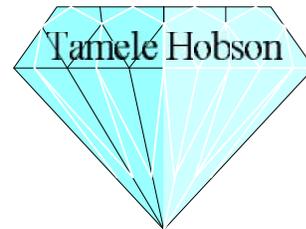


Supporters and encouragers of our president as she climbed the ladder and then held the office as President of Oklahoma's Epsilon Sigman Alpha. These are only a few.



Jewels of ESA

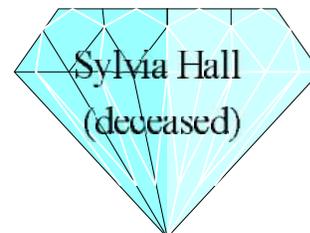
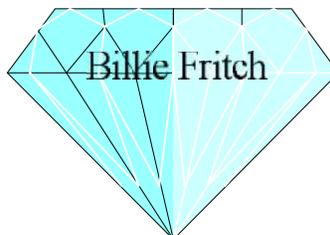
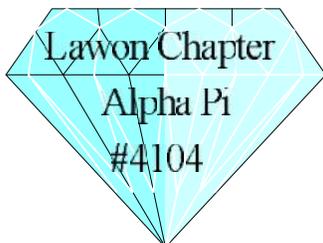
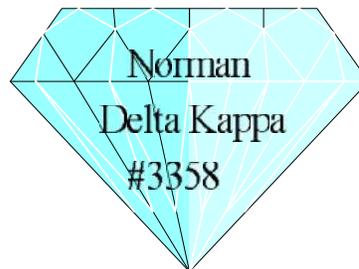
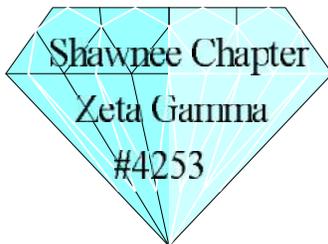
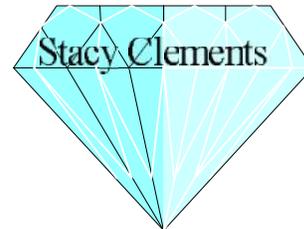
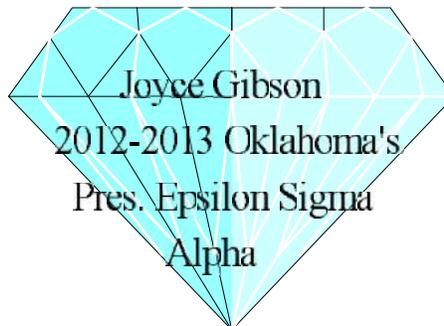
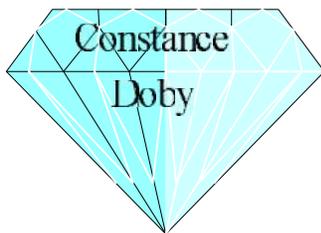


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The precious bundle in the upper left is the reason that our president has met herself coming and going this year. It would have been a handful in itself to be president of a state organization, but also to be a new mom has been stressful, too. So our hats are off to a super job by our Epsilon Sigma Alpha State President, Joyce Gibson. Maybe now, you can relax and just be a mom, waiting for new steps, talking in full sentences, playing games, going to school, driving a car, and marriage. WOW! Did that time just fly bye.

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE
JOYCE GIBSON
PRESIDENT OF OKLAHOMA EPSILON SIGMA ALPHA 2012-2013

Come celebrate 70 years of Oklahoma ESA! Spring greetings to all of you! First day of spring came, and the temperature dropped! That is Oklahoma.

The 70th Annual Oklahoma State Convention entitled "ESA Treasures of the Sea" is right around the corner. I hope you are planning to attend April 26th -28th at Holiday Inn in Norman for the fun and fellowship. The Head Pirate in Charge is Cathy Holsted, and the host chapters, Beta Zeta, Oklahoma City; Delta Kappa, Norman; Gamma Zeta, Edmond; Theta Tau, Kingfisher; Zeta Gamma, Shawnee; and the "sellers of the charms" Beta Mu, Lawton, are looking forward to making that weekend a most wonderful memory for you. Please be sure to have your chapter representative contact the following chairmen: ESA for St. Jude Chairman, Judi York, for the St. Jude presentation; Chaplain, Robbin Brown, for the Celebration of Life service; Corresponding Secretary, Vivian Y. Gibson, for the Flag Ceremony.

Rosalie Griffith has planned some wonderful workshops for you. On Friday afternoon, we kick things off with Judi York cooking some delicious items. Then we will be enlightened by IC Reps, Sandy Alexander and Deb Hughes. Finally, on Saturday we will learn how to defend ourselves from a wonderful gentleman from Tulsa.

You will find a tentative agenda in this issue. Please be sure to check the program upon arrival in case there have been any changes.

Thanks to all of you that participated in "Making Me Pay" St. Jude, Easter Seals, Foundation, OSD, OSB and Disaster Fund this year. Some of you were really creative with where your color was located. I really enjoyed seeing the array of jewel tones at each meeting.

We have one more time to recognize a fellow member that has gone above and beyond for another ESA member.

Please write a brief explanation of why you believe this person is a "Jewel of ESA" and get it to me as soon as possible - Email or USPS will be fine.

This has truly been a memorable year. Thank you for having faith in me to represent Oklahoma with pride. Be kind and love one another and continue to be "Jewels of ESA".



Joyce Gibson
President of Oklahoma Epsilon Sigma Alpha 2012-2013



SECOND VICE PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE
SECOND VICE PRESIDENT OF OKLAHOMA EPSILON SIGMA ALPHA 2012-2013
LINDA SOUTHERLAND

I hope everyone has learned a little bit about our Native American Oklahomans while hearing or reading my educational reports this year and hope it has been enjoyable for you. I have learned a lot and it has been a fun learning experience for me. I hope each of you have included one educational from my theme. Remember, the educational reports are due April 1st.
Linda Southerland, 2nd VP

Native American Involvement in the Statehood of Oklahoma

Oklahoma Territory's history began with the Indian Intercourse Act of 1834 when the United States Congress set aside land for Native Americans. At the time, the land was unorganized territory that consisted of all the federal land "west of the Mississippi and not within the states of Missouri and Louisiana, or the territory of Arkansas..." By 1856, the territory had been reduced to the modern-day borders of the State of Oklahoma. These lands quickly became known as Indian Territory, as they had been granted to certain Indian nations under the Indian Removal Act, in exchange for their historic territories east of the Mississippi River.

Until this point, Native Americans had exclusively used the land. In 1866, after the American Civil War, the federal government required new treaties with the tribes that had supported the Confederacy, and forced them into land and other concessions. As a result of the Reconstruction Treaties, The Five Civilized Tribes were required to emancipate their slaves and offer them full citizenship in the tribes if they wanted to stay in the Nations. This forced many of the tribes in Indian Territory into making concessions. The US officials forced the cession of some 2,000,000 acres of land in the center of the Indian Nation Territory.

The popular press began referring to this tract as the Unassigned Lands or Oklahoma and to the people agitating for its settlement as Boomers. To prevent settlement of the land by European Americans, in April 1879, President Rutherford B. Hayes, issued a proclamation forbidding unlawful entry into Indian Territory.

On March 2, 1889, Congress passed an amendment to the Indian Appropriations Act of 1871, which provided for the creation of homestead settlements in the unassigned lands, to be known as Oklahoma Territory. President Grover Cleveland announced that the Oklahoma lands would be opened on April 22 via land run. The land run was held at noon and was open to all people of at least 21 years of age.

The Land Run of 1889, the first land run in the territory's history, opened Oklahoma Territory to settlement on April 22, 1889. Over 50,000 people entered the lands on the first day, among them several thousand freedmen and descendants of slaves. Couch and his Boomers, now numbering some 14,000, also entered the race. Those who entered Oklahoma before the official start of the race were called Sooners.

When the run began at noon, men on thousands of horses, wagons, buggies, carts, and vehicles rushed across to Oklahoma. The law-abiders fought with the Sooners on several instances. A legal pioneer shot and wounded William Couch, a Sooner. He died on April 21, 1890, as a result of his wounds.



When the race was over, many disappointed pioneers were forced to leave the area without any claim. Of the 14,000 Boomers, only 1,000 had made claims. Tent cities grew overnight at Oklahoma City, Kingfisher, El Reno, Norman, Guthrie, and Stillwater, which was the first of the settlements.

The next year, on May 2, 1890, Congress passed the Oklahoma Organic Act, which organized the western half of Indian Territory into Oklahoma Territory.[1] The eastern half remained under Indian rule, predominantly that of the Five Civilized Tribes, as Indian Territory. Congress included in Oklahoma Territory the strip of country known as No Man's Land, embracing 3,681,000 acres, which became Beaver County. In September 1890, the 1,282,434 acres of the Sac and Fox, Iowa, and Pottawatomie reservations in the eastern part of Oklahoma Territory were opened to settlement. The following spring, the 4,397,771 acres of Cheyenne and Arapaho lands in the center of the Territory were opened. On September 16, 1893, the Cherokee Outlet was opened to settlement, and the counties of Kay, Grant, Woods, Woodward, Garfield, Noble, and Pawnee were created from its 6,014,239 acres of land. In 1895 the Kickapoo reservation of 206,662 acres was settled, and the year following Greer County, which had been considered a portion of Texas, was given to the Territory by a decision of the Supreme Court of the United States. All of these, with the Kiowa, Comanche and Apache and Wichita reservations just opened, gave Oklahoma Territory a settled area of 24,000,000 acres, 1,725,646 acres of which was still included in Indian reservations

Path to Statehood

With the passage of the Organic Act of 1890, Oklahoma Territory existed from 1890 to 1907. During that time, seven Governors (and two acting Governors) administered the territory. During its 17-year existence, little of note occurred due to the growing idea of statehood, which had originated in Indian Territory. Most of the Governors stayed in office for only a few months; institutions founded during this time were the University of Oklahoma, the University of Central Oklahoma (then known as the Territorial Normal School) and the Oklahoma State University (then known as Oklahoma Agricultural and Mechanical School). The territory's real purpose was to serve as a transitional government from unorganized territory to state.

Representatives of the Five Civilized Tribes met in 1902 to work on securing statehood for Indian Territory and held a convention in Eufaula. The representatives met again in 1903 to organize a constitutional convention.

The Sequoyah Constitutional Convention met in Muskogee, on August 21, 1905. General Pleasant Porter, Principal Chief of the Creek Nation, was elected as president of the convention. The elected delegates decided that the executive officers of the Five Civilized Tribes would be appointed as vice-presidents: William C. Rogers, Principal Chief of the Cherokees; William H. Murray, appointed by Chickasaw Governor Douglas H. Johnston to represent the Chickasaw; Chief Green McCurtain of the Choctaw; Chief John Brown of the Seminole; and Charles N. Haskell, appointed by Porter to represent the Creek.

The convention drafted a constitution, drew up a plan of organization for the government, put together a map showing the counties to be established, and elected delegates to go to the United States Congress to petition for statehood. The convention's proposals were presented in a referendum in Indian Territory, in which they were overwhelmingly endorsed.

The delegation received a cool reception in Washington. Eastern politicians, fearing the admission of two more Western states, put pressure on the U.S. President, Theodore Roosevelt. He ruled that the Indian and Oklahoma Territories would be granted statehood only as a combined state.

The hard work of the Sequoyah State Constitutional Convention was not entirely lost. When representatives from Indian Territory joined the Oklahoma State Constitutional Convention in Guthrie the next year, they brought their constitutional experience with them. The Sequoyah Constitution

served in large part as the basis for the constitution of the State of Oklahoma, which came into being with the merger of the two territories in 1907.

Territorial Governor Frank Frantz oversaw the transition from territory to state. He was selected as the Republican nominee to serve as the state's first Governor. He faced the Democratic Charles N. Haskell in the election on September 17, 1907. In the same election, the Oklahoma Constitution was proposed. The Constitution was passed and Haskell was elected Governor. Once the people of Oklahoma adopted the United States Constitution on November 16, 1907, Oklahoma and Indian Territories officially dissolved and the State of Oklahoma was admitted to the Union as the 46th state.

TREASURER'S REPORT
TREASURER OF OKLAHOMA EPSILON SIGMA ALPHA 2012-2013
DR. BILLYE PETERSON



Several more chapters can be added to the list as having paid their state dues since my last report:

Antlers	Delta Mu
Jenks	Theta Sigma
Grove	Zeta Alpha
Muskogee	Alpha Theta
Tulsa	Kappa Alpha



Thanks for becoming a JEWEL for Joyce this year—together we can make a difference! For everyone who has a line-item in the budget, please get your voucher and receipt/s to me before April 1. That's the last day I can write checks. I've enjoyed being your Treasurer this year. Thanks for the opportunity. Hope to see everyone at the Treasures of the Sea Convention!

Billye Peterson

Oklahoma State Council Treasurer

Petticoat Journal

April/May 2013



OKLAHOMA SCHOOL FOR THE BLIND TOUR

A Day of Installations and Reflection



(During the day, officers of District III and District V were installed for 2013-2014. The installing officials sent the PJ -after I asked them- their installation words. These examples may help other chapters with ideas for their installations.)

DISTRICT III INSTALLATION SATURDAY FEBRUARY 23, 2013 PARKVIEW SCHOOL FOR THE BLIND MUSKOGEE, OKLAHOMA

Gradually, as the months fade away, another year retreats to its place in our ESA history, and we begin a new year. We congratulate the retiring officers for their dedication and success of the past year, as we look forward to another beginning in District III.

New officers: the membership has bestowed a great honor on each of you by asking you to be a part of the leadership this year, and I ask that you strive to join hands and look for the good of the entire membership of this district.

They seem to take the sunshine and wear it in their smile,
They're kind and understanding, lovely and sincere,
Ready with a compliment or friendly word of cheer.
They give with generosity that never seems to end.

“The World is in Your Hands”. The spirit in which you accept this globe will virtually affect the results. Reach out to our District, with confidence and high expectations. Your hands are charged to be faithful to your obligations and dedicated to your chapter’s ideals.

The responsibility extended to you this morning is to be aware of your membership. Encourage their participation in the activities of District III and the State Council. Listen to your members, as it is they you will represent.

Parliamentarian, Peggy Sprinkle, please accept your Globe. You now have the World is in Your Hands. Peggy, your world will be one of completeness and perfection resulting from diversity and changing into unity. This completeness will grow from your manner and actions. As Parliamentarian, the courage and understanding you provide to your Coordinator will be inspiring to the entire membership. From this inspiration you will find diplomacy, patience and wisdom. This inspiration will give you courage for the fair judgment that is essential for the office of Parliamentarian. This inspiration will be the catalyst that sets the tone for each meeting. Please indicate your willingness to accept this office by saying, "I am."



Treasurer, Charlene Law, please accept your Globe. You now have the World is in Your Hands. Charlene the office of Treasurer carries a great deal of responsibility with the confidence that if you care to love, love will be returned. If you trust people, then the trust will be returned to you. As Treasurer, you will keep true and accurate records according to the trust that has been placed upon you. You must always remember that to no other comes a more definite and tangible responsibility. Please indicate your willingness to accept this office by saying "I am".

Recording Secretary, Byrdie, please accept your Globe. You now have the World is in Your Hands. Since the beginning of time, man has recorded the events of the day. Man has been rewarded, as this history has been an educational tool that has helped us along our current paths for all those that will follow. Byrdie, you too, will be rewarded in knowing that your achievement is based on giving the best you have to the work at hand. As recording secretary, you will be vital in writing the glorious history of our District this year. Choose your words well as they will inform others of our accomplishments. Please indicate your willingness to accept this responsibility by saying "I am."

Vice Coordinator, Dawn, please accept, your Globe. You now have the World is in Your Hands. _Dawn, The greatest part of progress is the desire to progress. And growth is progress. The progress of your ESA world will revolve in friendship with the membership. There was never a person who did anything worth doing that did not receive more than she gave in Friendship. May you find pleasure and happiness as you discharge the important duties of this office. As Membership Chairman, your responsibility is to not only promote membership growth and retention, but to encourage chapters to keep planning for the future. Membership growth is our only hope for the future. Please indicate your willingness to accept this responsibility by saying "I am."

Coordinator, Mary Johnson, please accept your Globe. You now have the World is In Your Hands. Mary you have chosen as your Theme for this year, “Serving the World through ESA” a revelation of yourself and to your peers. You not only serve your Chapter, District, State, Hope for Heroes, St. Jude, Easter Seals and your community. The revelation tells the world that your life is what you make of it and that we must take responsibility for it. The sorority world can be all you want it to be. Our sorority world is made from the decisions we make and what we learn from these decisions. You are revealing what you have learned from the decisions you have made with your sorority. You will use this time to enhance your present leadership skills by taking an active role throughout District III and the state with your visitations, encouragement and dedication to the ideals of ESA. The supreme incentive to achievement is high objectives. I challenge you to set your objectives high. The responsibilities will be many, but the rewards will know you have done your task with the best that is within you. You hold a unique position of leadership, as you are the member's choice to lead them this year. Please indicate your willingness to accept this office by saying "I am." And Mary I have a little advice for you, learn to say no and I could use a little help, it takes a team to pull this off and you can't save the World alone, although I know you will try.

Poem: Gentle Words of Encouragement

As you reach forward with one hand,
Accept the advice of those who have gone before you.
And in the same manner, each back with the other hand
To those who follow you.
For life is a fragile chain of experiences
Held together by love.
Take pride in being the strong link in that chain.
Discipline yourself, but do not be harsh.
The pleasures of life are yours to be taken.
Share them with others, but always remember that you,
Too, have earned the right to partake.

I now declare the officers of District III duly installed for the year 2013-2014.



February 23, 2013
Epsilon Kappa, Hominy
Installation by Bunnie Sullins

Oklahoma State Council President 2008-2009

-E S A-
“PUT YOUR HEART INTO IT!”
DISTRICT V INSTALLATION
February 23, 2013
BRENDA BEED
DISTRICT V COORDINATOR

Another year has passed in ESA and our purpose is to install our new District V officers. Will our new officers Brenda Beed, Jane Thomas, _____ who is standing in for Margaret Kramer, who is traveling in Ireland, Ruth Jo Carnagey, and _____, who is standing in for Jeanne Meyer, please come forward. We will join with them and begin to ‘PUT OUR HEART INTO ESA’

The Heart is associated with many emotions. Where do these emotions and will to work come from? The Brain? The Soul? Our Conscience? The Heart? What makes us love, work, play, hate, cry, be angry? Does the Heart send a text message to our brain? Saying LOL, TY, BFF, OMG?? I don’t know, but our will to work, love, play comes from somewhere inside us. Today I think it comes from the HEART.....the heart of ESA.....sooooo I am asking you and you and you to join with Brenda and the rest of the District V officers to ‘PUT YOUR HEART INTO ESA!’ When I call your name, will you please take a step forward?

Brenda Beed, District V Coordinator.....Brenda, as Coordinator this year, you represent the heart of ESA in District V. Will you accept this heart (put on her). As I install your officers, please give each of them a key...a key to your heart. Brenda, on your shoulders rests the success and the continuation of District V. We need your dedication, leadership, humor and strength to grow in the coming year. Serve your office with dignity and to the best of your ability. Be impartial and energetic in all that you do. Thank you for accepting this office?

Jane Thomas, Vice Coordinator, thank you so much for assuming the responsibility of this office. We all know you for your dedication to ESA and by the heart you put into your work here at the School. Please keep the work of District V in your heart and be ready to aid Brenda and share responsibilities in leading the Council. If you are willing to fulfill this office, please accept the key to Brenda’s heart from her.

Margaret Kramer is continuing her work as Recording Secretary this year; however, since she is touring Ireland, Peggy Pate is standing in for Margaret today. The council will rely on you to keep accurate accounts of meetings and to keep us informed of the business at hand. Your records will be a history of the year's activities. Please accept this key from Brenda as you accept the duties of Recording Secretary.



Ruth Jo Carnagey is continuing into her third term as Treasurer for District V. Thank you, Ruth Jo. Your office is one of dignity and seriousness. In your keeping is placed the financial welfare of District V.

You must continue to keep accurate accounts and dispense funds as directed by the council. Please accept Brenda's key to her heart and the Treasure chest you are responsible for in District V.

Janet Eaton, standing in for Jeanne Meyer, Parliamentarian, your responsibility is to see that things are kept on an even keel so that our heart will not be broken and that we follow the proper parliamentary procedure in our meetings. You stand at the side of the Coordinator to encourage and advise. Please accept the key to Brenda's heart as you undertake the responsibilities ahead.

Members of ESA and District V, you have elected your officers but your job is not done. These officers have pledged themselves to a year of service for ESA. They realize that to build District V and ESA they must work, BUT they cannot do this alone. Please stand to signify that you will join with them and combine your talents and time with their efforts and keep the HEART OF ESA BEATING REGULARLY AND STRONG!

I declare you duly installed officers of District V of the Oklahoma State Council of ESA.

(Installing Officer – June Miller)

DISTRICT IV ROBBIN BROWN – REPORTING

The last meeting for the 2012-2013 year was held March 9 at the Sunnyside Methodist Church with the installation of the new coordinator Robbin Brown. Lora Thompson installed the new officers along with Zeta Gamma members and other members from District IV chapters. Also installed was Linda Leveridge, Vice Coordinator; Judy Montgomery, Treasurer; Wanda Lucas, Recording Secretary; Doris Kemp, Parliamentarian; Gwen Beasley, Corresponding Secretary, and Kay Brader, Junior Past Coordinator. Robbin's theme is "Be a Fan of ESA" with fans as her logo. After the installation, refreshments were served. Nancy Buck, Educational Chairman, demonstrated how to look "electrified" in wearing scarfs and jewelry, no matter the color. Griener School for the Handicapped was voted on again to be next year's project for District V. The next meeting will be August 29th. See you at State Convention.



**STATE CHAPLAIN
CHAPLAIN OF OKLAHOMA EPSILON SIGMA ALPHA 2012-2013
ROBBIN BROWN**

The following cards have been sent. Get Well: Marge Goodno, Omega Pi, Tulsa: foot surgery
Leslie Farabee, Eta Mu, Owasso: eye surgery Tina McKamie, Beta Iota, McAlester: surgery
Rosalie Griffith, Gamma Pi, Inola: ill

Thinking of You: Nancy Baucom, Beta Mu, Lawton: husband Russell ill Gertrude Riddle, Gamma Pi,
Inola: grandson injured Mary Johnson, Epsilon Kappa, Inola: husband ill Mary Adams, Gamma Pi, Inola:
husband ill Peggy Sprinkle, Beta Gamma, Tulsa: sister ill

Sympathy: Faye Rikkola, Eta Mu, Owasso: death of mother Leslie Farabee, Eta Mu, Owasso: death
of grandmother Lora Thompson, Zeta Gamma, Shawnee: death of husband Howard
Lola Jaegers, Zeta Gamma, Shawnee: death of daughter Jennifer Wostal Maxine Wheelan, Delta Chi,
Midwest City: death of niece Jeanne Kindley, Beta Gamma, Tulsa: death of father

Congratulations: Sue Knight, Gamma Pi, Inola: new great-granddaughter

“When you are troubled and worried sick at heart
And your plans are upset and your world falls apart
Remember God’s ready and willing to share
The burden is much too heavy to bear
So with faith, “Let go and let God” lead your way
Into a brighter and less troubled day.”

-Helen Steiner Rice

Robbin Brown
Robbesa4@gmail.com



**ESA FOUNDATION COUNSELOR
APPOINTED OFFICER OF OKLAHOMA EPSILON SIGMA ALPHA 2012-2013
ROMANA PAINE – ESA FOUNDATION COUNSELOR**

Oklahoma had another record breaking year for the scholarship applications that were accepted. We had a total of 424 applications received that was down 11 from 2012.

2013 Credentials for IC Convention

Anyone wishing to name a proxy to carry your vote should see me during the State Convention to sign the credential form.

Let’s see who is eligible to vote:

- Foundation member with dues paid in good standing attending IC can cast his/her own vote.
- Foundation member with dues paid in good standing NOT attending IC must have a proxy for his/her vote.
- Foundation member with dues paid in good standing attending IC can cast as many proxies as asked/needed.



- A member of a group with dues paid in good standing (business, chapter, district, state) who is not casting his/her own vote for the Foundation, may cast the vote for the group provided that member is attending IC. This member does not have to be a member of the Foundation. If the member is casting his/her own vote for the Foundation, he/she may be the proxy for the group.

Anyone in attendance at the Annual Meeting, who votes or carries a proxy, is entitled to a Certificate of Attendance. Certificates will not be automatically distributed, but when requested, will be provided.

REMEMBER the STATE COUNSELOR OR HER REPRESENTATIVE carries all the proxy votes that have not been assigned. The ballots will be distributed at the Oklahoma state caucus night.

The new 2013 Oklahoma ESA Foundation Counselor will be responsible for taking care of this at IC Convention or her designated representative.

I have enjoyed being your Counselor for the past two years.

FUNDING OUR PROJECTS

State Convention is just around the corner, so it's not too early for chapters to think about what kind of donations or theme basket they would like to bring for the Silent Auction on Friday night, April 26, 2013.

This is a great way for chapters to show creativity while giving the Oklahoma State Council ESA members a chance to SHOP!

Theme baskets are great, but you may also donate both small and large items
Proceeds from the auction go to three funds:

- ESA Foundation
- St. Jude's Children Research Hospital
- Easter Seals

Your donations as individual members or chapters are much appreciated.

If you want to help with auction items contact Judi York, Linda Leveridge, or Ramona Paine at rockingchair18@hotmail.com.

Ramona Paine
ESA Foundation Counselor

CONTEST CHAIRMAN FOR OKLAHOMA EPSILON SIGMA ALPHA 2012-2013 JOYCE WHITEWING

I hope many of you have entered the state contests and want to wish all of you the best of luck. Thank you so much for sharing your ideas and talents with your sisters across the state!

I know we will all be busy during convention weekend, but I do hope that you find time to check out the Association of the Arts room, where you will find displays and see the talents of so many. The publicity books and entries to contests will also be on display and I encourage each of you to check those out!

I'm looking forward to seeing you at convention!

Joyce Whitewing
Contest Chairman

Chapter Chatter

TULSA AREA COUNCIL PUBLICITY FOR MARCH/APRIL 2012-13 PJ

Tulsa Area Council President, Peggie Sprinkle, called her first "ESA Hugs" meeting to order on March 6, 2013 at 7 pm at Clairehouse of Tulsa. TAC chapters include Beta Gamma, Eta Mu (Owasso), Gamma Delta, Kappa Alpha, & Omega Pi. These chapters work together throughout the year to promote ESA events and special projects like our Bunko Bash in July. The 2012 Bunko Bash provided assistance to Clairehouse, Tulsa Community College and Eastern Oklahoma Food Bank, which were presented contribution checks at TAC Candlelight Dinner and Installation on December 1, 2012. Charlene Law and committee will discuss any upcoming special projects.

Chaplain, Barbara Childers, recited "Be Grateful" and provided a list of chapter members that needed prayers and cards.

IC Officer Deb Hughes provided information on what our IC President, Suzie Winters, is hoping ESA members will help to "Strike Out DVIS" and Vicky Jones on "Literacy." More details to come on each special event or function for this.

Oklahoma State Council. Judi York, St. Jude Contact Chairman presented the work schedule for the Radiothon on March 7 & 8 at KVOO and remote location at Woodland Hills Mall. Members are encouraged to keep their work times and hope the monetary goal is reached. Judi will announce that total money collected later. She also reminded chapters to donate silent auction items for State Convention. Darlene Cushenberry provided St. Jude Dream Home packets for each chapter. Drawing will be June 30. Ticket sales start March 27 and Open Houses May 18.

Leslie Farabee, Oklahoma State Council Publicity Chair, asked chapters to send in their published articles to her postmarked April 1 for Joyce's Newsfolder. These articles need to be labeled properly. Each chapter will receive participation recognition towards Outstanding Chapter.

Tulsa Area Council Vice President, Judi York announced that the Founder's Day Tea will be May 5 at Clairehouse and Candlelight Dinner will be December 14 at Freddie's Steakhouse. Educational, Peggy Hughes presented "An American President on the Hunt."

Submitted by Leslie Farabee, TAC Publicity

ZETA GAMMA CHAPTER SHAWNEE #4253

Greeting Sisters. Zeta Gamma sisters are saddened by the loss of Lora Thompson's husband Howard and Lola and Joe Jaeger's daughter Jennifer. Our thoughts continue to be with them both. Our Sweetheart Banquet was held February 9 to award our Outstanding Youth and the Distinguished Achievement Award. The Distinguished Achievement Award was presented to Beth Perry from Shawnee, and the Outstanding Youth was presented to Jon Lowery. He is the grandson of our member Dee Lowery. Congratulations to both of the winners. We are getting ready for the state convention and are looking forward to help our treasured state president Joyce to have a "jewel" of a convention. See you all there!

Robbin Brown

THETA TAU #4563 KINGFISHER

Theta Tau is gearing up for spring with another major fundraiser! We will be doing our annual cinnamon rolls baking during April. This fundraiser pays for our philanthropic projects.

Our second Hope for Heroes project was bringing hard candies, lifesavers, etc. for the troops. Stormy Simmons delivered them as well as the crew socks to the Hugs Project to go into their boxes for the troops.

Olivia Simmons was selected as our Outstanding Junior High student. Due to the weather our February meeting was cancelled. She will be honored at our March meeting, Olivia shares her love of ESA with her mother, Stormy, aunt, Misty Blundell and grandparents Cathy and Doc Holsted. Olivia has been attending ESA Council meetings and events as a tiny baby. Today, even though, she is a 7th grader at St. Joseph School in Yukon she volunteers to help ESA in the state by volunteering for St. Jude's Walk, Dream Home and tele-athon. At the Council meetings she can be found helping Nana Cathy with the 50/50 jar. She is also a DESA.

Stormy Simmons, Educational Director, will present her last educational on the "Language of Flowers" at the March meeting. Ramona Paine will present a program on the state educational theme "Burial Customs of Native Americas" which was postponed from the February meeting.

We hope to see many of you at state convention.

Ramona Paine
Publicity Chairman



Members of Theta Tau

Chapter Chatter March/April 2012-13 Eta Mu Owasso #2877

Members of Eta Mu continue celebrating the "Carousel of Life" with Judy Kimball. 2013 has brought many challenges and concerns for our members, but they are survivors and will continue to pursue our chapters' goal of serving our community in ESA.

On February 12, at their Annual Valentines' Day Dinner out to Blue Phoenix, a special meeting was called to order to discuss the remaining events and topics to finalize. All members present shared exciting stories about their favorite Valentine or their "love" story with husband. Faye Rikkola, Parliamentarian, presented the 2013-14 Slate of officers. President, Judy Kimball; Vice President, Debby Thompson; Secretary, Leslie Farabee; Treasurer, Raedell Weatherl; Parliamentarian, Faye Rikkola; and Educational, Kathy Curtis. Board will be installed on April 23.

At District III on February 23, Debby Thompson, Faye Rikkola, and Leslie Farabee enjoyed the State Council meeting and all the ESA information, Installation of Mary Johnson and her Board, fabulous lunch provided by OSB staff and the OSB Jazz Band.

Tulsa Area Council President, Peggie Sprinkle called for first “ESA Hugs” meeting on March 6 and Eta Mu members Leslie Farabee, Faye Rikkola, and Virginia Shadrick attended. Virginia won the door prize, again. She’s a very lucky winner. Members will work on the St. Jude Dream Home starting this spring and drawing on June 30.

Leslie Farabee and Rita Hains worked at the March 7 & 8 St. Jude Radiothon at KVOO. We enjoy working this event and catching up with our Sisters from surrounding chapters to help in this event. We hope the money raised exceeds the goal we have set for this event.

Currently, Eta Mu members are coordinating their Outstanding 11th Grade Young Woman’s Essay Contest. This is an essay devoted to honoring our juniors in Owasso School System. The tea will be on May 7 at the First United Methodist Church in Owasso. This event used to be the Outstanding Youth, where we honored 5th to 12th grade young ladies with the assistance of each schools counselor. It is our goal to recognize these young ladies, whom we hope one day can join as adults to ESA or go on to college and stays involve in their community.

Members are preparing to attend Oklahoma State Council Convention in Norman. We are looking forward to seeing our wonderful ESA sisters and what awesome events/special projects they have been involved in.



Submitted by Leslie Farabee, Co-publicity

BETA IOTA #4283 McALESTER

Beta Iota of McAlester is a local chapter of Epsilon Sigma Alpha International. ESA is a nonprofit service organization that makes a difference in the lives of others. March 2013 marks the 40th anniversary of Beta Iota serving as a local chapter of Epsilon Sigma Alpha International in the McAlester community. Beta Iota believes that volunteerism strengthens communities and enhances the overall quality of life. McAlester Mayor Steve Harrison proclaims March 2013 to be Beta Iota Philanthropy Month and calls upon the people of McAlester to promote the spirit of volunteerism and to observe the month with appropriate activities, programs and ceremonies supporting Beta Iota. Photographed are Beta members with the mayor. Pictured seated from left are Beta Iota President Lori Few: Steve Harrison, mayor; and Tawanna Cathey, Beta Iota Vice President; and standing from left are Jennifer Stewart, June Miller, Tina McKamie, Brenda Beed and Betty Balkman.





**70th Annual Oklahoma State Convention
 “ESA Treasures of the Sea”
 April 26th, April 27th, April 28th, 2013**

Tentative Agenda

(Please check Convention program upon arrival for final agenda)

Friday, April 26, 2013

12:00 pm – 6:00 pm	Convention Registration	Foyer – 2nd Floor
12:00 pm – 4:00 pm	Association of the Arts – Check in	Conference Center – 2nd Floor
12:00 pm – 4:00 pm	Information & Sales	Main Lobby – 1st Floor
(Charms, Convention Sales, PJ, Credentials, Directory, Foundation Credentials, Silent Auction Check in)		
1:00 pm – 4:00 pm	Hospitality	Suite TBA
2:30 pm – 3:30 pm	Workshop	Diamond – 1st Floor
3:35 pm – 4:35 pm	Workshop	Sapphire – 1st Floor
5:00 pm – 7:00 pm	Executive & General Board Dinner	Emerald 2 & 3 – 1st Flr
7:45 pm – 10:00 pm	Mixer/Auction	Emerald 1-3 – 1st Floor
Flag Ceremony rehearsal immediately following the Mixer		Emerald
10:00 pm – 12:00am	Hospitality	Suite TBA

Saturday, April 27, 2013

7:00 am – 7:45 am	Convention Registration	Foyer – 2nd Floor
6:30 am	Breakfast (Complimentary / two per room)	Restaurant – 1st Floor
7:00 am – 7:30 am	1st Time Attendees/Pledges	President’s Room (TBA)
8:00 am – 11:00 am	First General Assembly (DOORS CLOSE AT 7:55AM)	Emerald 1-3 - 1st Floor
11:00 am – 12:15 pm	Association of the Arts - Exhibits	Conference Center – 2nd Floor
11:00 am – 12:15 pm	Information & Sales	Main Lobby – 1st Floor
12:30 pm – 2:30 pm	Awards Luncheon	Emerald 1-3 – 1st Floor
2:45 pm – 4:00 pm	Association of the Arts – Exhibits	Conference Center – 2nd Flr
2:45 pm – 4:30 pm	Information & Sales	Main Lobby – 1st Floor
3:00 pm – 4:00 pm	Workshop	Diamond – 1st Floor
4:05 pm – 4:30 pm	Association of the Arts – PICK UP	Conference Center – 2nd Flr
5:15 pm – 6:05 pm	Candidates Reception	Sapphire – 1st Floor
6:10 pm – 6:25 pm	Installation Rehearsal	Emerald – 1st Floor
6:30 pm – 9:30 pm	Installation/Banquet (DOORS CLOSE AT 6:45)	Emerald – 1st Floor
10:00 pm – 12:00 am	Hospitality Room	Suite TBA

Sunday, April 28, 2013

8:00 am – 1:00 pm	Photo Display	Hotel Lobby – 1st Floor
8:00 am – 8:45 am	Incoming/Outgoing	Diamond – 1st Floor
9:00 am – 9:40 am	Celebration of Life	Emerald 1-3 – 1st Floor
9:45 am – 12:00 pm	2nd General Assembly/Brunch	Emerald 1-3 – 1st Floor



**ESA...TREASURES OF THE SEA
70th Oklahoma State convention
April 27-29, 2013
Holiday Inn, Norman, Oklahoma
Joyce Gibson, President**

**2013 State Convention 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 _____ **E-mail** _____

Amount Enclosed _____

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

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

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

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



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

Member Name: _____

Address _____

Phone _____ Fax _____ Email _____

Chapter Name _____ Chapter Number _____ City _____

Check All that Apply

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Chapter President | <input type="checkbox"/> 1 st Time Convention Goer | <input type="checkbox"/> 2012/2013 Pledge |
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| <input type="checkbox"/> Current/Previous IC Officer | <input type="checkbox"/> Current/Previous ESAR BRD | <input type="checkbox"/> Guest |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Special diet men/medical reasons only **Contact Romona Paine – Convention Registrar
(580) 242-0741 604 W. Wheat Capital Road, Enid, OK 73701 | | |

Men’s Registration

Name : _____ Husband/Escort of: _____

DESAVELAN Registration

Name: _____ ESA Member/Chapter _____

Guest Registration

Name _____ Guest of: _____

Check All That Apply

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Member’s Full Registration Fee Postmarked by Friday, April 19, 2012 includes Friday night mixer, general assemblies, workshops, Recognition Luncheon, Banquet and Brunch | \$90.00 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Guest’s Registration Fee includes Friday night mixer and Banquet | \$40.00 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> DESAVELAN Registration includes Friday night mixer, general assemblies, workshops, Recognition Luncheon, Banquet, and Brunch | \$90.00 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Banquet Guest Fee | \$40.00 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Late Fee | \$25.00 |

Total Amount Enclosed _____

Enclose Check Payable to:

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2013 ESA State Convention Fund
 Romona Paine, Registration Chair
 604 W. Wheat Capital Road
 Enid, OK 73701
 Phone: (580) 242-0741
Ramona.paine@gmail.com

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.

EPSILON SIGMA ALPHA CANDIDATES FOR 2013-2014

PRESIDENT: TINA DAVENPORT MCKAMIE



FIRST VICE PRESIDENT: LINDA SOUTHERLAND

I am pleased to accept the nomination to run for 2012-2013 Oklahoma State Council 1st Vice-President. If elected, I will carry out the duties of that office to the best of my ability.

I worked for Clinton Public retirement in June of 2007 and I duties and obligations in a correct

I have been a member of Beta have held all the offices in my once (president 4 terms, treasurer chairperson for the last sixteen (16)

On the District II level, I have treasurer twice, District II Parliamentarian.

I have served on the State Chairman, and Outstanding Youth Coordinator. I was elected and 2006, Parliamentarian in 2009, Recording Secretary 2010, State Treasurer in 2011, and State 2nd Vice President in 2012.

I ask for your support in my endeavor and thank you in advance.



Schools for 38 years prior to my understand the need to carry out and timely manner.

Psi #0498 since February of 1987. I chapter, some of them more than 3 terms). I have been yearbook years.

served as secretary 3 times, Coordinator and District II

General Board as Auditor, Directory Chairman and as Secret Sister served as Petticoat Journal Editor in

SECOND VICE PRESIDENT BILLYE PETERSON

I accept the nomination for the office of 2nd Vice President for the Oklahoma State Council. On April 1, I will have been a member of Gamma Zeta Chapter #3464 for 41 years. In that time, I have become a Life Active Member of ESA and an ESA Foundation Member and have attended 17 Oklahoma State conventions and 8 International conventions. I have chaired the St. Jude Dream House Ticket Pick-up Teams, and Dream Home Open House for 4 years, and the St. Jude Radiothon for 2 years. My accomplishments include Woman of the Year, First Pearl, Jonquil Society for 1 year, and 5th Degree Pallas Athene.



My qualifications for this office are as follows:

Chapter: President (2 times), Vice President, Parliamentarian, Recording Secretary, Yearbook (11 years), DIANA, Awards (3 years), Ways & Means (7 years), Nominating Committee, Budget Committee

District II: Coordinator, Vice-Coordinator, Recording Secretary, Parliamentarian

State Committees: Nominating, Convention,

State Appointed Board: Outstanding Youth, DIANA, Contest, ESA Million Dollar Bike Ride Chair

State Elected: Treasurer, Secretary

International: 1st Million Dollar Bike Ride Chair for St Jude Children's Research Hospital; Conducted hands-on workshop at San Antonio, TX, IC convention

On a personal level, I taught secretarial subjects for 13 years at Rose State College and business communications and report writing for 19 years at the University of Central Oklahoma. I have also been an office manager for Louis M. Ford LLC for 21 years.

Sincerely,
Billye

Dr. Billye Peterson
19513 Fieldshire Dr.
Edmond, OK 73012

RECORDING SECRETARY NANCY BAUCOM

Beta Mu Chapter #0606, Lawton

I would like to accept the nomination for Recording Secretary.

I joined ESA in November 1999 and the offices that I have held are as follows:

CHAPTER: President, Treasurer, Parliamentarian, Philanthropic and Craft Show Chairman

DISTRICT: Coordinator, Vice-Coordinator, Treasurer and Parliamentarian

STATE: Parliamentarian, District IV Coordinator, Association of the Arts, Jr. Circle of Life and Care Connection

Outside of ESA, I have worked as an accountant for over 25 years. My husband, Russell and I have been married for 21 years and have two daughters, Kara and Kaydi. I was Co-coordinator for VBS at our church. In past years, I was also the Awana's secretary for the kid's program.

Nancy Baucom



CORRESPONDING SECRETARY

JENNIFER STEWART



TREASURER MARGARET KRAMER

It is with great honor and privilege that I accept the nomination for the office of Treasurer of the Oklahoma State Council of Epsilon Sigma Alpha. I joined Gamma Kappa Chapter, Checotah #4018 November 2000 and am currently a member of Beta Iota #4283, McAlester. I have earned by First Pearl and am working on my Pallas Athena Degree's. I have attended eight (8) Oklahoma State ESA Conventions and my first International Convention last year in Norman. I retired from nursing after 43 years of rendering holistic and compassionate care to patients in both the private and veteran sectors. I live on Lake Eufaula with my husband George; we have been married 42 years and have two daughters. When I am not working on an ESA project, I am advocating for abused or neglected children as a CASA volunteer and past CASA Board member. Traveling is one of my favorite pastimes.



CHAPTER OFFICES: Chapter President two terms, Chapter Treasurer three terms, Chapter Parliamentarian two terms, Chapter education director two terms, Ways and Means Chair four terms.

DISTRICT V OFFICES: Secretary for 3 separate years, Vice Coordinator, Coordinator, and Parliamentarian.

STATE APPOINTED OFFICE: Outstanding Youth, Auditor, and Awards Chair.

STATE ELECTED OFFICE: State Project Director.

Miscellaneous ESA Work: Convention 2014 committee secretary, St. Jude's Dream Home and Telethon 2012, St. Jude's Give Thanks Walk volunteer four years, Foundation member, ESA Foundation and Registration volunteer at 2012 International Convention, Chapter "Member of the Year" on 4 occasions.

I want to thank you for your confidence in my ability to fulfill the challenging and precise office of State Treasurer. I look forward to being able to serve Oklahoma ESA on a State level and the opportunity to work along with so many "SPECIAL" ladies giving back to those less fortunate than ourselves on a local, state and international ESA projects.

Respectfully Submitted,

Margaret Kramer

PARLIMENTARIAN ROBYN RYAN

Epsilon Kappa, Hominy

Chapter # 1945

I pledged ESA in 1986, received my First Pearl in 1987, and have received my 4th Degree Pallas Athene. I became a member of the ESA Foundation in 1996. I have attended (13) State Conventions and (1) International Convention.

Chapter Offices:

President

Vice - President

Treasurer

Parliamentarian

Philanthropic

Ways & Means

Contact

Membership/Rush

Educational Awards, Woman of the Year

District III:

Coordinator

Vice – Coordinator

Treasurer

Parliamentarian

State Offices:

Parliamentarian

Treasurer

Appointed Office

Awards



I am employed by the First National Bank of Hominy, as Operation Supervisor, Head Proof, ACH, Operator, and ATM Complaints.

STATE PROJECT DIRECTOR DARLENE CUSHENBERRY

(Tina, I have asked Barbara Childers, Kappa Alpha, to stand in for me during installation, Betty Metcalf, Kappa Alpha, to be her escort, and Judi York to be their Marshal. All have agreed.)

I consider it an honor to accept the nomination for State Project Director for the Oklahoma State Council of ESA. I have been a member of ESA since May 1988 and have received the First Pearl Award and the 1st, 2nd, 3rd, and 4th Degree Pallas Athene. I am a member of the Kappa Alpha Chapter in Tulsa.

I graduated from Oklahoma State University with a Bachelor of Arts Degree with an English major and from the University of Tulsa with a Master of Arts Degree in Guidance and Counseling. I taught English for Tulsa Public Schools for 3 years and at Jarman Junior High in Midwest City for one year. I recently retired from Tulsa Community College after 25 years as an Assistant Professor of English and Developmental Studies. Last year Charles and I celebrated our 50th Anniversary.

My qualifications for this office are as follows: **Chapter:** President (1 year), Vice President (3 years), Secretary (3 years), Treasurer (2 years), Parliamentarian (1 year), Educational Director (4 years). Tulsa Area Council President, Vice President, Secretary, and Parliamentarian; Served on the Tulsa Dream Home Executive Committee for the past six years.



PETTICOAT JOURNAL EDITOR LORI FEW

Please let this letter serve as my official acceptance for my nomination to be the Oklahoma Epsilon Sigma Alpha State Petticoat Journal Editor for 2013/2014. I am looking forward to working with everyone on the Oklahoma ESA State Board this upcoming year.

I truly appreciate this opportunity to serve and I am humble just to be nominated.

Thank you so very much.

Credentials for Lori L. Few

Beta Iota Chapter President 2012/2013

Beta Iota Vice President 2011/2012

Director Miss McAlester's Outstanding Teen Pageant 2012, 2013

Beta Iota Chairperson for Outstanding Youth Award 2010, 2011

Beta Iota Chairperson for DIANA Award 2010, 2011, 2012

Liaison to the Miss McAlester Scholarship Pageant Board 2011, 2012, 2013



INTERNATIONAL COUNCIL CONVENTION NORFOLK, VIRGINIA JULY 14-21, 2013

Join Frankie McKay and a representative from the Susan G. Komen Foundation for an inspiring and fun time as we support Breast Cancer Awareness. So how can you be part of the fun for the day?

1. Gather your chapter members or state members who will be attending IC Convention in Norfolk.
2. Decorate your bras. Use your imagination, be creative, and come to this workshop.
3. Take part in the parade of bras with team and individual competition for the best decorated bras. Prizes will be awarded.

The IC Executive Board, the ESA Foundation Board of Directors, and the ESA Membership Corporation Board have their teams and are working on their bras. Don't be left out or miss the great time we will have. If you have any questions or need more information, please feel free to contact Sherry Day, IC Workshop Coordinator at sherryday1@cox.net.

What is happening? ESA and the Media Top Chef – Norfolk
Marriott Waterside

Support the Girls! Breast Cancer Awareness Histories and Haunts
Hope for Heroes Event Dress for Success – Philanthropic Workshop
Workshops for ESA Foundation State Counselors; State Presidents;

State Membership Directors; Easter Seals Directors; and St. Jude
Magician and Keynote Speaker "Is Possible" and BJ Clark – ESA Executive Director

Regional Meetings: Central States, MARC, Rocky Mountain, SERC, and Western States



Magical Speakers: David Hira –



**PJ EDITOR –OKLAHOMA SIGMA ALPHA FOR 2012-2013
DONNA SHOOK**

Well Ladies, this is the last PJ for the year. I hope that you have enjoyed all the articles from the officers, chapter representatives, and chairwomen. I have taken over 800 pictures; however, you as the reading body have seen very few of them. The one above (where I am standing by the parrot) is why I take the pictures, and I am not in them. Good luck to the new officers; we will help, but you have to ask. Thanks to all members who have sent in articles and pictures, too. The PJ could not be completed without your help.

