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President

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**Linda Southerland
President
“ESA - Simply Love”**

It seems so long since I have seen my ESA Sisters. It has been a trying time for our chapters losing their beloved members. I hope that the many prayers and sympathy cards have helped in this loss. I hear so many people state that we each must go through the grieving process but that having loved ones near help. I think of my ESA sisters as being my loved ones. Their friendship has helped me through all the trying times and I want to say Thank You for being so near and dear to me. The cards and well wishes have meant a lot.

I think if we could each give a gift of ESA Friendship to another, it would be wonderful. Did you have a recruitment event during Choctober? What an awesome thing it would be to increase our membership. We should each try hard to increase membership so others can know of the wonder of being an ESA sister or brother.

I hope your holiday season will be a blessed one. As we celebrate with friends, family and good food remember those who have passed but remain in our hearts. As my beloved sister Nellrita used to say: “live well, laugh often, and love much.”

I hope each of you have the Peace, Hope, and LOVE of a very MERRY CHRISTMAS and a HAPPY NEW YEAR.

*ESA love to all,
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**1st Vice President
Billye Peterson**



My star spangled year in 2015-2016 needs a star spangled news bulletin editor! Won't you consider running for Petticoat Journal Editor—the state needs YOU and I need YOU on my board! What a fun job organizing the news that is sent to you—you'll know everything happening in the state before anyone else does! What a bonus!

There are 5 issues you'd be responsible for—most members receive their news via e-mail so there aren't that many copies to mail. It's a fun, creative job. Please help!

If you have ever considered running for a state office, but PJ editor isn't your bag; please look at the Blue Book on the www.oklaesa.org website and see if any elected positions fit your style. We can always use more candidates! Let's have a learning, laughing, fun-filled year!

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**2nd Vice President
Nancy Baucom**

Merry Christmas and Happy New Year Sisters!

I can't believe it's already time for the holidays. I hope everyone has been enjoying (as well as sharing ☺) the music educationals so far this year. I also hope that you've been having fun with your own. I look forward to reading and learning all about them!

Remember, April 1st will be here before we know it, so get out there and have some fun sharing the gift of music with ESA!

Here's an interesting educational that I presented in October at the Oklahoma School for the Deaf. I hope you enjoy it.

IS MUSIC POSSIBLE WHEN YOU'RE DEAF?

Can deaf people hear music? Of course they can't hear it the same way you or I can that have hearing. Their way of hearing is through the feeling of vibrations.

Vibrations have rhythm when produced by music. The rhythm of the drum beat, and sometimes the bass, can be felt. At a live marching band show, for instance, you can feel the tuba horns and when an airplane flies low, a deaf person can feel the vibrations and know even on a cloudy day, what it is. It has been said that a deaf person could identify which vibrations were produced by the drum and which were the bass.

Deaf people sense vibration in the part of the brain that other people use for hearing – which helps explain how deaf musicians can sense music, and how they can enjoy concerts and other musical events.

The experience deaf people have when “feeling” music is similar to the experience other people have when hearing music. The perception of the musical vibrations by the deaf is likely every bit as real as the equivalent sounds, since they are ultimately processed in the same part of the brain used for hearing.

It's common for someone who has lost one of the main senses to highly develop other senses to compensate. So it appears that deaf people have become more sensitive to the vibrations they feel and the brain translates it as it would have if they had heard it.

Not only can they feel vibrations, they can also play instruments. They're able to learn music theory as long as you tap the rhythm out. That way they are able to read music.

Each deaf person has a different level of hearing loss so some can hear higher pitched sounds and other lower pitched sounds. Many can hear certain pitches of music, but not understand the lyrics. Others have hearing aids that permit them to hear music.

Deaf people take the lyrics of a song seriously. Each word is linked with a note, tone, and emotion. When the song is translated into sign language, it has even more meaning. Music has a powerful influence on the emotions, and perhaps no one understands that better than the deaf. Their lyrics express feelings & thoughts that, when combined with music, touch the heart. Hearing people use music as an escape and so do deaf people.

A hearing person may take for granted the visual effects of music. The deaf person sees the performance, the reaction of other listeners, the story portrayed in music videos, and, if it is translated into sign language, the meaning of the lyrics. These visual stimuli are received in the hearing part of the brain as with the vibrations.

Music is more than just rhythm and melody. The vibrations, visual effects, emotional import of the lyrics, and yes, the music itself are all part of how deaf people enjoy the music experience. Many deaf persons have become successful musicians. Being deaf is not a hindrance to enjoying or for that matter playing music.

*Nancy Baucom
2nd Vice President/Educational Chair*



Treasurer's Report
Joyce Lacey-Kenney

CHAPTERS WHO HAVE NOT PAID DUES as of November 10, 2014

Alpha Omega	5110	Choctaw
Alpha Row	4250	Broken Arrow
Alpha Zeta	3067	Pawhuska
Beta Mu	606	Lawton
Beta Phi	485	Cherokee
Chi Epsilon	5149	Talihina
Delta Mu	1120	Antlers
Eta Mu	2877	Owasso
Sigma Chi	5053	Inola
Theta Sigma	4676	Jenks
Zelta Delta	2312	Grove
Zeta Epsilon	4614	Seminole

I want to thank the 25 chapters that have paid their Dues. For those chapters who have not sent in their dues, I want to remind you that in order to be eligible for "Awards" at Convention 2015, State Dues of \$30.00 plus \$5.00 per member, per April 1, 2013 IC Membership Roster plus any new members. If you have any questions please feel free to contact me at 580-323-2082 or email me at joycelacey-kenney@att.net

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OKLAHOMA STATE COUNCIL
November 3, 2014
TREASURER'S REPORT

General Fund Balance from August Statement **\$8,822.84**

INCOME

St. Council Lunch money	\$ 920.00
Directory Money	216.00
Table Money	50.00
Dues	2,005.00
Reimbursement for Room	100.00

TOTAL INCOME **\$3,291.00**

EXPENSES

Reona Slagell Goosen (Speaker State Council)	\$ 150.00
Biltmore Hotel Lunch	918.00
Biltmore Hotel Room Rent	250.00
Judi York (Directory Printing)	288.76
ESA Headquarter (Leadership Conference for Billye Peterson 2015)	625.00
B.J. Voli I.C. Treasurer (State Council dues)	45.00
State Convention Regisration 2015 for Linda Southerland and B.J. Voli I.C. Representative	200.00

TOTAL EXPENSES **\$2,476.76**

GENERAL FUND BALANCE AS OF November 3, 2014 **\$9,637.08**

Speaker's Fund	\$ 953.98
IC Campaign Fund Balance	\$ 219.36
DOER'S Fund Balance	\$ 172.25
2012 IC Convention Deposit 11-6-2012	\$ 2,164.90

Certificate of Deposit **\$4,002.07**



**Project Director
Margaret**

October 25th Linda Leveridge and the ladies of District IV hosted the OSD tour in Sulphur. The tables were adorned with fall decorations and fresh pumpkins wearing hats, (in keeping with District IV theme). We were greeted by Sue Cole, Social Worker, and several of the school faculty along with a delicious continental breakfast. After registration and introductions, a video of the students participating in a special program “Stamping out Bulling” was shown. The program presented to the students was given by a father of a young teen who was the victim of bullying and subsequently committed suicide. The students responded positively to the program. A 25 plus year faculty member entertained us with her humorous talk about her experiences at OSD and stressed what an important role ESA had in the development of these children’s positive experiences. Some of the students and their families joined us for a wonderful lunch. The afternoon ended with the announcements of the winners of the “decorated boxes” filled with all kinds of goodies, auction, all beautifully and uniquely done, complements of the District IV chapters. The proceeds went to their District Project.

Thanks, seems like such an inadequate word to express the appreciation for all that my ESA Sister’s do for the children at the Oklahoma Schools for the Deaf and Blind. At last count all the students at OSD have been sponsored and there are only a few still remaining to be sponsored at OSB. The remaining unsponsored students at OSB only require small remembrances and a gift for Christmas and their Birthday. If a Chapter or an individual chapter member can find it in your soul to help to see that these students are remembered, especially at Christmas, please let me know. If you prefer to make a donation to OSB Christmas fund that would be a helpful alternative to assure that no child goes without a Christmas gift. I have always held this office close to my heart. Personally witnessing the joy and excitement these special children experience when they get a card or gift from their sponsors is uplifting and so gratifying. Looking forward to hearing from you.

My prayers are extended to all Chapters and those Chapter members who have experienced loss, illness, personal or family crisis, may you be granted Peace. I hope that each and every one had a bountiful and blessed Thanksgiving. May your Christmas be filled with happiness and may 2015 bring you and yours health, joy and good fortune.

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District II

Greetings! As we near the end of 2014 and with Thanksgiving just past and Christmas just around the corner, we have so very much to be thankful for. I have enjoyed the district and state meetings that I have attended. I loved the “All That Jazz” fundraiser and how about those bagpipes? Somebody sure knows what they are doing when it comes to chicken and dumplings! I wish all of you health. Happy Holidays! Make beautiful memories. I hope to see all of you soon.

*Carrie Willingham
District II Coordinator*



District III

District III Leadership was held on Saturday, September 13, 2014 at Highland Park Christian Church in Tulsa. Charlene Law District III Coordinator, called the meeting to order at 9:45, with the Pledge of Allegiance. There were 34 members and guests present. After introductions and reports there was a short business meeting. Charlene Law explained how our District III Project would be determined. Byrdie Emanuel, District III Project Chairman, introduced Janet Thomas, Kappa Alpha who presented Emergency Infant Services as a potential District II I Project. Byrdie then introduced Donna McCandless, Gamma Delta, who presented Clarehouse as another potential District III Project. Byrdie distributed ballots to District III members to make their choice for our project for the next two years. Before lunch Byrdie announced that the members selected Clarehouse for our District III Project

Lunch was prepared by Tulsa Area Council members. The proceeds from the lunch were donated to the District III project.

Cathy Thompson, with Celebrating Home, demonstrated some of the products from her catalog, which were beautifully displayed for our viewing. The members were given time for lunch and shopping. The District received 40% of the total sales for our project. The meeting was reconvened. Our guest speaker was Marsha Johnson, Chaplain for Tulsa Fire and Police Department. Marsha gave us a brief talk on one of the topics of her Grief Recovery Workshop, and we learned about the Wheel of Life Template.

Marsha offered her book “Emerald’s Garden, Living, Loving and saying Goodbye” for \$15.00. The cost of the book is normally \$20.00. Marsha made a monetary donation to our project. Cathy Thompson announced that our portion of the Celebrating Home Sales will be \$555.20.

Announcements were made, and with no further business the meeting was adjourned. The, closing ritual was recited by all.

Time has come to be thinking about District III offices. Our new officers will be installed on February 21, 2015 at our District Meeting/Oklahoma School for the Blind Tour; we need to have our candidates nominated in time for the candidate's to submit their qualifications to Mary Johnson District III Parliamentarian.

Remember to send your dues to District III Treasurer, Dawn Haley. Her address is: 2008 W. Archer Pl. Tulsa, OK 74127; phone number is: 210-685-8487; email address: dawnhaley4@yahoo.com. Project donations may also be sent to Dawn, just a reminder our District III Project, voted on at District III Leadership, is Clarehouse in Tulsa, for those of you not familiar with this organization, here is a brief explanation from the internet about Clarehouse.

“Clarehouse provides a loving home, quality end-of-life care and access to hospice services to people in need. Clarehouse charges no fees for services”

District III Project Chairman has a fundraiser planned for our February meeting, details will be emailed to all District III members.

Thank you for all your support during my year as District III Coordinator; it has been an honor to hold this office.

On behalf of Mary Johnson, Parliamentarian I am requesting nominations for 2015 District III Officers. Please submit your nominations to both Mary Johnson <mailto:waymar@sbcglobal.net> and myself. We would like to have the nominations by Nov. 30th.



Charlene Law, Dawn Haley and Marsha Johnson

Charlene Law
District III Coordinator



District IV

ESA MEMBERS MEET IN SULPHUR

ESA (Epsilon Sigma Alpha, Intl.) members of the Oklahoma State Council met in Sulphur at the School for the Deaf on Saturday, October 25 for their District IV Meeting. International Council Officer, Deb Hughes, from Tulsa was present along with several State Officers.

Members from Delta Epsilon and Beta Rho from Del City were present along with members from Delta Chi Midwest City. Other members of District IV were present from Shawnee, Norman, Seminole, Lawton and Choctaw.

District Coordinator, Linda Leveridge from Delta Kappa in Norman conducted the meeting. Lora Thompson, Zeta Gamma, Shawnee gave an educational program on the cashew nut. She emphasizes, it is not a nut, but considered a fruit and everyone was glad to hear that as most enjoy them.

A nominating committee was elected as follows: Robbin Clark, Chairman, Maxine Wheelan, Glenda Petty and Janice Shockley.

A silent auction was held on boxes that each chapter had decorated and filled for a way to raise money for the Greiner School for the Handicapped in Lawton. Members had also brought a lot of paper goods and hand sanitizer for the Greener School.

Several of the members were able to visit with their adopted children. Each year the members of ESA sponsor/adopt the students at the School for the Deaf in Sulphur and also the School for the Blind in Muskogee. They send gifts at the beginning of the school year, at Christmas and whatever is needed during the year.

Director Sue Cole and Candy Tumbelson presented a film on how to stop bullying that the children also watch.

A bountiful lunch was served to all the members and guests by the school cafeteria ladies. The next meeting will be the State Meeting at the Biltmore Hotel in Oklahoma City on Saturday, November 14th and on December 6th there will be Christmas Party and Toy Drive for District IV. The next regular meeting of District IV will be March 7th, 2015 in Norman. This will also be the election of new officers and the Installation Ceremony.



Laura Robinson, Delta Chi, Midwest City; Director of the School, Sue Cole; Candy Tumblson, Assistant; Coordinator Linda Leveridge and State President Elect, Billye Peterson.



Linda Leveridge and Nancy Baucom with supplies that Nancy will take to Lawton to the Greiner School for the Handicapped.

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District V

Hello to all from District V.

The District V Leadership Seminar was held on Saturday, September 20th in Muskogee. I wish to thank everyone who attended. We had 30 members, and 6 guests. Because of the tremendous response from our loyal state officers, we had a representative from every district present! It is always gratifying to have a good turnout, especially knowing how busy weekends can be for all of us.

Among the high lights of the day were presentations about the Kelly B Todd Cerebral Palsy Center, and a firsthand account of a parent and child who received life saving treatment and continues to have regular checkups from the St. Jude's Children's Cancer Research Center, in Memphis, Tennessee. The Alpha Theta chapter of district V brought along a very special donation of \$1,000.00 to present to Kelly B Todd, which they had earned during a special fund raising event during the summer. Ms. Pat Pack was unavailable on that Saturday due to Kelly B Todd's own community event, but did receive the generous donation on the following Monday. Congratulations Alpha Theta for your hard work. Peggy Sprinkle of Beta Gamma also brought along the beautiful and warm quilt for which members bought chances for the opportunity to take this wonderful gift home as their own at a future drawing. Moneys from this project benefit St. Jude's Children's Cancer Research hospital. Thank You Peggy.

Other daily activities included sessions on one touch self-defense, using effective leadership techniques to further your life goals at any age, and how to use Yoga to keep your joints flexible and able to do what you want to do!

During my installation in February, I asked for all of our district chapters to work together in a collaborative effort to plan and execute an outstanding leadership seminar. I can truly say I got my wish!

The fact that all of our chapters pitched in and worked together for the benefit of having a well planned conference was extremely gratifying to me!

Those who attended the luncheon got to enjoy seeing various members being recognized for extending the hands of helpfulness and friendliness for the benefit of their chapters, and for individuals in need of their service. I want to remind all chapters within this district to please notify me if you wish to have a member or your chapter recognized with a "helping hands, friendly hands," certificate of service at the district V meeting in February.

*Jane Thomas
District V Coordinator*



**Chaplain
Lora Thompson**

“Take ye heed, watch and pray: for ye know not when the time is.” Mark 13:33

Merry Christmas to each of you and I pray that you will have a safe and enjoyable holiday. Always remember the members that need your prayers. A timely note or a short phone call can mean so much to those that are shut in this time of the year.

We have lost three of our dear loved ones since my last article.

Wanda Morrow, Delta Kappa, Norman. She was our State President in 1982-1983.

Daleene Sumrall, Delta Kappa, Norman. She was a member of Delta Kappa for 35 years.

Judy Montgomery, Zeta Epsilon, Seminole. Judy pledged Epsilon Kappa in Hominy and later moved to Seminole and was an active member for 38 years. At the time of her death she was District IV Treasurer.

With the passing of Wanda and Daleene, that makes four members of Delta Kappa who have passed away in the last 10 months. We wish Delta Kappa members the strength to fulfill and continue the great work that they have always done for the less fortunate.

Please let me know if there is a member of your chapter with an illness, death, birth or anything of that nature that you would like me to send a card. This is one way of letting others know how important they are to us.

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**Convention Chairs
Nancy Buck & Gwynn Nell Swanson**

Are you getting excited about going to State Convention? Have you got your Convention registration sent in?? Registration form and hotel information is on page 27 of this issue. Be sure to get the registration of \$100 to Linda Conigli before the deadline of Friday, April 18, 2015. Hotel reservations deadline is Friday, April 18, 2015 and the cost of rooms are \$69 + tax. To make reservations at the Biltmore Hotel, call 1-405-947-7681 and be sure to mention you are with ESA.

We are planning a lot of activities and workshops for your enjoyment. There will be a special speaker for the Banquet that make you laugh and relax. Laughter is GREAT for the soul!

Convention 2015 is having several fundraising activities throughout the year with a 50/50 jar, \$100 Wal-Mart card and free convention fee. Be sure to look for them when you are at the State Council meetings and get your tickets.

Want to congratulate a candidate or someone special, don't forget to place an Ad in the Convention program. The Advertising Order Form is on page 28 of this issue. Cost of ads are: ¼ page (business card) \$25; ½ page \$50; ¾ page \$75 and full page \$100. Send your Ad along with payment to:

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Make plans to attend 2015 State Convention and renew your friendship with your ESA sisters and make new friends. We will leave the light on for you!

*Nancy Buck and Gwynn Nell Swanson
2015 Convention chairs*



**ESA For St. Jude's
Peggie Sprinkle**



In the World of ESA, we have shown St Jude Children's Research Hospital how caring and sharing live in the hearts of our organization.

In 1962 Danny Thomas opened the doors of St Jude and he changed lives across the world. In 1972 ESA joined in Danny's dream that no child will die from childhood cancer or catastrophic disease. The efforts we have given is nothing compared to what the children of St Jude go thru.

We are an organization driven by love and kindness and who greatly cares and believes in Danny's dream.

REACH OUT by Reiki

Reach out to embrace what is seen all around you, feel this in your heart. For each has a special purpose that we all come to share, to give guidance or nurture or just show that you truly care. Reach out to be blessed with universal gifts, for as you receive these, you will feel an emotional shift. Your heart will open up to let go of all constraints, along with your ego and magically all complaints. Reach out to share your love, plus your deep concern. Together we can strive to make this world a better place, with balance and harmony for the entire human race.

Reach out to others and cast your light out wide, there is nothing to fear, so please don't run and hide. Show strength with integrity and let others see this too. For what is more precious than reaching out in all you do?

I wish many blessings to my ESA sisters during the coming holidays and God bless the USA!

ESA hugs from

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Membership **Lola Jaegers and Lora Thompson**

We are almost there, we are about to catch up with our membership numbers of February 28, 2014. At that time, we had 727 members and 54 chapters. As of October 31, 2014, we have 718 members and 53 chapters. Yes, Theta Sigma, Jenks, disbanded during October. We are very sorry to lose this chapter. Good news, we have pledged 21 members since March 1 and know we will have many more in the four months left in this membership year.

We know you've had recruitment parties this fall. Remember, Legacy members can join for \$49 instead of the usual \$69. Also, don't forget to have your DESA/ELAN members join a chapter when they turn 18. We don't want to miss these wonderful young ladies in our chapters. There are lots of party ideas on the website (oklaesa.org or epsilonsigmaalpha.org). Use these valuable resources.

When you hold a recruitment party, please drop me a line (snail mail, email or text) to tell me that you have had one. Three chapters have already had parties and told me! (I'll bet there are others out there who just forgot to let me know.) This recruitment party is worth 15 points on the Outstanding Chapter contest – so get after it Oklahoma ESA!

Lola Jaegers,
Membership Chair
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Hope for Heroes



Peggy Campbell, Co Chair
Patty Heer, Co Chair



Hello Everyone,

I hope you have thanked a Veteran, Service Member, or a Family member lately for the sacrifices they make every day for us and our country!

November is a special month because Veterans Day is November 11th. This is Military Appreciation month without a doubt!!

We are working with the state Family Programs Coordinators to donate baskets of goodies and teddy bears to families. We plan to distribute the baskets out during the holiday season.

At our State Council meeting in November we asked that you bring baby items such as baby powder, shampoo, baby wipes, receiving blankets, etc. and other adult toiletries items. These will make very attractive baskets for the holidays.

Please remember to submit your chapter's "Hope for Heroes" project and the hours and money spent to your philanthropic chair and then she will submit that information to us for credit to your chapter.

This is the season to do many "Hope for Heroes" projects; such as Christmas cards to our service members, Thanksgiving baskets, Christmas packages, visiting a Veteran's Home and many other deeds of appreciation and kindness.

Always remember and celebrate our service members, veterans, and their families. These people are our "HEROES". We are forever grateful for their service every day!

A special "Thank you" for your continued support and all that you do!

Peggy Campbell, Co-Chair
Patty Heer, Co-Chair





**Outstanding Chapter
Ramona Paine**

HOLIDAY GREETINGS TO ALL!!

The best way for each Chapter to qualify for the “Outstanding Chapter” award is to simply following the Judging Sheet found on the www.gammastate.org website...I could give you all sorts of suggestions and guidelines...and nothing would be as good as if you just follow the Judging sheets as to what counts and what is awarded for that event of action.

One example is if you present an Outstanding Youth award...be sure to send that report to the State OYA chairman...she sends me her report of every chapter that presented an OYA award...that is how you will be sure you get credit for presenting that award.

The same is for holding a Recruitment Party, awards, adopting the students at our State Projects, donations to the Disaster Fund, etc. You have to send to the State Chairmen your reports or you don't get the credit for it.

Have a GREAT and FUN year in ESA and I will be waiting to hear about all the great things your chapter has done for the year!

Ramona Paine
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**Publicity
Darla Barton**

Merry Christmas and Happy New Year!!!

Hello sisters, I am Darla Barton, Publicity Chair. I would like to encourage you to send me your newspaper articles and the “happenings” of your chapter. I've only received from two chapters and I know there are tons more that have stuff to share. So please, please send me your stuff, so I can get them in the Publicity Book. I look forward to hearing from all of you and seeing what is happening around our state.

I wish you all God's richest blessings as we begin 2015.

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Chapter Chatter



Beta Gamma #0391 Tulsa

Hello in ESA land! We have had an actual rush this year—the result: three new members!!, Debbie Greer, and Andrea and Lee Ann Schafer officially joined Beta Gamma at our November business meeting. So, Lee Ann is Peggy Hughes' daughter and Connie Bartlett's niece. Andrea is Lee Ann's sister-in-law—they're married to brothers. Now, Peggy's daughter is her Mother and Aunt's sister and Andrea and Lee Ann are sisters and sister's in-law. Confused yet? We're all one big happy family in ESA!

Let's back up a bit to October, or in ESA land—Choctober. Beta Gamma celebrated with a chocolate themed rush party. We invited several guests to Judi York's where we noshed, did a little service work and played. There were several delectable chocolate goodies to savor including chocolate wine. Yes, you heard correctly, two favorites in one. There seemed to be a polarization. The vote was it's a drink to love, LOVE or strongly DISLIKE. We gathered round to make Halloween 'spider' tray favors for Life Senior Services. Then we teamed up for a couple of rounds of bunco. ESA bunco is the best—the 'losingest' wins a prize too! The first round began before a couple of folks could sit in—so there were two GHOST rolls just in time for the sp-o-o-o-o-o-ky holiday.

We don't show it...much...but we're 70!! Beta Gamma celebrated the chapter's seventieth year of education service and association at the home of Steve and Judi York on Monday, November 24th.



Making Spiders



Spider Project

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**Beta Iota #4283
McAlester**

Hello Fall! The ladies of Beta Iota have been enjoying our fall fellowship and fun. We had a great time attending the District V Meeting at the Oklahoma School for the Blind in September. We recently participated in the Wild West Festival in historic North Town McAlester. We raised funds for our philanthropic projects by selling our fabulous chocolate covered strawberries.

October has been a busy month for all of the ladies. We hosted a Noonday Jewelry Fundraising event, as well as an evening crafting to make Santa Hugs, which is one of our many national ESA service projects.

Our October chapter meeting was our annual Halloween themed meeting. Everyone dressed in their Halloween costumes for a fun evening of frights and delights.

We are continuing to work towards our goal of being one of the Top 10 Teams at the St. Jude Give Thanks Walk on Saturday, November 22nd at Promenade Mall in Tulsa.

Please mark your calendars and make plans to attend the 1st Annual Beta Iota Car Show Saturday, March 28, 2015 at Life Church in McAlester. We are very excited about this new fun event.

Beta Iota is so proud to be following our chapter President Margaret's theme this year of "Eagerly Serving the Angels of ESA!"

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**Delta Chi #1637
Midwest City**

Santa Hugs



Delta Chi members: Fran Petrusawich, Maxine Wheelan and Laura Robinson with Santa Hugs.
They have completed and mailed 250 to Santa



**Delta Kappa #3538
Norman**

All of the plans that we made at the beginning of this sorority year are now unfolding. This is our busy time of the year for our ways and means project of taking tickets for the OU basketball games. We will be working 31 games from Nov. through Feb. It is time consuming but well worth the effort to meet our budgeted income so that we can support our philanthropic projects.

We will be honoring our DAA winner, Martha Aughe at our traditional Thanksgiving dinner. She is a delightful lady and very deserving of this award. Of course it goes without saying that DK members look forward to this annual event. We have so many talented cooks in DK and it is a treat to enjoy all that they prepare for this meal. We are fortunate to be able to come together for this special event.

Linda, Vivian, Helen, Sharon and Janice attended the District IV meeting and OSD tour in Sulphur in October. It was great day to meet with sisters from around the state to enjoy the wonderful lunch prepared for us by the school (especially the homemade cinnamon rolls). Linda did a spectacular job with an informative and fun meeting. Everyone enjoyed the filmed program the kids had prepared for us. It was a special treat for DK to meet our precious little adopted girl, Courtney.

We have several philanthropic projects in the works from now through Dec. They are: decorating the Veterans Center for Veterans Day, hosting a pizza party for Halloween for Among Friends (activity center for handicapped adults), preparing a monthly Birthday Basket for Bridges (facility for high school age students to live and finish high school), donations to the Veterans Corner, Cleveland County Christmas Store and St Michael's Community Christmas Dinner. We are helping to wrap thousands of Christmas gifts for McGuire Store. Ms. Santa, Annette Brown and her helpers will deliver these gifts state wide on Christmas Eve. This is a huge project and we are proud to be a part of it.

Several of us are planning to attend the Convention planning meeting and the State Council meeting in Nov. This is always fun and informative.

December will bring our annual Christmas Party and toy drive for St Michael's Community Christmas Dinner. Of course this festive event revolves around yummy food. This year we will be enjoying eating out at Interurban Restaurant. No cooking this time, just eating and maybe a few holiday drinks.

It is sad to report we have lost another dear sister, Daleene Sumrall who passed on Oct. 19th. She was taken so quickly from us with a massive stroke. She is our fourth sister to pass within a 10 month period. DK would like to thank all of our sisters from around the state that supported us with your cards, calls, prayers and donations. We could feel your support and love. Now we have Pat, Mozelle, Wanda and Daleene as our heavenly DK angels.

We have another sister, Judy Butcher, who has been hospitalized since Sept. 23rd and will be moved to Grace Living Center for an undetermined amount of time. We hope you will join us in praying for Judy for a healing process that will allow her to return home soon.

Please remember even though we are all so busy at this time of year that we have so many blessing and to make ourselves aware of just how blessed we are.

Also remember "SANTA'S WATCHING," so be good. Wishing everyone a Merry Christmas and a wonderful New Year.

Until next time -----blessings to each of my ESA sisters!!!

Janice Shockley
deltakappa@oklaesa.org



**Eta Mu #2877
Owasso**

Let's talk about some unbelievable weather patterns for Oklahoma! Wow, I can't believe that we are approaching the end of 2014. But before we say goodbye to this year, let's take a moment to honor, love, respect, and cherish what wonderful opportunities we experienced as ESA members and what we offered others in their time of need.

Debby Thompson, President has asked Eta Mu members to take her year's theme, "Taking Care of Business" in ESA events and at personal levels. Recently, on November 11 we honored our newest legacy member, Ann Stokes, as our own Veteran. She talked about her personal and military experiences. We want to Thank All Military Branches that allow the U.S. to be a proud and free country we want to be a part of.

On December 9, Eta Mu members will celebrate a Christmas feast at Suzanne Dossett's, where we give special holiday presents for the Owasso Baptist Village foster care program. Merry Christmas and Happy New Year to All!

Leslie Farabee Eta Mu Owasso

**On a personal note, Matt and I would like to extend our love and gratitude to all ESA members who sent loving, healing, and caring prayers during our time of need. They were heard, but we still need them as we go through our next surgical steps. He improves daily and the doctors like his healing process. It will be a long and slow recovery time. Will keep everyone posted through our wonderful State Chaplain, Lora Thompson.*



**Gamma Delta #0702
Tulsa**

Gamma Delta members were busy making Bookmarks. These are made from Greeting Cards and distributed to local Libraries. July 27, some of our members met at Purple Glaze in Brookside for a social. Byrdie Emanuel, Pat Britt, Mara Wheeler, Charlene Law, Donna McCandless and Joan Gallo attended. We all selected items to paint. Everyone enjoyed the fellowship and the fun in painting our selected pottery. Afterwards we all went to Braum's for refreshments. Gamma Delta was the September Hostess Chapter for Tulsa Area Council meeting. We used this opportunity to do an Educational on Nancy Baucom's State Theme of "Share the Gift of Music with ESA" and presented a Musical Education by playing their Kazoo's. Attending the meeting from Gamma Delta were, Byrdie Emanuel, Dawn Haley, Joan Gallo and Donna McCandless. Our chapter is planning on participating in Chili's St Jude Event. We look forward to the fellowship with our members and guests while helping support on of our favorite charities, St. Jude.

I want to personally thank everyone for all your thoughts, prayers and cards during my recent losses.

Since our last report some of our chapter members attended the October and November Tulsa Area Council meetings. Our monthly business meeting was held at the home of John Stapleton, our honorary member.

Our chapter met at the home of our member Mara Wheeler for our November meeting. We had a Potluck, and as always much good food and fellowship was enjoyed by all. Donna McCandless distribute bags of bookmarks our chapter makes. These are handed out to Libraries in our area; we are also giving some of the bookmarks to the Claremore Veterans Center and the Ronald McDonald House.

We will be participating at the St. Jude Give Thanks Walk to be held on November 22, 2014. Several of our members are planning to attend the Tulsa Area Council Candlelight Dinner on December 13, 2014 at Freddie's Steak House in Sapulpa. Our own Byrdie Emanuel will be installed as President of Tulsa Area Council.

In August some of our members met at the Purple Glaze, in Brookside. We all had a great time and will be planning a return trip.

Charlene Law
Chapter Publicity Chairman



Zeta Gamma #4253
Shawnee

Lola Jaegers announced our new balance in the treasury after the Shopping on the Mall. The ladies all had great fun at that meeting and decided we need to continue to use the shopping on the mall to help increase our funds for the year.

Our Sept. meeting had the Shoes That Fit program discussed and the members decided to donate the socks needed for this worthwhile program. It may be noted that 102 pairs of socks were delivered to the various schools and each student that received new shoes also received 3 pairs of socks. Way to go ladies. The schools that benefitted were in Shawnee, Seminole, Tecumseh, and Bethel Acres.

We are working on centerpiece ideas for the Banquet at convention and hopefully will come to a final consensus as to what we will decide on.

A wonderful social was held at the home of Patty Heer during Oct. We had a fun evening of an educational on pumpkins and the ritual of carving them. Followed up by members having a delicious dinner of beef stew and venison stew, cornbread, and then we all painted our pumpkins. You should have seen such the wonderful examples of art by the various members. The evening concluded with a fire pit which we roasted marshmallows, made smores, and drank wine. When can we come back, Patty?

October found us also at the District IV meeting and tour in Sulphur at OSD. Donations to the Griener School of Kleenex and Clorox wipes were collected and members had a great time as always at the school. Oh yes, we also donated a hat box full of goodies that was auctioned off for the District ways and means.

Our honoree for the DAA has been chosen and biographies are already being written up.

Yes, we have been busy!

Gwen Beasley

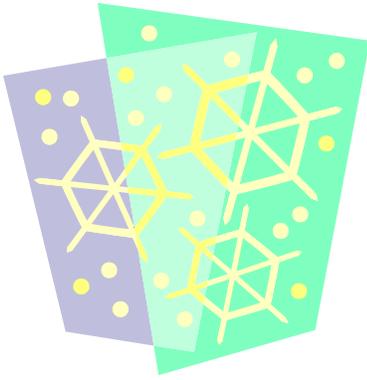


Tulsa Area Council

Happy Holidays to all ESA members and their loved ones. I'm so excited about this time of year, when we express how we feel toward our fellow members and community. November and December brings much needed attention, respect, and honor to our world's veterans and current men and women of service. Tulsa Area Council honored our local chapters of the Order of The Purple Heart by providing many Thanksgiving baskets for their families. These items varied from basket to basket, but all had "staple" non-perishable essential goodies for a Thanksgiving meal or two. Mr. Scott provided a wonderful presentation on why, how, and who receives this honor on TAC's November 5 meeting at Clarehouse of Tulsa.

Currently, TAC members are gearing up for the St. Jude Give Thanks Walk on November 22. I hope all ESA chapters form a team and volunteer for this great cause. Judi York, TAC President, asks the five council chapters to be in "full Bloom" at the Candlelight Dinner on December 13 at Freddie's Steakhouse in Sapulpa. Please make sure you RSVP Byrdie Emanuel, TAC Vice President, who is making the arrangements. At this dinner, Judi will pass Byrdie the gavel and have Byrdie's slate of officers installed.

Leslie Farabee
TAC Publicity Chair 2014



“Frozen Friday”

Brrrr! Like most of the country we have record lows. Idaho has the coldest temperature since 1955. So I guess it really is a Frozen Friday. (I like the make believe ones better). It's hard to imagine that we are into the fourth month of the ESA year, Veterans Day has passed and by all the pictures and articles I've seen you have all served the past and present members of our armed forces with honor, kindness and love.

With the cold temperatures I hope that you consider Hats for Hope for a November project. Homeless shelters, schools, food banks, Salvation Army can always use hats, gloves, scarfs and socks.

The holidays give us a time to be thankful for the many blessing that we each have and to give back to others. You just can't find a better more caring organization than ESA to do that for those in need. I think we are awesome. Thank You!

I couldn't resist this poem.

It's winter in the U.S.A.
And the gentle breezes blow
Seventy miles an hour
at twenty-five below.
Oh, how I love U.S.A.
When the snow's up to my butt
you take a breath of winter
and my nose gets frozen shut.
Yes, the weather here is wonderful
so I guess I'll hang around
I could never leave U.S.A.
'Cause I'm frozen to the ground

Remember “Believe in Yourself, be “Unique”.
Vickie Farris, IC President



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Biltmore Hotel
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