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This is a picture from Beta Iota 4283 McAlester’s Miss America’s Watch Party. The story is on page 18 with the Chapter Chatter.

JOYCE GIBSON
PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE
OKLAHOMA STATE COUNCIL PRESIDENT FOR 2012-2013

I hope 2013 is showing to be good to each of you. So hard to believe how fast time is passing us by. Now is the time for deadlines, bylaw changes, meetings and installations. Plus, the always exciting reveal of the slate of officers and installation for 1st Vice President/President Elect Tina Davenport-McKamie and the rest of 2013-2014 State Board!!!!

Please mark your calendars!

February 23 - Oklahoma School for the Blind tour and District III and V meetings and installations
March 9 – District IV Meeting and Installation
March 16 – State Council Meeting
March 23 – District II Meeting and Installation
April 26-28 – 70th Annual State Convention “ESA Treasures of the Sea”
(Registration and room info is available in this issue and on the website)

STATE PROJECT - We do appreciate your continued patience and understanding with the situation involving the State Project. Our interim Director, Margaret Kramer, continues to work really hard to keep everything under control. Please remember to send all State Project donations to me. Reminder: if you have donated to the State Project and did not send your check to Margaret or me, please resend your check. We want to be sure that your chapter receives the credit for your donation. Please be sure to read Margaret's update on the State Project in this issue. If you have any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to ask.

CHALLENGE - I have a challenge for each of you. Pick one MAL or inactive member and reach out to them. Preferably a phone call but a hand written letter sent USPS or email will do. Let them know you are thinking about them and invite them to a social for some fun and fellowship.

“JEWEL AWARD” - I am searching for more “Jewels” in our state. I know they are out there. Please send me information about the time another ESA member was there for you. We want to hear your story.

“MAKE ME PAY” - Please check your March State meeting notice for the color of the day! You are welcome to match my donation or add to it as little or as much as you would like to. Put on the color, load up your car, come to the final State Council meeting on March 16, 2013 in Norman at the Holiday Inn and “Make me pay”!!

We still have Convention and President's charms for sale.
Please continue to love each other. “Do not forget small kindnesses and do not remember small faults”
– Chinese Proverb

2012-2013 ESA Oklahoma State President

Joyce Gibson

“Jewels of ESA” president@oklaesa.org



Linda Southerland
2nd VP/Educational Chair

Well, the holidays have come and gone and so has the season. Hope we will all remember the Reason for the season and try to keep the spirit of the season with us throughout the 2013 year. Remember that your educational reports should be sent to me prior to April 1st. I have already received from some chapters. Good Work!!! I am looking forward to receiving your reports and reading what a great year you have had.



UNDERSTANDING THE POWWOW

A powwow is a gathering of Native American people and their guests who come together to sing, dance, renew old friendships and make new ones. It is a celebration, a social gathering, a friendly dance competition. Just as important, a powwow is the time to focus thoughts on the old ways and to preserve the rich heritage of Native American culture. There are sacred traditions to be found in this coming together of people. As the circle represents the unity of life, so the circle of the dance arena represents a joining together around the music of the drum and singers.

Many powwows are open to the general public and everyone is welcome to experience the event. If you have the opportunity to attend a powwow, be sure and take it! The modern powwow is a link to the Native Americans' past and these ceremonies help them maintain their heritage. These ceremonial legacies should be viewed with respect and honor by all in attendance. To help you feel more at home attending a powwow, here is some useful information and powwow etiquette tips.

The Drum

The drum is central to every powwow. It is more than a musical instrument to the Indian; it is the heartbeat of the people. The drum sets the rhythm of the dance and the tempo of the song. The drum is made of hides, stretched over a wooden frame and laced together with rawhide thongs. Without a drum, there is no powwow. The drum and its singers are so important that they are often placed in the center of the arena.

The Dances

To the newcomer, the powwow dances may appear very similar, but each type has its own set of distinctive steps. At many intertribal powwows, you can look for three basic competition classifications of dances for each sex. Male dancers will typically dance Traditional (or Straight), Fancy and Grass dances, while female dancers will usually take part in Buckskin, Fancy Shawl and Jingle Dress dances. Keep in mind that these are only a few of the many types of dances you may see at a powwow, depending on the tribal affiliation and purpose of the event.

The Traditional Dance is one of the oldest forms, and its movements tell the story of a warrior stalking food or tracking an enemy. The Traditional Dancer will wear a single bustle of eagle feathers, a feathered or roach headdress, beaded moccasins and ankle bells. Usually he carries a shield, a weapon or dance stick, and may paint his face with a tribal or family design.

The Fancy Dance is one of the most athletic and strenuous of modern powwow dances, and is said to have originated in Oklahoma. The dance features jumps, spins and fancy footwork to the beat of the

drum. The Fancy Dancer will wear two bustles of brilliantly colored feathers, a headdress, beaded moccasins, angora anklets with bells, arm bands and carry two feathered sticks.

There are several stories about the origins of the Grass Dance. One tells how Plains Indians would dance in a special way to flatten the high grass for a new camp. The Grass Dancer uses swaying, dipping and sliding steps. His outfit consists of a shirt, aprons and pants trimmed with fringes or ribbons, a headdress, beaded moccasins and fringed anklets with bells.

Among the women, the Buckskin Dance is the oldest. A dance of elegance and grace, it requires much skill to stay in perfect rhythm with the drum and keep the swaying movements smooth and flowing. The regalia consist of a beaded buckskin dress with long fringes, a shawl, beaded leggings, an eagle plume for the hair and a fan, usually of eagle feathers.

The Fancy Shawl Dance represents a butterfly in flight. The dance is highly dynamic, with fancy footwork intermingled with spins and twirls, always keeping in step with the drum. The Fancy Shawl Dancer will usually wear a fringed shawl with matching vest and leggings which may be beaded or sequined, and a feather plume for the hair.

The dance of the Jingle Dress comes from one of the northern U.S. tribes and is associated with healing the sick. Legend has it that a grandfather cured his sick granddaughter by creating a special jingle dress. The dress has many metal cones, called jingles, attached closely enough together to chime during the dance. Other parts of the regalia include beaded leggings, a dance belt, an eagle plume for the hair and a feather fan. The dance is highly energetic and requires intricate footwork.

Powwow Etiquette

The area for dancing and ceremonies is called the arena, and its boundaries are usually marked by hay bales set in a circle. The arena has been blessed and is considered sacred. Do not walk across the arena; instead walk around it. Children should be supervised and not be allowed to run in or around the arena. Pets should not be taken into the arena.

Listen to the emcee. He will entertain and keep attendees informed about powwow events. If you have questions, the emcee can usually answer them for you between announcements. Ask permission before taking photos of dancers in regalia. If the photo is for publication or commercial use, this should be explained before the photo is taken. Photos should not be taken during Veteran's Songs, Flag Songs, prayers or any other time specified by the emcee.

The correct term for a dancer's outfit is regalia, not costume. Never touch a dancer's regalia. Many of the ornaments have religious meaning and are cherished family heirlooms.

Always stand respectfully during special songs. These include the Grand Entry, Flag Songs, Veteran's Songs or any other song that the emcee designates. During these songs, men should remove their hats. When invited by the emcee or performers, visitors may participate in social and inter-tribal dances. It is considered polite to accept an offer of food or an invitation to eat with the dancers. It is a high honor to be asked to eat with a Native American family.

Around the arena, there is a sheltered area which can either be in the form of an arbor or simply a canopy, which designates a resting place for the elders, dancers, singers and powwow officials. Take care not to sit in these places, which are easy to spot if you pay attention. There will be chairs, articles of clothing and other personal belongings in plain sight.

Unless you are sure that seating will be provided, bring your own chair. The seating immediately around the arena is reserved for dancers and their families. Seats with blankets, shawls or regalia items on them are taken and should not be bothered. Do not sit on someone else's blanket unless invited. Uncovered seats are considered available.

Alcohol, recreational drugs and firearms are strictly prohibited at most powwows. If you see a feather fall from a dancer's regalia or locate a lost feather, do NOT pick it up. Notify the nearest Veteran, the Head Veteran, Head Man Dancer, emcee or Arena Director immediately. There are

special ceremonies involved in returning the feather to its place and photos should not be taken during these sacred ceremonies.

Do not touch a drum or sit at a drum without permission.

Pointing with the fingers is considered poor manners by some tribes. If you must point, use your head and nod in the direction you wish to indicate. It is common to see teepees and lodges set up on the grounds. These are not open to the public unless clearly marked for demonstrations and visitors. Powwow participants live in the teepees during the gathering and they are, in fact, their homes for the duration.

Linda Southerland
Second Vice President

(The following are pictures of the dancers who entertained at National Convention in Norman.)



Dr. Billye Peterson
OKLAHOMA STATE COUNCIL TREASURER

CONGRATULATIONS to the following chapters who have paid their State dues by January 1, 2013, and are eligible to vote at State Convention and participate in contests:

Alpha Epsilon
 Alpha Rho
 Beta Gamma
 Beta Psi
 Chi Epsilon
 Delta Kappa
 Eta Epsilon
 Gamma Kappa
 Kappa Theta
 Sigma Chi
 Zeta Gamma

Alpha Nu
 Alpha Sigma
 Beta Iota
 Beta Rho
 Delta Chi
 Delta Lambda
 Eta Mu
 Gamma Pi
 Nu Delta
 Theta Tau

Alpha Omega
 Alpha Zeta
 Beta Mu
 Beta Zeta
 Delta Epsilon
 Epsilon Kappa
 Gamma Delta
 Gamma Zeta
 Omega Pi
 Zeta Epsilon

I've enjoyed counting the loot!



If your chapter is not listed, you can still pay your dues, you just won't be able to vote at State Convention or enter any of the contests. Chapters who have not paid dues in 3 years will be dropped from the Oklahoma State Council roster.

Thanks to all the chapters who paid their dues in a timely manner!
 Dr. Billye Peterson
 Oklahoma State Council Treasurer



2012-2013 Dues Paid
STATE/DISTRICT/IC

CHAPTER	#	CITY	DIST.	MEMBER/HQ	MEMBER/PD	CHAPT/PD	DIST/PD	IC/PD
Alpha Epsilon	175	Enid		2	2	X		X
Alpha Kappa	1005	Midwest City	4	7	6		X	
Alpha Nu	5425	Arapaho	2	17	17	X	X	X
Alpha Omega	5110	Choctaw	4	3	3	X		X
Alpha Rho	4350	Broken Arrow	3	23	23	X	X	X
Alpha Sigma	3085	Vinta	3	9	9	X	X	X
Alpha Theta	1038	Muskogee	5	18			X	X
CHAPTER	#	CITY	DIST.	MEMBER/HQ	MEMBER/PD	CHAPTER/PD	DIST/PD	IC/PD
Alpha Zeta	3067	Pawhuska	3	17	17	X	X	X

Beta Beta	404	Holdenville	5	12	4		X	
Beta Chi	3396			3				
Beta Eta	3262			2				
Beta Gamma	391	Tulsa	3	14	14	X	X	X
Beta Iota	4283	McAlester	5	19	19	X	X	X
Beta Mu	606	Lawton	4	11	11	X	X	X
Beta Phi	485	Cherokee	2	28				X
Beta Psi	498	Clinton	2	25	25	X	X	X
Beta Rho	1270	Del City	4	13	13	X	X	X
Beta Zeta	3158	OKC	2	7	7	X	X	X
Chi Epsilon	5149	Talihina	5	8	8	X	X	X
Delta Chi	1637	Midwest City	4	4	4	X	X	X
Delta Delta	1809							
Delta Epsilon	2091	Del City	4	7	7	X	X	X
Delta Kappa	3538	Norman	4	23	23	X	X	X
Delta Lambda	3920	Muskogee	5	8	8	X	X	X
Delta Mu	1120	Antlers	5	17				
Delta Sigma	3913							
Epsilon Kappa	1945	Hominy	3	14	14	X	X	X
Eta Epsilon	2840	Skiatook	3	20	20	X	X	X
Eta Mu	2877	Owasso	3	17	17	X	X	X
Eta Omega	3022	Grove	3	14			X	X
Gamma Delta	702	Tulsa	3	9	9	X	X	X
Gamma Kappa	4018	Checotah	5	8	8	X	X	X
Gamma Pi	5091	Inola	3	21	21	X	X	X
Gamma Theta	3102	Texoma	2	25				
Gamma Zeta	3464	Edmond	2	23	23	X		X
Kappa Alpha	5393	Tulsa	3	9	9	1-9-13		X
Kappa Theta	5414	Guthrie	2	3	3	X		X
Nu Beta	4475			2				
Nu Delta	5244	Muskogee	5	12	12	X	X	X
Omega Pi	3832	Tulsa	3	14	14	X	X	X
Omicron Kappa	5011			1				
Sigma Chi	5053	Inola	3	18	18	X	X	X
Sigma Tau	4805			1				
Theta Sigma	4676	Jenks	3	8	8	1-5-13	X	X
Theta Tau	4563	Kingfisher	2	22	22	X	X	X
Zeta Alpha	2292	Grove	3	32	32	1-9-13	X	X
Zeta Epsilon	4614	Seminole	4	14	14	X	X	X
Zeta Eta	4009			3				
Zeta Gammon	4253	Shawnee	4	11	11	X	X	X

**"TREASURES EVERYDAY IN ESA"
DISTRICT IV MEETING
Kay Brader, DIST. IV - Coordinator**

You are invited to the District IV Meeting and Installation on March 9, 2013, at SunnyLane United Methodist Church, 2020 S. SunnyLane Road in Del City, Oklahoma. The church is easily accessible from I-40 or I-240. Registration begins at 12:30 and the meeting starts at 1:00. Delicious refreshments will be served after the installation ceremony. Robbin Brown will be installed as our new Coordinator. We are looking forward to a great year under her leadership!

There is still time to get your suggestions in for By-Law changes. Just get them to Glenda Petty, 4321 SE 16th St., Del City, OK 73115. If you are willing to serve as a District IV Officer, I am sure Robbin will be delighted to hear from you.

I am looking forward to seeing you at the next meeting. I also want to thank all of you for being such wonderful "Treasures" in my year as District IV Coordinator. I enjoyed working with and getting to know you better. Serving together in ESA fills up a bounty of treasure chests!

Sincerely,
Kay Brader
District Coordinator

**Nancy Baucom
Parliamentarian**

HELLO ESA SISTERS!

Even though we did make a few changes to the Oklahoma State Bylaws just back in April 2012, we usually try to make changes every odd year which means that it's time again to review your Oklahoma State Bylaws and please submit any proposed changes to me by March 1, 2013 so that I can present them at the March 16, 2013 Oklahoma State Council Meeting. My email address is rnbaucom@aol.com. Thank you.

See you in March!!

**Gwynn Nell Swanson
Disaster Fund Chairman**

Hi everyone,

I hope all of you had a great holiday and are having really good New Year. As most of you know, the purpose of the ESA International Disaster Fund is to assist an ESA member whose home and/or personal belongings are destroyed or damaged extensively by one of nature's causes - fire, flood, etc. Assistance may also be given when a member incurs heavy financial responsibility due to a debilitating



illness or accident, which involves the member or their immediate family who resides in their home and for whom they are legally responsible. This help is available to all ESA Active Members, Members-at-Large and Life Active Members. A claims application will need to be filled out explaining the Disaster along with receipts and material to back up the nature of the application may be submitted by an ESA member and the determination of the validity of those claims will be determined by the IC Disaster Fund Chair in agreement with the IC President and First Vice-President/President Elect.

Every year the ESA Disaster Fund depends on the donations given to the Disaster Fund by each chapter and individuals. Right now the donations are extremely low!! So hold a special event and raise that donation. Let's get busy and raise our total donation to excide last year total!!!

Please help support the Disaster Fund. Send that donation to me before April 1, 2013.

Chapter donations are as follows:	JoAnn Rott – Gamma Zeta, Edmond
Eta Epsilon – Skiatook	Alpha Zeta – Pawhuska
Alpha Nu – Arapaho	Eta Mu – Owasso
Epsilon Kappa – Hominy	Zeta epsilon – Seminole
Alpha Sigma – Vinita	Delta Epsilon – Del City
Alpha theta – Muskogee	Theta Sigma - Jenks

Robbin Brown State Chaplain

“People throughout the world may look different or have a different religion, education, or position, but they are all the same. They are the people to be loved. They are all hungry for love.”

Mother Teresa

Welcome Oklahoma sisters to a new year...2013! This is going to be a fantastic year for all of us. The following sisters received thoughts and prayers.

Thinking of You: Tina McKamie, 1st Vice President, Beta Iota, McAlester – visit to hospital Lora Thompson, Zeta Gamma, Shawnee, husband Howard

Get Well: Clara Vaughn, heart surgery

Sympathy: Charlene Harrell, Sigma Chi, Inola – passing of sister, Rose Bette Harvey, MAL, Gamma Epsilon, Tulsa Mozella Smith, Delta Kappa, Norman – passing of sister, Billie

Remember to let me know if any of your chapter members need cards or even a phone call so they know we are thinking of them.



Linda Leveridge State Easter Seals State Chair

I went to the farm over the holidays and broke poor Bart's heart. It looks like Bart will not be wearing his new clothes or coming to see all of you at State convention this year. This makes Linda very SAD! As of January seventh, only six chapters have sent donations to Easter Seals. When I turn is my

final report, that is not a very good showing for Oklahoma and that breaks Linda's heart. We do so much for St. Jude's. I was hopeful we would make my goal of two-thousand dollars for Easter Seals but as of this date (January 7th) we have only have nine hundred and fifty dollars (far short of my two thousand dollar goal.) Make Bart happy!! It is not too late. Please consider sending a donation at your next Chapter meeting.

Thanks,
Linda Leveridge – State Easter Seals Chairman

LET THE FUN BEGIN FOR THE ESA SILENT AUCTION 2013

Come one, come all to the ESA State Convention Silent Auction on Friday night, April 26, 2013 at the Holiday Inn in Norman, OK. All wonderful items are accepted. Baskets are appreciated but not required. Individual items sell just as well. There is no theme, so let your creativity go wild and join in the fun and beneficial activity. The proceeds from the auction will be used to support the Foundation, St. Jude's and Easter Seals.

See you in April with tons of items for an exciting ESA Silent Auction which hopefully will far exceed the amount we received last year which was \$1824.

Ramona Paine
ESA Foundation Counselor

**Ramona Paine
ESA Foundation
February/March 2013**



What do I get ????? for a birthday, reveal gift or anniversary?
If you have a secret sister, why not make her a member of the Foundation for \$25. I will have a drawing for every new member of the Foundation at Convention time and can grant you, it will be something very nice. We welcomed two new members, Jo Ann Rott and Rhonda Smith.

It would be great if each chapter would have a particular project to begin an endowment or add funds to an endowment that is not fully funded.

The Foundations website is up and running and there have been many scholarship applications completed on-line as well as those who are interested and have yet to pay their fees toward the scholarship.

Have you, a family member or chapter ever thought about starting an endowed scholarship in your name or chapter and add to it each year until it is fully endowed, so students would be able to apply for your scholarship. A mere \$100 begins the application process.

Wishing everyone a very Happy New Year!

Ramona Paine
ESA Foundation Counselor

ESA FOUNDATION FANTASY EVENT

The “Fantasy Event” is the annual fundraiser sponsored by the Foundation Board of Directors to support the scholarships and other programs by the Foundation. Invitations will be mailed out in January inviting you “not to attend.!”

This Event is a fun and easy way for members and friends to participate in the Foundation’s efforts.

Oklahoma has placed First in this event for the past four years and have been recognized at the IC Foundation annual Board Meeting. During the 2012 IC Board meeting only \$40 separated Oklahoma from Texas. So let the 2013 ESA Foundation Fantasy Event be your “Fantasy Getaway” doing these Oklahoma winter months.

Ramona Paine – ESA foundation Chairman

Darla Barton Philanthropic Chairman

Hello Sisters!

Well, guess what? Summer is just around the corner. And that means the temperatures are cooler and we can keep racking up those Philanthropic points. Work, work, work, that’s all we do, but the awards are so great.

Just a reminder of the new Service Report on our state web site. It’s been made a lot easier to keep track of our St. Jude points, now with separate sections for ALSAC and St. Jude chapter fund raisers. If your chapter’s Philanthropic Chairman doesn’t have access to our internet and our state web site, I would encourage other sisters to print one out for her. I really believe it will make our lives easier.

I would like to give a “Thank You Very Much” shout out to Kappa Alpha, Tulsa for sending in another Service Report. I love it! Keep them coming sisters.

Sending everyone God’s richest blessings,

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SCRAPBOOK
Nellrita Barrick – Chairman

Let's have all the chapters featured in our president's scrapbook by sending me photos of your year's events and activities.

It would be nice to have enough photographs for two pages. Our lovely Joyce will enjoy looking over and over at her Oklahoma ESA sister's goings on during her tenure.

In addition, if you have any photos taken at meetings and/or events where Joyce attended and our faithful PJ editor, Donna Shook, was not there with her camera, please forward them to me for the scrapbook.

Needless to say, for both of these requests, I do need the labeled photographs A.S.A.P.

Mail them to: Nellrita Barrick
119 The Hills
Clinton, OK 73601



More pictures from the National Convention of items entered in the Association of the Arts.





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how**

"ESA..Treasure's Of The Sea"
70th Oklahoma State Convention
April 27-29, 2013
Holiday Inn, Norman, Oklahoma
Joyce Gibson, President

2013 State Convention Program AD Form
(Check choice)

- _____ Full Page \$100.00
- _____ Half Page \$ 50.00
- _____ Quarter Page \$ 25.00
- _____ Business Card \$ 12.50



Contact Person _____

Chapter _____ Number _____

Telephone _____ Email _____

Amount Enclosed _____

Please, mail or email your camera ready AD and payment to:

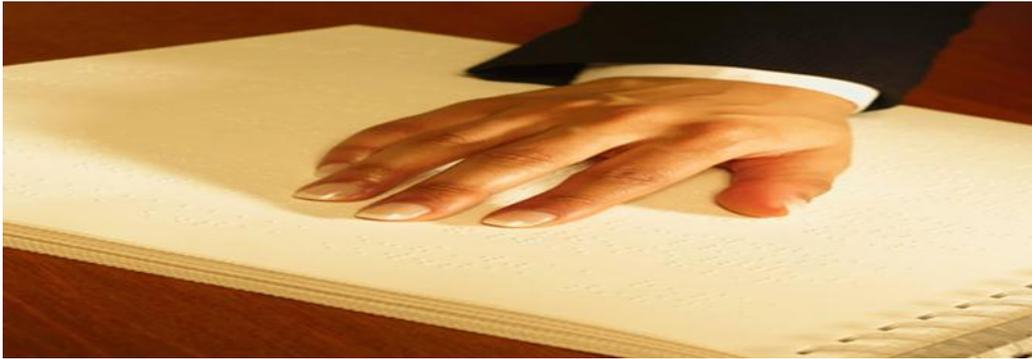
Stormy and Olivia Simmons
8108 NW 20th Terrace
Oklahoma City, OK 73127
405-789-8959

nanakitty22@sbcglobal.net

(We can design your AD if you supply the information you want.)

Make Check payable to "2013 Oklahoma State Convention Fund."

Oklahoma School for the Blind Tour



District III – District V
Meetings and Instillation of Officers
Saturday February 23, 2013

Registration/Light Breakfast 8:30 AM
MEETINGS START 9AM
Lunch \$10.00

Silent Auction sponsored by District III
Bake Sale sponsored by District V
RSVP by February 19, 2013
to Vivian Gibson
Tigervip60@aol.com or 405-364-0484

BAND WILL PERFORM AFTER LUNCH

Judi York ESA for St. Jude

Hope you are having a great new year and planning an event for St. Jude. Would like to know what you are doing for St. Jude. And don't forget to send in your St. Jude report. You can find the Service report at <http://www.oklaesa.org> under Forms and Reports/Service report.

Tulsa will be having a Radiothon March 7 & 8, 2013 at KVOO Radio Station. If you are in the area, please volunteer to work this fun event.

As you may know the tour of St. Jude has been rescheduled for March 21-23, 2013. Further information about the hotel and time for the tour will be sent out soon.

We are getting close to Dream Home season again. It won't be long before tickets go on sale in both Oklahoma City and Tulsa. Volunteers are needed for both Dream Homes.

Judi York
ESA for St. Jude State Project



Margaret Kramer Project Director

"You reap what you sow" GALATIANS 6: 7-9

I can not express enough how the generosity of the ESA members have impacted the children at OSB and OSD. Having had the opportunity to deliver gifts to both schools and watch the the dreams of many children become realities was priceless. To experience the joy of watching the blind children open their gifts and use the skills they are being taught at the school to realize what the gift was heartwarming. These "special" children need our support and encouragement as they strive to overcome their handicaps and you all, as individuals and chapters surpass these needs with your caring attention throughout the year. Thank you from the State Project "helper" seems inadequate.

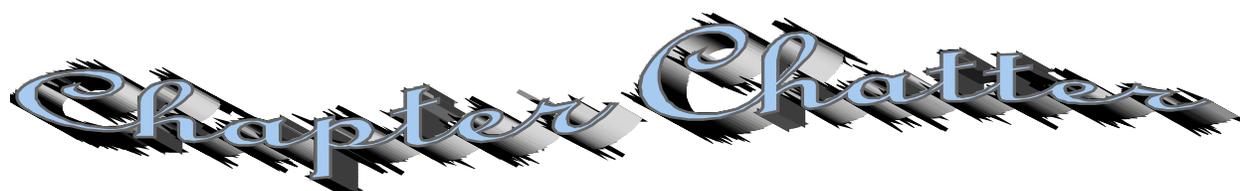
Just a reminder that if you have not sent your donation to the State Project Fund, please send it to Joyce Gibson. Please send Margaret Kramer your State Project Service Report; you will find the form on the OKLAESA Web Page The report should include all the children the chapter and individual chapter members sponsor. To be eligible for recognition reports are due by April 1, 2013. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to call or e-mail me. Looking forward to seeing you at Convention.

- Margaret Kramer (Substitute Chairman)



**Margaret Kramer
Awards Chairman**

Hi all! I trust that you all had a good holiday and you are sticking to your New Years Resolutions. I hope that I will have the privilege of recognizing all members for their service to ESA. Members will be recognized for years of service, first pearls and degrees earned. I will need to be notified with the names of the members who will be present and what awards need to be recognized. There will also be an award for "What ESA Means to Me", categories are for members less than 1 year and more than 1 year. The instructions for entry completion is available on the OKLAESA Web Page. I look forward to hearing from all chapters by the deadline date of April 1, 2013. If you have any questions call or e-mail me. Hope to see you at Convention.



Theta Tau 4563
Kingfisher
Petticoat Journal
February/March 2013

Theta Tau wishes everyone a Happy New Year! The members were glad to see the holidays arrive as they were sooooo busy during November and December making 350 lbs. of Aunt Bill's candy, over 450 loaves of Amish bread and approximately 40 dozen cinnamon rolls. The chapter also participated in Winterfest, an arts and craft show and held their annual Tour of Homes the first Sunday in December.

For our year-end activities we enjoyed a Christmas Social provided by the Social Committee and gift exchange at the home of our newest member, Dana McNeil, who joined us during our Chocotober membership drive.

During October and November we brought hot chocolate packets, hard candies and crew socks for our Hope for Heroes project.

We are looking forward to a busy new year with educationals on "Language of Flowers" and in January we will be honoring our Junior High Youth winner. We wish you a New Year filled with good health and happiness!

Ramona Paine
Publicity Chairman

**BETA IOTA 4283
MCALESTER
PETTICOAT JOURNAL
FEBRUARY/MARCH ISSUE**

Amazing how fast the Holidays were over! We had a great holiday season in McAlester starting off with our Christmas Party and Lori's house where we had wonderful hors d'oeuvres and even better fellowship. The highlight of it all was our Dirty Santa Christmas ornament exchange. Earlier on December 6 we were so proud of our Miss McAlester and McAlester Outstanding Teen and our Stars. They appeared in the Annual Christmas Parade. On November 17 our group participated in the St. Jude Give Thanks Walk and were third place in contributions. We are looking forward to the Miss America Watch Party on the 17th. After that we plan to go to the Oklahoma School for the Blind on February 23rd to attend the District V meeting and bring presents to our sponsored children there. Hope to see you all there.

June Miller,
Beta Iota #4283,
McAlester

**Zeta Gamma #4253
Shawnee
February/March PJ article**

Greetings from Shawnee! The Zeta Gamma sisters have been keeping busy. Our guest speaker Thixie Toddy came to talk to us about the program Shoes That Fit. This program benefits 20 schools in the Potawaname County. Each of the students in need of shoes will get one pair of athletic shoes and two pairs of socks. We collected 71 pairs of socks. Educational director Robbin is doing Oklahoma Tribes for her educationals this year. So far she has reported on Chickasaw, Choctaw, Cherokee & Seminole. Lola, MaryAnn, Gwen & Robbin stopped at the Chickasaw Cultural Center after the District IV meeting in Sulphur. It was very interesting, despite the cold rain.

December 8 was our Christmas party at Benedict Deli where we revealed our secret sisters and played "Right & Left" game with ornaments (some don't know their left from their right). Everyone had a great time and delicious food. We are getting ready for our annual Super Bowl Party at the home of Mary Toole. There is always lots of food, fun & screaming...GO TEAM!!! February 16 will be our Sweetheart Banquet to honor our Outstanding Youth & Distinguished Achievement winner. Of course we will have some delicious food, too. Have a great 2013!! Please keep all of our sisters in your thoughts and prayers.

Zeta Gamma 4253
Shawnee

Gamma Zeta 3464
Edmond
February/March
Gamma Zeta Donates to Project 66

ESA's Gamma Zeta chapter in Edmond, Ok recently donated to Project 66, a non-profit, faith-based ministry providing food and clothing to families in need in Edmond, Arcadia and surrounding communities. Over 500 families have been helped since Project 66's beginning in 2010. Project 66's mission is to feed the local population that would normally go undernourished, like kids, the elderly and working families who are facing unusually difficult economic times. They also provide seasonal clothing and shoes.

If you or someone you know needs food or clothing, they can call (404)396-3335 or visit Project 66 on Facebook. For information about Gamma Zeta service sorority, contact Rita Marsh at 405-715-0390.



Gamma Zeta members of ESA International volunteered for the St. Jude's Give Thanks Walk at Penn Square Mall on Saturday, November 17. Members participating were Shirley Moore, Billye Peterson, Kathy Shurigar and Jacci Gantz. Over 350 people participated in the walk. Several elementary schools and college students walked for St. Judes.

Jacci Gantz Gamma Zeta 3464 Edmond

Beta Iota #4283
McAlester

Oklahoma local chapter recently held a recruitment/social event on Saturday, January 12, 2013 by hosting a Miss America Watch Party at the home of chapter President Lori Few. Beta Iota has been a part of the local McAlester community for over 30 years. One of the chapters annual philanthropic events is sponsoring the Miss McAlester Scholarship Pageant, which is an official preliminary to the Miss America Scholarship Pageant. The Miss America Organization is the world's largest scholarship provider to young women.

The Watch Party was well received and helped new potential members learn about the importance of ESA and how to become involved. Over 30 people were in attendance party goers enjoyed food, fellowship, and fun.



Oklahoma State Council 70th Annual Convention
"ESA Treasures of the Sea"
April 26, 27, & 28, 2013
Holiday Inn Hotel – 1000 N. Interstate Drive – Norman, OK
Phone: 405.364.2882 – Registration Deadline Friday, April 19, 2013
www.holiday-inn.com/normanok

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MEMBER'S FULL REGISTRATION FEE POSTMARKED BY Friday, APRIL 19, 2013 includes Friday night mixer, general assemblies, workshops, Recognition Luncheon, Banquet & Brunch \$90.00

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Mail Registration form and payment to: Ramona Paine, Registration Chair
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Registration Deadline: Registration deadline is April 19, 2013. Registrations postmarked after Friday, April 19, 2013, will be assigned seating where vacancies exist. We cannot guarantee that late registrants will be seated with their chapters after Friday, April 19, 2013.

The ladies were the winners of the "Who dun it" play during the National Convention.



The players are on the left.