briefcase, the list is endless. The ribbon serves as a conversation starter about the event your chapter is planning. I would encourage you to make more yellow ribbons for your chapter members.

Now we want to hear about your plans for your community. Please drop me an email with the date, location and your plans.

Resources for press release, a proclamation for your community, an award and much more are now posted on the state website <http://www.oklaesa.org> or drop me an email and I will send you the link. president@oklaesa.org debokesa@hotmail.com





Oklahoma State Council 67th Annual Convention
“ESA...It’s In The Bag”
April 30, May 1 & 2, 2010
Radisson Hotel, 10918 E 41st St., Tulsa, OK 74146
Phone: 918-627-5000 – Registration Deadline April 15, 2010

MEMBER NAME:		MEMBER NUMBER:	
ADDRESS:		CITY, STATE, ZIP:	
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CHECK ALL THAT APPLY:			
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SPECIAL DIET MENU/MEDICAL REASONS ONLY** ** CONTACT JUDI YORK, CONVENTION CHAIRMAN AT JYORK@YORKES.COM OR 918-605-2860			
<u>MEN’S REGISTRATION:</u>			
NAME:		HUSBAND/ESCORT OF:	
<u>DESA/ELAN REGISTRATION:</u>			
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<u>GUEST REGISTRATION:</u>			
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<input type="checkbox"/>	MEMBER’S FULL REGISTRATION FEE POSTMARKED BY APRIL 15, 2010 includes Friday night mixer (food extra), general assemblies, workshops, Recognition Luncheon, Banquet, and Brunch	\$85.00	
<input type="checkbox"/>	MEN’S REGISTRATION FEE includes Friday night mixer (food extra) and Banquet	\$40.00	
<input type="checkbox"/>	DESA/ELAN REGISTRATION includes Friday night mixer (food extra), general assemblies, workshops, Recognition Luncheon, Banquet, and Brunch	\$85.00	
<input type="checkbox"/>	FRIDAY NIGHT MEAL FUNCTION (Fajita buffet with all the fixings)	\$25.00	
<input type="checkbox"/>	BANQUET GUEST FEE	\$40.00	
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**OKLAHOMA STATE COUNCIL
NOMINATION FORM
FOR 2010-2011 OFFICERS**

Please complete the nomination form and submit to the 1st Vice-President before March 1, 2010. All candidates must send their written consent, qualifications and a picture to the 1st Vice- President **BEFORE** March 1, 2010. 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

TREASURER

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

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: _____

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