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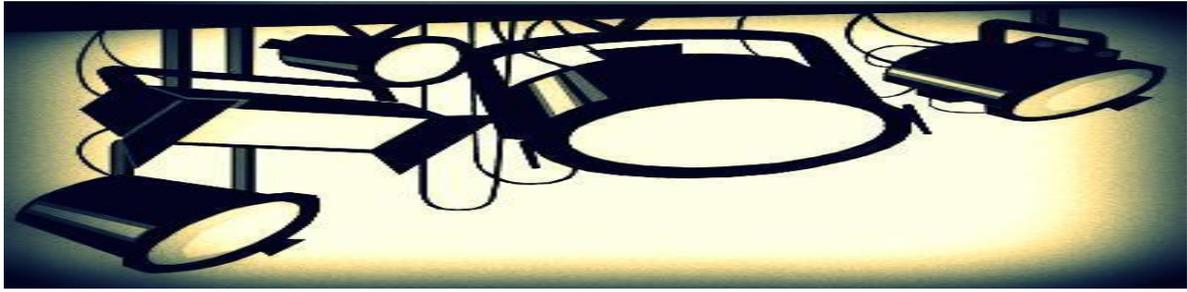
Linda Leveridge, President

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Action....Take One....State Officers Reports



Staring President Linda Leveridge

GREETINGS ONE AND ALL!!! SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 14TH WAS A GREAT DAY BOTH OU AND OSU WON THEIR FOOTBALL GAMES AND TO TOP OFF THE DAY A SPECTULAR LEADERSHIP. THANKS TO ALL THAT ATTENDED. WE HAD TWO GREAT SPEAKERS ONE FROM THE WOMEN'S RESOURCE CENTER FOR WOMEN AND CHILDREN IN CRISIS AND FROM OSD CAITLIN POTTER. CAITLIN TALKED ABOUT ALL THE CHANGES THAT THE OKLAHOMA STATE COUNCIL HELPED FUND. SPONSORS ARE STILL NEEDED AT BOTH OSB AND OSD, CHECK WITH YOUR CHAPTERS ABOUT SPONSORING A CHILD AT ONE OF THESE SCHOOLS. YOU YOURSELF CAN SPONSOR A CHILD AS WELL.

BOTH SIDES OF THE STATE WILL HAVE HAD THEIR WALKS TO END CHILDHOOD CANCER. I HOPE ALL THAT COULD PINCHED IN AND HELPED OUT. SEPTEMBER 30TH IS CHILI'S DAY FOR ST. JUDE YOU CAN HELP THEM OUT BY PANNING A SOCIAL FOR LUNCH OR DINNER. IT GOES TO A GREAT CAUSE.

UP COMING EVENTS: WESTERN DISTRICT MEETING IN NORMAN ON OCTOBER 5TH AND THE TAC CANDELIGHT DINNER ON NOVEMBER 23. LET US KNOW WHAT YOUR CHAPTER EVENTS ARE. I KNOW EACH CAHPTER HAS A WORLD OF TALENT TO SHARE.

REMEMBER MY MOTTO: **ASK NOT WHAT ESA CAN DO FOR YOU BUT!!! WHAT YOU CAN DO FOR ESA. SHOWCASE YOUR TALENTS AND MAKE OKLAHOMA ESA PROUD.**

HAPPY FALL YA'LL
LINDA LEVERIDGE
STATE PRESIDENT

MONA JOHNSTON

1ST VICE PRESIDENT

OKLAHOMA STATE COUNCIL



Music is Good for the Soul

Music Is Good for the Mind, Body, And Soul: Singing **Improves Memory, Mood in Dementia Patients**. In addition, the act of singing or listening to music was also found to alleviate depression in volunteers with mild Alzheimer's-type dementia. Music listening was also beneficial in supporting general cognition and working memory in volunteers with moderate dementia.



Why does music make us feel so good?

Music can also make us feel good by **amplifying our current mood** (think of the 'pleasure' of wallowing in a sad song when you're feeling down); it can also trigger fond or poignant memories. Then there's the social side: singing along with friends to a new tune from your favorite band fosters a powerful sense of belonging.



This is why music and music therapy can help counteract or prevent the damaging effects of chronic stress, greatly promoting not only relaxation but health. **State of Mind:** Music can also be used to bring a more positive state of mind, helping to keep depression and anxiety at bay.

Care Connection- Marilyn Joplin. She encouraged participation in Hope for Heroes and has forms, also available on our website.

Contest Chair- Judy Cravens. She gave information regarding the judging forms. Margaret Kramer, Beta Iota, McAlester made a motion regarding Judging Contests, in the STATE CONTESTS POLICIES AND PROCEDURES, SECTION 3c. read as follows, "The assigned District Coordinator AND/OR Sooner Seniorette must be in attendance during the contest judging, except for Distinguished Achievement Award and Outstanding Youth." Motion was seconded by Judi York, Beta Gamma, Tulsa. Motion carried.

Outstanding Chapter- Robyn Ryan. She encouraged all to go home and participate- show off your good work.

Foundation Counselor- Vivian Gibson. She gave brief update.

Sharon Storms introduced speaker, Kyla McMoran. Kyla is with the Women's Resources Center in Norman. There are several shelters across the State. They help abused women train for the work force and give them security with a place to live. They handle all segments of crisis in people's lives. It was a very informative program.

The next speaker was Caitlin Potter with the Oklahoma School for the Deaf (OSD), one of our ESA State Projects. She gave a full report of school activities. They stay and attend classes Monday through Thursday and go home for the weekend. She also stated the little village was now complete on the campus. The school also has sports programs.

Lora Thompson gave a full report on Lola Jaegers. She and her husband were in an auto accident. He was killed. She will be in hospital in Indiana where her daughter can look after her.

Remarks: Linda announced the committee to read last June council minutes were Lola Jaegers (Chair), Libby Zaage, Maxine Whelan. They were approved by the committee then approved by the group. The committee assigned to read today's minutes are Judi York (Chair), Marilyn Hight, and Lora Thompson.

Linda asked all to review the packet she had brought to the meeting which included the State meeting dates, 2019 State council members, 2020 Executive Board, the General board and nomination officer forms.

Sharon Storms, Corresponding Secretary, announced Maxine Whelan had brought Laura Robinson's scrapbooks and commemorative pins for anyone who would like to take them.

Treasurer's report was given by Joyce Gibson. Balance as of June 30, 2019 was \$1479.79. Total income was 1203.59, Expenses were \$1322.86. Balance as of Sept. 14, 2019 is \$1360.52

First Vice President Mona Quaid Johnston announced her theme is "ESA Making Beautiful Music" and her convention theme for installation "ESA Music for The Soul." She is busy getting her officers in place.

Junior Past President Margaret Kramer, Disaster Fund Chair, announced we can begin sending in funds now. Margaret presented awards at IC Convention.

PJ Editor Gwynn Nell Swanson, announced PJ will be coming soon and it will be on the web site. She stated 1/2 page allowed for articles and 2 pictures.

ESA Foundation: International Vice Chairman, Judi York, said last year we implemented "Each One, Reach One" program for new Life Active ESAF members. We received 97 new active members. At this year's IC Convention there were 170 present at the Life Active Breakfast. We have 2 new members this year, Gina Wozencraft & Sigma Chi, Inola. Judi placed a card in each packet today about the Foundation Scholarship Program deadlines. Also, forms were placed on each table. Certificates were issued for Bronze-Judy White, Martha Rogers; Silver- Darlene Cushenberry, Linda Jones, Margaret Kramer; Crystal- Berry Collins.

"MARC Report: Deb Hughes and Rosalie Griffith were very excited about the activities by MARC. Scholarships were discussed. Gift cards and a tote bag and quilt made by Judy Cravens were to be used as a giveaway. The convention will be held October 11 and 12. Attendees then broke for lunch and shopping on the mall. Salad, baked potatoes with trimmings and homemade desserts were enjoyed. Linda entertained us with jokes while we were waiting for Sooner Seniorettes to return from their meeting.

State Project Director Kay Brader suggested we honor someone with a contribution. For example, it could be a secret sister or a special friend.

St Jude events: Judi York and Aletha Bolt announced Tulsa walk is Sept 21 and Oklahoma City is Sept 28 downtown Oklahoma City. Registration is 6:30-8:30 a.m. On Sept 30 we are encouraged to eat at a Chili's restaurant - part of their proceeds goes to St. Jude.

2020 State Convention report: Robbin Brown stated there might be a change in the name of the hotel; we will be notified soon if it is.

International Association of The Arts: Jacque Cantrell gave out a new list of rules for this year and encouraged all to participate in our state contest this year.

There was a break for shopping and door prizes.

2nd Vice President Sandy Lackey gave each of us 2 rocks. We were to paint them, keep one and give the other one to her for distribution.

Committee Announcements:

Publicity - Jennifer Sparkman requested all to send newspaper items to her and said thanks to those who had already sent some to her.

Membership: Liz King is offering \$300 to the chapter increasing the largest percentage. She said "Go Get Those New People."

Old Business: None

New Business: A special award was given to Kappa Theta for their hospitality given at the First State Board meeting in Guthrie.

Announcements: Western District Leadership meeting will be in Norman, October 2, 2019 at the Goodrich United Methodist Church.

There will be a winter wonderland in Seminole December 7, 2019. More information will be available later. There were 68 reservations for today and 70 in attendance.

Meeting closed with ritual.

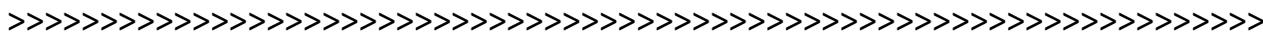
Submitted by
Sylvia Ochs, Recording Secretary



PJ Editor

Hope you all enjoyed the last PJ. There wasn't very much news but what I received was good. Officer and chairmen, please send me your articles!! Now that your chapters' year has started, please send me you chapter news so everyone can read what your chapters are doing. Remember, you get point for Outstanding Chapter for putting articles in the PJ. Looking forward to more news for the next issues.

Thank you,
Gwynn Nell Swanson
PJ Editor



Project Director

Happy Fall, Sisters!

It's a busy time of year with school starting and settling into a new routine. It's that way at our state schools anyway! Caitlin at Oklahoma School for the Deaf and Tonya at Oklahoma School for the Blind are working hard to register new students and connect with returning ones. Both ladies have said they would be contacting you in September with information. Both Tonya and Caitlin have sent me a copy of sponsors and students they now have assigned in their schools. So, if you haven't heard from them, September is a long month for them, just be patient. I really appreciate these hardworking ladies! If there is a question at the first of October get with me, and I will get it to the school involved. I'm sure one of these busy ladies will work with me to help straighten out any problems or situations that may arise. Both schools have new students so if you haven't gotten your name in to be a sponsor, please let me know. Most, still needing to be adopted, need only remembrances and cards; let's not leave any student out!

In the event a member's chapter requests additional help for them after one claim has been paid, the State Committee MUST investigate the application thoroughly. **The Disaster Fund is not an on-going source of assistance; a second claim will not be paid for the same illness or accident.**

If the State Committee establishes that the additional need is valid, the application must be submitted (along with the information regarding the reasons for recommending the additional claim) to the International Council Disaster Fund Committee Chairperson. Following receipt of such an application, the International Council Disaster Fund Chair will review with the committee, comprised of the IC Disaster Fund Chair, the IC President, and the IC First Vice President/President-Elect, and will make the final determination regarding the additional claim.

WHO IS ELIGIBLE TO APPLY: (1) Active Members of 90 days or more, (2) Members-at-Large who are in good standing with Headquarters, (3) Life Active Members will be determined by the IC Disaster Fund Chair in agreement with the IC President and First Vice-President/President Elect.

If you have any questions or need assistance with forms please do not hesitate to contact me at 918-617-3130 or mghnurseok@aol.com.





2020 Convention

“Hurray for Hbollywood, That screwy, ballyhoocy Hbollywood”. That’s right ESA sisters. We are going to Hbollywood to “The Black-Tie Affair”. Lights, cameras, lots of action. You never know who might show up... Brad Pitt, George Clooney, Julia Roberts? This is all happening MAY1, 2, 3, 2020 at the Sheraton Hotel/Reed Center in Midwest City. The rooms are \$99 for double or king with two free complimentary breakfast coupons and free parking. Registration is \$120.00. President Linda Leveridge & her crew Delta Kappa & Zeta Gamma look forward to seeing everyone at “The Black-Tie Affair”.

Robbin Brown
Convention Chair

Bakeless Bake Sale For the ESA 2020 Convention

A bit of news we have today,
A bakeless bake sale is under the way.

In these busy days,
Who wants to bake pies, cookies or even a cake?

You’d be surprise if you counted the cost
of materials, heat and the time you’ve lost.

Baking for sales is extra work
Yet nobody really wants to shirk.

So, we’ve thought of a plan that’s truly grand,
And feel quite sure you’ll understand.

In an envelope, please put the price
Of a pie, cookies, cake or something nice.

Without the fuss or bother,
You’ve done your part,
We hope you’ll give with a willing heart.
This is the end of our little tale,
Wishing success for our bakeless bake sale.

Thank you,
Linda Leveridge
ESA State President

P.S. Please mail a check for total donation to:
Epsilon Sigma Alpha
P.O. Box 945
Choctaw, OK 73020
Remember it is Tax deductible!

The mission of the St. Jude Graduate School of Biomedical Sciences is to educate and to train future generations of scientists seeking to understand the molecular basis of human disease and develop novel therapies based on that understanding.

The St. Jude Graduate School of Biomedical Sciences is designed to maximize student potential through self-directed learning, with guidance by world-renowned researchers and clinicians. Instruction is given in a dynamic environment that annually provides education and training to more than 200 affiliated undergraduate and graduate students, 300 postdoctoral fellows, 170 medical students, and 45 clinical fellows. Collaborative and translational research enables students to choose individualized paths to success and leadership in scientific discovery. These opportunities also raise awareness of the value and urgent need to develop young scientists who will discover cures and advance treatments for catastrophic childhood diseases.

Until next time, "Be Kind To One Another"
Vivian Gibson
ESA Foundation State Counselor



Outstanding Youth

Now that school is back in session this would be a good time for your chapter Outstanding Youth Chair to visit the schools in your town and also in the smaller towns in your area. Take a copy of the guidelines and requirements to the councilors at both the Junior and Senior High Schools. Be sure and leave your name and number with the councilors and encourage them to call you with any questions.

Also make the schools aware of the scholarships and grants that are available through the ESA Foundation. You can contact Vivian Gibson about how to apply to the Foundation. These youth contribute so much to their community, school, and church and still excel at the academic level. Let's invest some time in rewarding these much deserving students with the OSY Award. I have learned that most things involve a deadline and this contest falls in to that category.

I must have your entry for contest postmarked no later than March 1, 2020.

The official judging sheet is published in this issue of the PJ and the guidelines, which are very detailed, will be found on the Oklahoma ESA web site. If you prefer to contact me at 405-630-8744, I will be glad to mail a copy of the guidelines to you.

Start your search now for your OSY and make a difference in a student's life. You will be glad you did!!!

Janice Shockley
Outstanding Youth Chair



State Philanthropic

I know that by now you're in full swing for this year. Time to share with us all what great philanthropic projects you are enjoying! Looking forward to hearing from all of you and don't forget to log those hours and moneys. If you're trying something new let us know how that's going as well. Hope to see and hear from you soon.



Linda Voss
Philanthropic Chairman





Beta Iota

The women of Beta Iota are excited to get back in the swing with our first meeting September 19th 2019.

This summer we have had some amazing events! In May, we had our annual car show. We had great weather and were blessed with some amazing car entries. On the same day, a few members of Beta Iota entered The Grill Masters Steak cookoff in McAlester. Although they didn't win, they had a great time serving up some amazing steaks.

In June, Beta Iota held the Miss McAlester Scholarship Pageant. We had a wonderful group of young ladies participate. We crowned Samantha Donato as Miss McAlester 2020, Estella Kirk as Miss McAlester Outstanding Teen 2020 and Ava Aldridge as Princess. These young ladies have already been sharing their platforms and talents with the McAlester community.

In August, the ladies of Beta Iota enjoyed lunch at Roseannas Italian restaurant and wine at Whispering Meadow Winery. It was great to see everyone and catch up with our sisters.

We have many fun and exciting things planned for this year so stay tuned!!



Delta Kappa

We have started our W & M's project of working at the OU Football games by scanning tickets for the six home football games. We have 3 down and 3 to go. Then we will start scanning tickets for the 30 OU basketball games. Lots & lots of hours but we also make lots of money for our budget. The dedicated DK members who work these long hours deserve a big reward for working so tirelessly to make this project a success!!! Thank you to Georgia (W & M's chair) Danny, Linda, Helen, Gwynn Nell, Jan, Betty, Sharon, Bruce, Katie, Faye, Janice & Gary.

*The State Council Leadership on Sept 14 held at Goodrich was a huge success. Linda did an awesome job of preparing and presenting a great program for approximately 70 Okla. sisters in attendance. DK did an outstanding job of preparing the baked potato and salad luncheon. It must have been delicious judging from all the empty bowls. Thank you to our Okla. sisters for supporting Linda and enjoying the day with us. DK members attending and working to welcome our guest were Linda, Sharon, Gloria, Katie, Nancy, Cheryl, Doyleene, Helen, Betty, Vivian, Joyce, Jan, Georgia, Gwynn Nell, Faye & Janice. Great job ladies.

*October brings another garage sale on Oct 25 & 26 at Goodrich Church. We have two large storage units full of great merchandise to offer at this sale to support St Jude and our scholarships. If you come and shop, I know you won't leave empty handed. We have something for everyone from furniture, household and kitchen items to clothing.

*Linda and Faye will have a booth at the annual "Angels Unlimited" craft bazaar at Goodrich Church on Nov 1 & 2. They will have beautiful handmade fall and Christmas items for sale. Linda will have a new supply of home canned jellies, pickles and okra for sale also. These 2 gals are super talented. You saw a sample of their work at the State Leadership meeting. Come and shop, you will be glad you did.

*Delta Kappa worked at the beautiful Dream Home on three Saturdays. We had fun greeting so many people and showing the home to promote a sellout of the tickets to support St Jude and help the kids.

*Please keep the following DK sisters in your prayers for continued health problems & healing- Vivian, Nancy, Doyleene, Cheryl, Donna, Anne, Joyce, Gloria, Mary and Katie's husband, George!

*Until next time----- enjoy the beautiful fall season!!!
Janice Shockley for Delta Kappa Chapter



Linda, Sharon & Vivian working
St. Jude's Dream Home



Linda, Janice, Georgia & Helen
working OU football game

**ESA OKLAHOMA STATE COUNCIL
DUES LIST**

INTERNATIONAL COUNCIL DUES -----\$40
(Chapters, Councils and Districts)

****Due June 1**

Send to: IC Treasurer – Denise Holdaway
902 Pierce Lane
Blytheville, AR 72315
deniseholdaway@gmail.com
870-838-6916

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FEDERAL TAX FACTS Financial Report

****Due September 15**

This form **MUST** be filled out and sent in by each Chapter/Council in order to be exempt from paying Federal Income Tax on the fundraising monies raised for charitable purposes. Each Chapter/Council must have an **Employer Identification Number**. To apply for the EIN number, please contact ESA Headquarters.

**ESA Tax Facts Form is available on the OK ESA website: www.oklaesa.org –
Contests/Forms – Financial**

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STATE COUNCIL DUES-----\$30 + \$5 per member

****Due January 1**

Send to: Joyce Clement
1110 W. Main St. #31
Norman, Oklahoma 73069
405-314-0407
Joiesa02@aol.com

****State dues must be paid in full by *January 1* in order to be eligible for contest recognition.**

DISTRICT DUES (Due by January 1)

EASTERN DISTRICT-----\$20

Send to: Robyn Ryan
1507 N. Fallin
Hominy, OK 74035
918-346-0942
robynrhuntinggirl@gmail.com

WESTERN DISTRICT-----\$15

Send to: Cathy Holsted
3 Woodbridge Drive
Bella Vista, AR 72714
405-227-6643
nanakitty22@sbcglobal.net

ESA FOUNDATION DUES-----\$15

****Due by January 1**

(Dues are \$25 the first year and \$15 per year thereafter)

Send to: ESA Foundation
363 West Drake Road
Fort Collins, CO 80526
www.epsilonsigmaalpha.org/esaf

INDIVIDUAL DUES-----\$49

****Due according to Pledge Date**

Send to: Epsilon Sigma Alpha Membership Headquarters
363 West Drake Road
Fort Collins, CO 80526
www.epsilonsigmaalpha.org

***Note: A senior discount is available for members 65 years & older. To receive this discount, contact ESA HQ and provide your date of birth.**



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ACTION**

“ESA TAKES HOLLYWOOD”



FORMS & REGISTRATIONS

2019-2020 STATE PROJECT SPONSORSHIP FORM
Kay Brader, 5516 Woodmont Drive, Oklahoma City, OK 73135
(H) 405 869 9005, (C) 405 388 4813
ddbrader@yahoo.com

Please forward this request **NO LATER THAN SEPTEMBER 1, 2019**

CHAPTER NAME, NUMBER, CITY _____

PHILANTHROPIC CHAIRPERSON, (name and address) _____

INDIVIDUAL SPONSOR'S NAME, ADDRESS (if applicable) _____

PLEASE CIRCLE ONE: SPONSOR RE-SPONSOR

State Projects Chapter/Individual Student Name(s), if known

Oklahoma School for the Blind _____

3300 Gibson _____

Muskogee, OK 74403 _____

Oklahoma School for the Deaf _____

1100 East Oklahoma Street _____

Sulphur, OK 73086-3108 _____

If you do not have a specific named child to sponsor, please indicate your preferences below:

____ Very Needy ____ Moderately Needy ____ Small Needs

____ Male ____ Female ____ Under 10 ____ 10 or older

Comments or special requests (perhaps sponsor a class, sponsor more than one student, school preferred):

SPECIAL DONATION TO STATE PROJECT FUND (TO BE DETACHED AND MAILED AS NEEDED)

Chapter Name, Number, City _____

Name, Address _____

_____ **Chapter Donation** _____ **Individual Donation** _____ **Amount**

In Memory of: (Name and Address) _____

In Honor of: (Name and Address) _____

Oklahoma State Council 77th Annual Convention

"BLACK TIE AFFAIR"

May 1, 2, & 3 2020

Sheraton at the Reed Conference Center Midwest City Hotel
5750 Will Rogers Road, Midwest City, OK 73110

Hotel Registration Deadline Wednesday, April 1, 2020 405-455-1800

REQUEST THE GROUP RATE FOR "EPSILON SIGMA ALPHA"

MEMBER NAME			
ADDRESS:			CITY, STATE, ZIP:
PHONE:	Best way to contact you: phone ___ text ___ email ___		EMAIL:
CHAPTER NAME:	CHAPTER NUMBER:	CITY:	
CHECK ALL THAT APPLY:			
<input type="checkbox"/> CHAPTER PRESIDENT		<input type="checkbox"/> 1ST TIME CONVENTION GOER	<input type="checkbox"/> 201201PLEDGE
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<input type="checkbox"/> CURRENT/PREVIOUS IC OFFICER		<input type="checkbox"/> CURRENT/PREVIOUS ESAF BRD	
SPECIAL DIET MENU/MEDICAL REASONS ONLY CONTACT: Gwen Beasley, 405-349-8040 hotsmock5@gmail.com			
<u>MEN'S REGISTRATION:</u>			
NAME:		HUSBAND/ESCORT OF:	
<u>DESA/ELAN REGISTRATION:</u>			
NAME:		ESA MEMBER/CHAPTER:	
<u>GUEST REGISTRATION:</u>			
NAME:		GUEST OF:	
CHECK ALL THAT APPLY HOW MANY			
<input type="checkbox"/> MEMBER/MESA/DESA/ELAN full registration includes Friday Night Mixer, general assemblies, workshops, recognition luncheon & Banquet			\$120.00
<input type="checkbox"/> MEN'S/GUEST REGISTRATION FEE includes Friday Night mixer & Saturday Night Banquet			\$ 75.00
<input type="checkbox"/> GUEST BANQUET REGISTRATION FEE			\$ 50.00
<input type="checkbox"/> LATE FEE of \$30 will be assessed after April 1, 2020 then you will need to call Gwen Beasley 405-349-8040			\$ 30.00
Cancellations must be made 96 hours or more before the beginning of convention for a refund. Please make your request in writing to the Convention Treasurer, Janice Shockley gandjshoc@gmail.com			

Enclose Check Payable to: 2020 ESA State Convention Fund Mail

Payment to: Gwen Beasley
13230 North Harrah Rd.
Luther, OK 73054

Registration Deadline: Registration deadline is Wednesday April 1, 2020. Registrations postmarked after Wednesday April 1, 2020 will be assigned seating where vacancies exist. Late registrants MAY NOT be seated with their chapters, **register now!! HOTEL REGISTRATION DEADLINE is April 1, 2020. CALL NOW! Phone: 405-455-1800. Be sure to mention you are with ESA.**



2019-2020

Oklahoma Petticoat Journal
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Please check which you prefer: Email: Mail: Web Site
Cash Check # _____

Please make check out to PJ Editor and mail form & payment to:

Gwynn Nell Swanson, PJ Editor
2406 County Road 1280
Blanchard, OK 73010-3135

OUTSTANDING YOUTH RECOGNITION AWARD
Junior High Student/Senior High Student
State Entry Only

CHAPTER NAME & NUMBER _____ CITY _____

CHAIRMAN: _____ ADDRESS: _____

DATE OF AWARD PRESENTATION: _____ # of AWARDS GIVEN _____

NAMES(S) OF AWARD RECIPIENT(S): _____

NEWS COVERAGE: (Include newspaper clippings, photos, etc.) _____

PROCEDURES USED IN SELECTING WINNER(S): _____

NUMBER OF JUDGES: _____ TOTAL HOURS SPENT ON AWARD: _____

TOTAL MONEY SPENT ON AWARD: \$ _____ OTHER COMMENTS: _____

WHAT COMMENTS DID YOU RECEIVE FROM YOUR COMMUNITY ON PRESENTING THIS AWARD?

**OUTSTANDING YOUTH
OFFICIAL JUDGING SHEET
Junior High Student/Senior High Student**

YOUTH'S NAME: _____

CHAPTER NAME & NUMBER: _____ CITY: _____ DISTRICT _____

STATE DUES PAID BY JANUARY 1, 20__ : YES: _____ NO: _____

1. ESSAY CONTEST (10) Points _____
Explanation of Point Deduction: _____

2. ESSAY STRUCTURE (With all required signatures) (10) Points _____
Explanation of Point Deduction: _____

3. ESSAY OVERALL QUALITY (15) Points _____
Explanation of Point Deduction: _____

4. LEADERSHIP (10) Points _____
Explanation of Point Deduction: _____

5. COMMUNITY SERVICE: (15) Points _____
Explanation of Point Deduction: _____

6. OUTSTANDING ACCOMPLISHMENTS (10) Points _____
Explanation of Point Deduction: _____

7. (3) LETTERS OF RECOMMENDATION & COMPLETED FORMS (12) Points _____
Explanation of Point Deduction: _____

8. OVERALL QUALITY OF ENTRY (18) Points _____
Explanation of Point Deduction: _____

TOTAL (100) Points _____

COMMENTS: _____

JUDGED BY: _____ DATE: _____



OUTSTANDING YOUTH AWARD REQUIREMENTS 2019-2020

JUNIOR HIGH STUDENT

- Student enrolled in the 7th-9th grades and passing all subjects.
- Write a 500-word essay without notes, in the presence of, and signed by, a teacher or school official, and the student, and then signed by an ESA member.
- Letters of recommendation – from three (3) citizens of the community who are not related to the student (after local judging, the essay **may be** typewritten with necessary spelling and grammatical changes noted – the **original** handwritten essay should be attached to the typewritten essay).

Judging is based on Quality of Essay, Leadership, Community Service, and Accomplishments which made the student outstanding.

The winner of the **Oklahoma Outstanding Junior High Youth Award** will be presented with a Certificate and a cashier's check to be presented at the State Convention held in the spring. Amount of cashier's check will be budgeted and announced the previous summer. The winner of the International Outstanding Jr. High Award will receive a plaque and a \$500 savings bond. The **deadline** for entry for the Oklahoma State Council and International Council Outstanding Youth Award is **March 1**. Since the deadline for both is the same day, you must duplicate your entry. Entry packets for the International Council contest are available through ESA Headquarters or at: www.epsilonsigmaalpha.org. Entry packets for the State contest are available at www.oklaesa.org, from the State Contest Chair contest@oklaesa.org or Outstanding Youth Chair outstandingyouth@oklaesa.org.

SENIOR HIGH STUDENT

- Be enrolled as a senior high student meeting one of three academic qualifications (ranked in the upper 25% of class; have a minimum 3.0 GPA, or have a minimum ACT score of 22 or SAT score of 1030)
- Provide a copy of the most recent and "certified" transcript to verify grades and/or test scores
- Letters of recommendation – three (3) – one being from a teacher or school official
- Personal essay on "What is the definition of an outstanding individual and how do I personally meet this definition." – there is no specific length required – typewritten essays are preferred and must be an original which is signed and dated by the contestant

Judging will be based upon the student's Character, Leadership and Skills and Scholastic Ability.

The winner of the **Oklahoma Outstanding Senior High Youth Award** will receive a cashier's check and a certificate from the Oklahoma State Council to be presented at the State Convention held in the spring. Amount of cashier's check will be budgeted and announced the previous summer. The winner of the IC Outstanding Senior High Youth Award will receive \$1,000 from the International Council. This may be applied towards tuition, registration, fees, books, supplies and equipment, or any other college fees or academic expenses. The **deadline** for entry for the Oklahoma State Council and International Council Outstanding Youth Award is **March 1**. Since the deadline for both is the same day, you must duplicate your entry. Entry packets for the International Council contest are available through ESA Headquarters or at: www.epsilonsigmaalpha.org. Entry packets for the State contest are available at www.oklaesa.org, from the State Contest Chair contest@oklaesa.org or Outstanding Youth Chair outstandingyouth@oklaesa.org.

Oklahoma entries are to be mailed to: Oklahoma Outstanding Youth Chair
Janice Shockley
2405 Weatherford
Norman, OK 73071
gandjshoc@gmail.com