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Sandy Lackey, Oklahoma State President

Message from your Oklahoma State President
Sandy Lackey



Hello Ladies, The holidays are in full swing with lots of Thanksgiving celebrations. In the past week we have been to 4 Thanksgiving dinners including one for just Bob and I on Wednesday before Thanksgiving.

I hope everyone enjoyed their Turkey or Ham dinners with family. Maybe some of you tried a different meal than the typical. But what's more important is that you spent it with your family. I am blessed with an ESA family, and a Shrine family who keep us very busy.

I would also like to wish everyone safe travels if you are going to visit family for the holidays. I also wish everyone a very Blessed & Merry Christmas and may all your wishes come true.

A reminder that The March State Council Meeting date has been changed to the 12th of March 2022 instead of the 19th. I very much want to have the meeting at the Shrine Temple in Muskogee, because I want to have the meeting how everyone likes the meetings. Serving a light Breakfast and a nice lunch and maybe bring in some surprises for everyone to enjoy.

Another reminder is for all your projects and reporting of hours and money spent. After the first of the year you will need to start making sure everything is turned in to your chapter officers so they can do their reports. We want to have a lot of awards at the Luncheon at Convention.

**Sandy Lackey
President
Oklahoma State Council
November 26, 2021**



Linda Jones,

Ist Vice President



Linda Jones

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December/ January

How quickly the year has gone by. Hopefully the holidays find each of you well and rejuvenated.

I am excited for those of you who have joined my Executive and General board. We still need to fill the following positions before March. It would be a great Christmas present to know that every position has a candidate before the New Year. Please nominate or volunteer to be one of my ESA diamonds shining bright for the following offices;

First Vice President, ESA for St. Jude, Auditor, Outstanding Youth and Philanthropic Chair.

Contact me at linda.jones93@gmail.com or contact one of the Nomination Committee members, Judi York, Rosalie Griffith, Jennifer Sparkman or Robbin Brown.



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Petticoat Journal Editor

WOW, 3rd edition already. I can't believe how fast this year is going. It has been great to feel the cooler temperatures. Thank you to all that have sent in articles to share. In the next issue we will be planning the March Meeting and all the forms and awards in preparation for the State Convention. As the Holidays are fast approaching, STOP, Smell the flowers, Sit and have a Cup of Joe and enjoy your family and friends. May you all have a Merry Christmas and a Blessed New Year!!

Much Love and ESA Hugs,

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2021-2022



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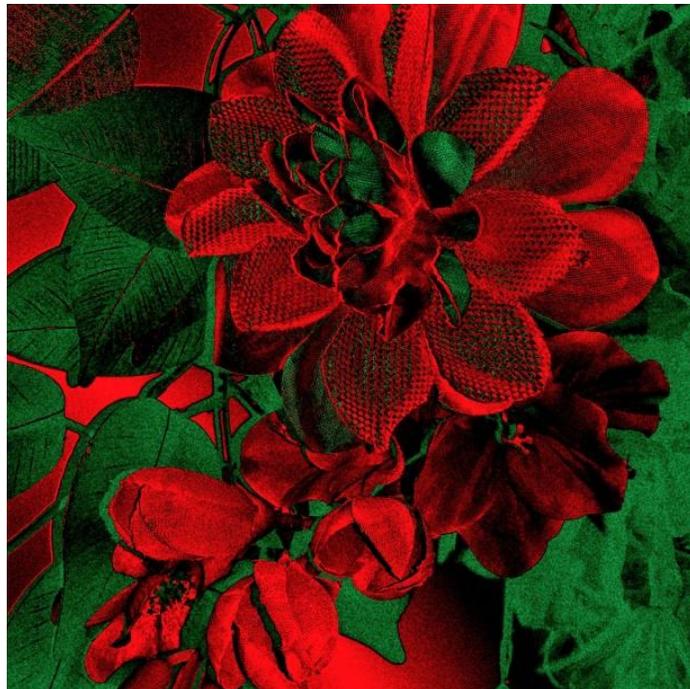
Eastern District Treasurer

EASTERN DISTRICT OF OKLAHOMA

As Treasurer of Eastern District, I am asking that all checks made payable to “OKLAHOMA DISTRICT III CHAPTER OF ESAIC”. This is how I have to endorse the checks for deposit. Please DO NOT make the check payable to me (Charlene Law). Don't forget the deadline for your dues is January 22, I hope to receive more donations for the District Project, Community Food Bank of Eastern Oklahoma!

Submitted by

**Charlene Law
District Treasurer**





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Ramona Paine

State Educational Chair

Season's Greetings to one and all from me. I know that it is a very busy time, but don't forget to send me the Educational Forms so your chapter will get recognition at the State Convention and points for Outstanding Chapter. It is time to start organizing your Gold Seal entry. Your chapter educational report forms are to be compiled in a notebook. Remember that you can send me your educational report monthly or send all six or more before the deadline April 1, 2022. You must send in 6 to be eligible for the Gold Seal Award.

Good luck on your educationals this year. I am looking forward to reading them.



I BLESS THE RAINS DOWN IN AFRICA

**I hear the drums echoing tonight
But she hears only whispers of some quiet conversation
She's coming in, 12:30 flight
The moonlit wings reflect the stars that guide me towards salvation
I stopped an old man along the way
Hoping to find some old forgotten words or ancient melodies
He turned to me as if to say,
Hurry boy, it's waiting there for you"**

**It's gonna take a lot to drag me away from you
There's nothing that a hundred men or more could ever do
I bless the rains down in Africa
Gonna take some time to do the thing we never had**

**The wild dogs cry out in the night
As they grow restless, longing for some solitary company
I know that I must do what's right
As sure as Kilimanjaro rises like Olympus above the Serengeti
I seek to cure what's deep inside, frightened of this that that I've become**

**It's gonna take a lot to drag me away from you
There's nothing that a hundred men or more could ever do
I bless the rains down in Africa
Gonna take some time to do the things we never had**

Hurry boy, she's waiting there for you

**It's gonna take a lot to drag me away from you
There's nothing that a hundred men or more could ever do
I bless the rains down in Africa
I bless the rains down in Africa (I bless the rain)
I bless the rains down in Africa (I bless the rain)
I bless the rains down in Africa
I bless the rains down in Africa (ah, gonna take the time)
Gonna take some to do the things we never had**

Lyrics & Music: David Paich & Jeff Porcaro

MUSIC THAT CHANGED THE WORLD – “I BLESS THE RAINS DOWN IN AFRICA”, pt. 2

Back in the 1970s David Paich, Mike and Jeff Porcaro, who were session musicians, that is they would go play in a recording studio and there they would wind up helping other bands so they would play the music just to have a fuller sound and that happens all the time. If you are going to be a session musician you have to be very good at a lot of different types of music. David, Mike and Jeff, they were great musicians, and one day they decided why not start their own band. It was David and Jeff, who started writing songs, called in some other friends who were session artists and formed their own group. They showed up at the recording studio and began to cut some demo tapes. When they would cut a demo tape you would have to write a name on it so they could remember whose tapes were from all the different artists in there.

It was Jeff who had been watching the movie *Wizard of Oz*, and he wrote on the demo tape Toto after the dog in the *Wizard of Oz*. They continued to produce their own demo tapes and they finally had enough songs for an entire album. The only problem was they still didn't have a name for the band so they got to talking and started looking at the demo tapes and said Toto. Someone pointed out in Latin Toto means “total” or “all encompassing” and these musicians were all encompassing as they played all different kinds of music and all kinds of background and they were a total package. They decided to call themselves Toto, after Dorothy's dog, Toto in the *Wizard of Oz*. They brought out there first album in 1978 and it was a commercial success and it went very well. They produced a 2nd and 3rd album between 1978-1981 and some albums did well and some didn't do as well. In fact, the last several years they didn't really have a big hit song and the record producer said if you don't have another big hit single then we will have to drop you. In 1982 they came out with *Toto IV* and when *Toto IV* came out it had “Rosanna” and “Africa”, two of their biggest hits and it was a smash, the record did wonderful. Toto was fully established and would go on playing for decades and in the end would create 14 albums then sell 40 million albums and their great success – the most successful song was entitled “Africa” inspired by David Paich.

David Paich attended a Catholic school, and several of his teachers had actually done missionary work in Africa. They talked about what they had experienced there, what they had seen there and what their needs were. David remembered as a child seeing several commercials by UNICEF about Africa and it always moved his heart.

In 1981 late at night David saw a documentary with depictions of African plight with the drought, no rain, fighting and suffering in Ethiopia as being a huge humanitarian crisis. It had made a lasting impact on him: "It both moved and appalled him, and the pictures just wouldn't leave his head." He tried to imagine how he'd feel about it if he was there and what he would do. He saw all this and what was going on and his heart was very moved. He decided he wanted to write a song about this and he sat down and started to write.

David Paich finished the melody and lyrics for the chorus in just ten minutes, much to his surprise: "I sang the chorus out as you hear it. It was like God channeling it. I thought, I'm talented, but I'm not that talented." Something just happened here." Paich and Jeff then spent about six months refining the lyrics, before showing the song to the rest of the band. When they were all done they were a part of the demo tape trying to create their album and the last song chosen was "Africa". There was mixed feelings about the song and band. "Africa" became the biggest hit ever since with all their other great songs they had produced "Hold the Line," "99" and "Roseanna." It became a number one song and it was a huge success and the biggest hit they ever had.

Africa became a huge success with 540 million times being streamed in the last 40 years. It is a song that stays with you and people love it and it has been so very popular. In 1982-1983 famine became sufficient in Ethiopia and still the rains had not come and one million people would die and it became a humanitarian crisis. That is when Lionel Richie and Michael Jackson got together and decided they needed to provide significant aid to Africa. USA Africa was founded and they created the song "We are the World, We Are the Children." It was a huge success and provided much support like Toto "Africa" which had raised awareness and consciousness to the plight of the African people.

The song came to have special meaning as the years would go by and it would be played at Nelson Mandela's funeral by Toto "I Bless the Rains Down in Africa".

One year artist Max Siednetopf, 27 years old, created a sculpture out in the Namib Desert in Africa.

He didn't tell anyone where he was. He set up a sound installation that plays Toto's "Africa" 24/7 365 days a year on a loop in the middle of the Namib Desert. The installation features six pillars with speakers that are connected to a solar-powered MP3 player, which is placed on a seventh pillar in the center in an undisclosed location in the Namib Desert. It is expected to play for many years.

The song really took on a life of its own and it is amazing what it has done down through the years. The complaint by some people asked "how can a white guy write a song about the continent where he'd never been, how can a white guy write about loving the people of the continent and people he never met."

In 1981, David, said "I fear the man I had become" and important life experienced. David had already had much success, fame, glory, wealth and he got to produce and was struggling with all this pressure and tension and he knew if he didn't have a hit record the record producer was going to drop them. That is the night he saw a documentary about Africa and it pricked his conscience. He looked at what those people were going through, what he was worrying about, what could he do if I was there, what can he do to help "I fear the man that I had become maybe I had forgotten our own common humanitarian."

Ryan Hreljac, Ontario, Canada, story started one day in January 1998, he was sitting in his first grade classroom. Mrs. Prest, teacher, explained that people were sick and some were even dying because they didn't have clean water. She told us that people walked for hours in Africa and sometimes it was just to get dirty water. As students we didn't understand why other people didn't have water and African people had to walk 5000 steps to get water, while it only took '10' steps from our classroom to the water fountain and we had clean water. Before that day in school, he figured everyone lived like him. When he found out this wasn't the case, he decided he had to do something about it.

He went home and begged his mom and dad to help. After a few days, they told him he could do extra chores to earn the \$70 he thought it would build a well. He

thought that's all it would take to solve the world's water problem. He worked for four months doing chores around the house to earn his first \$70. Then he learned that it was actually going to cost \$2,000 which was the cost to build a well according to *Water Can*, a non-profit organization, to provide clean water to poor countries. In 10 months he would raise \$2,000. He also learned that the problem was way bigger than he realized.

Ryan was 7 years old and in the second grade when he started speaking to service clubs, Rotary Clubs, school classes, TV stations and to anyone who would listen to his story so that he could raise money for his first well at Angolo Primary School in Uganda. That's how his little first grade project became the Ryan's Well Foundation.

In 1999, 8 year old Ryan travelled to Uganda to see what was to become the first of many wells created through his enterprise. There was a huge celebration with 5000 people there and everyone was so happy because they had clean water. There was a feast and dozens of bands played because there was a working well. In over 2 years \$61,000 from the Ryan's Well Foundation has been given. At the base of the well it said "Ryan's Well." On July 27, 2000 was declared "Ryan's Day in Uganda in honor of the first well opened. This celebration continues each year to this day. Today over 1000 wells have been drilled and millions of African people enjoy clean water.

In spite of everything Ryan has achieved he still sees himself as a 'regular' kid. As someone who sees himself as a 'regular' he encourages others to believe that everyone can make a difference.

Ryan attended University of King's College in Halifax on the east coast of Canada and graduated in 2014 with a Double Major in International Development and Political Science. He returned to the Foundation as a Project Manager and now he is the Executive Director. He speaks around the world on water issues and on the importance of making a difference no matter who you are or how old you are.

Through his works with *Ryan's Well* everyone has the ability to make a profound impact on the lives of others.

Now, more than 20 years later, *Ryan's Well Foundation* is a team of people committed to providing access to safe water and sanitation as an essential way to improve lives in the developing world.

Ryan has received numerous awards for his work, and the youngest person ever to be bestowed with the Order of Ontario.

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**“I Bless the Rains Down in Africa”, Dr. Bob Long, April 11, 2021,
St. Luke's United Methodist Church, Oklahoma City**



Cheryl Tarter

Chaplain



Dear ESA Sisters,

Holiday season is upon us! This is often a very busy time of year, but this year continues to feel differently. It is as if we are trying to catch up for when time was halted, slowed, and changed for many months. It is said when you lose sleep during a night's rest, you really cannot recoup it; your body must readjust. Maybe that is where we are with lost time for our normal events. Maybe we are trying to force ourselves into what has been our normal prior to the pandemic. We are not a patient culture. We have been encouraged to go after what we want. Right now.

Even as the early days of the pandemic caused us much anxiety and fear, it also forced us to stop. Suddenly, we had 'time on our hands.' As we moved through those many months, we yearned for healing, for vaccines, for things to get back to 'normal.' Possibly you thought that maybe we don't necessarily want to go totally back to normal, but mostly normal! Ha, ha!

A phrase I have said to myself and to others is that we need to give ourselves grace. Some days, we know we are doing the best we can. We have NEVER experienced a time like this, so dealing with the effects of it physically, emotionally, and spiritually is new territory. An encouraging scripture passage to check out is Matthew 5:3-9, the MESSAGE translation. In verse 3 Jesus says, "You're blessed when you're at the end of your rope. With less of you there is more of God and his rule." Then in verse 5, He says, "You're blessed when you're content with just who you are - no more, no less..."

Finally, aren't you glad we have such a wonderful organization through which we can show love, care, and support for one another? In this season of thanksgiving, I hope you will join me in giving thanks for ESA and the wonderful leadership we have in our state, region, and nation. Additionally, as we celebrate holidays this year, may we keep before us the needs of others and reach out to help in any way we can. Give away as much ESA love and care as possible! Continue to pray for those who have lost loved ones this year and be sure to let me know about our sisters and brothers who need our prayers, love, and care.

May your holidays be joyful and blessed, Cheryl Tarter, OK Chaplain

Dawn Haley

ESA for St. Jude



What an exciting time for St. Jude – having a former St. Jude patient, Hayley Arceneaux, launched into space! Inspiration 4, was an all-civilian mission with St. Jude as it's charitable beneficiary. Shows us that everything – even the impossible – is possible!

Look at our own Judi York, front and center in her ESA red apron, during the St. Jude Dream Home Groundbreaking event in Stone Canyon, Owasso on September 10th. Way to represent ESA, Judi!!!

As of November 4th, below are the St. Jude Walk/Run total amount raised:

- **Team ESA Tulsa raised \$2,505 Team ESA OKC raised \$2,319**
- **Tulsa Walk total \$219,812 (Top 20 Walk/Run in the nation!)**
- **OKC Walk total \$86,862**

The St. Jude Memphis Marathon was on December 4th. We have Rosalie Griffith, Deb Hughes and Judi York all participating again this year. As of November 4th, \$5,700 has been raised for this event.

Thank you to all those chapters and individuals who have made donations to St. Jude. You may want to consider in lieu of flowers for a birthday or funeral, to make a donation to St. Jude as a living gift/memorial!

Wishing everyone a Blessed Holiday Season and the best for a Happy New Year!

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Sylvia Ochs

Membership Chair

Greetings Oklahoma ESA Members. I am so excited to hear some of our chapters received new members! Congratulations! Also working to retain members. October is the Designated month for gaining new members but you can bring them in ANY month. Many of you are just now getting started on the new year. Invite them to your regular meetings. Happy Thanksgiving and A Very Merry Christmas.

Sylvia Ochs, Membership Chairman.





Visit the Easterseals website and discover; how to donate, fundraising, raising ideas, and interactive brain games to help improve memory! Easterseals | Welcome to the Easter Seals Brain Health Center WovenLife of Oklahoma On September 24, 1925, the Oklahoma Society for Crippled Children was formed. Earle F. Bridges, Chairman of the Crippled Children's Committee of the Oklahoma City Rotary Club became the first president of the organization. In 1984, the Oklahoma Easter Seal Agency was officially incorporated and a few years later, the name was officially changed to the Oklahoma Easter Seal Society. In 2002, the Oklahoma Society for Crippled Children merged with the Oklahoma Easter Seal Society, and the surviving corporation became known as Easter Seals Oklahoma, Inc. Since 1925, the organization has carried out many programs benefiting thousands of children and adults with disabilities. Services over the years have included early intervention vision, hearing, and scoliosis screening services for school children. Historical services have also included physical therapy and evaluations, reading tutoring, development screenings, ADHD interventions, clinics, and more; Many today may remember benefiting from those programs. On August 31, 2017, the organization disaffiliated from the Easter Seals brand and assumed the new name of WovenLife, Inc. with an enhanced mission of empowering people of all ages and abilities to find hope and independence through compassionate care, education, and support. This change allows WovenLife to focus solely on the local needs of our community while ensuring all of the money we raise stays here locally. WovenLife, Inc. (wovenlifeok.org) 405.239.2525



Tulsa Area Council Chatter.....

TULSA AREA COUNCIL

The June Council meeting was held at A New Leaf. It was a wonderful and fun event at the A New Leaf Garden Center. Those who attended learned more about their organization. They had an opportunity to make a flower arrangement which they took home with them. A brief TAC meeting followed. TAC President, Dawn Haley thanked everyone who joined us for the June 3 meeting.!! Photos from the event are on the ESA Oklahoma Facebook page.

TAC held a fundraiser and we raised \$406.84 from the Kendra Scott Gives Back event for A New Leaf; thank you to everyone who supported this event!!!

Dream Home tickets are sold out. We sold out in 9 weeks (a new record).

(this article was left out of the previous PJ in error)

Charlene Law

Tulsa Area Council Publicity Chairman



*Please join Tulsa Area Council of ESA
For the 2021
Candlelight Dinner & Installation of Officers*

Saturday, December 18, 2021

*Freddie's Steakhouse – 9999 OK-66
Sapulpa, OK 74066*

Drinks & Mingle: 6:00 pm

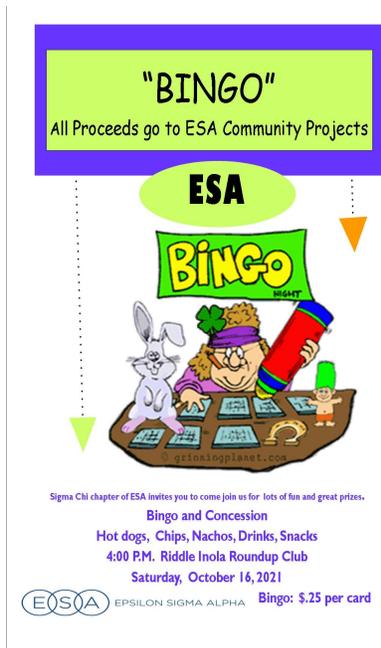
Dinner: 6:30 pm

Cost for guests is \$33 per person

*Please RSVP by December 11, 2021 to:
Linda Jones – linda.jones93@gmail.com
918-809-5621*



Sigma Chi - Inola Chatter.....



SIGMA CHI
INOLA #5053



This is one lucky lady, Shawn Whisman won the beautiful Precious Moments embroidery quilt, handmade by Sue Knight. Shawn not only won the quilt but also the raffle and the 50/50 pot. We told her she needs to head on down to the casino with that lucky streak!! Congratulations Shawn and enjoy your beautiful quilt!

Judy Cravens, Rosalie Griffith, Susan Patterson and Charlene Law attended the TAC meeting held at Rincon Mexican Grill.

We are looking forward to the Tulsa Area Council Candlelight Dinner on December 18th.

Charlene Law

Sigma Chi, President

Gamma Delta Chatter.....

In August of 2020, the Gamma Delta Chapter of Epsilon Sigma Alpha chose Tulsa, Oklahoma's 43-year-old 501(c)3 non-profit, Emergency Infant Services, as its agency to support through its fundraising efforts. Chapter President Mara Wheeler and chapter publicist Joan Gallo presented a \$500 check to EIS' Executive Director Bill Andoe, and Director of Development, Mary Ellen Evans.

In November of 2021, in its 44th year of operation, Emergency Infant Services installed its Donor Wall in its vestibule to showcase those individuals and organizations instrumental in ensuring EIS continues its mission of helping children from birth through the 5th year of life through their generous donations.

Emergency Infant Services is truly grateful to the women of Gamma Delta for its support in helping EIS continue its mission because: "A hungry child cannot wait."

Thank you, Gamma Delta Chapter of Epsilon Sigma Alpha!



Gamma Zeta Chatter

Gamma Zeta member Billye Putnam helps the children choose clothing for UR Special November distribution.



U R Special, the Edmond nonprofit, had a busy weekend as it handed out brand new clothing to over 500 children during its November distribution date. The nonprofit seeks to increase self-esteem for children in the area with over 125 local volunteers working to ensure its success. U R Special's Board wants to serve children and inspire them to serve others. The organization aims to help the children build positive self-esteem, healthy habits, and positive relationships. To do that, volunteers address children by name and distribute in a way that is encouraging and allows children to choose their own clothing and accessories.



Jacquie Edwards, center- Awards Chairman for Epsilon Sigma Alpha Gamma Zeta chapter, gives Shirley Moore -left--her 55 year pin and certificate. She joined in 1966. Ada Blankenship— right-- also received a 50 year pin and a certificate for her years of service. She joined in 1971.

Cantrell said Gamma Zeta wanted to pay special tribute to these ladies because they have been true members of ESA for fifty-five and fifty years respectively. They have kept the faith in their quest for knowledge and have now passed another milestone along the path of service for Epsilon Sigma Alpha. They have learned that ESA is a sharing of hopes, dreams, joys, memories, and yes, even some tears of joy and of sadness. They have shared of themselves with their sisters and with those who are less fortunate.

Both Shirley and Ada have been generous givers and exemplify steadfastness of purpose. It is indeed Gamma Zeta's honor to have both ladies in our chapter. We thank you for your combined 105 years of service.

Jacquie Cantrell presents Winnie Redwine with her 5 year pin and certificate for dedication and service in ESA



Michelle McCalleigh, Liz King, and Jacci Gantz, Gamma Zeta members of Epsilon Sigma Alpha, attended Western District Leadership in Norman, Oklahoma recently.



Guest speaker was Shirley Franklin with the Neighborhood Services Organization, which provides temporary, supportive housing for homeless mothers and their children, foster boys who age out of the foster system, supportive housing for homeless adults with a diagnosed mental illness, and housing for homeless families. A silent auction was held during the meeting plus door prizes were presented. For the philanthropic project, all who attended brought donations of socks for "Shoes That Fit"



Ada Blankenship displays her girls' clothing she created for UR Special Clothing distribution.

Seated: guest Rita Marsh, Gamma Zeta members: Linda Coniglio, Laura Howells, Sandi Robinson
Standing: Liz King, Jacci Gantz, Billye Putnam, Shirley Moore, Kathy Roderick, Ada Blankenship, and Ruth Simpson.



Ada Blankenship hosted the annual Epsilon Sigma Alpha salad supper recently. Every imaginable salad was served along with delicious desserts. Epsilon Sigma Alpha's Edmond Gamma Zeta chapter was founded in 1972. ESA is good friends, good works, and good times. We create activities and support causes that let us surround ourselves with welcoming, positive people who enjoy making a difference and having fun together. ESA volunteers with different charities, teaches leadership and how to become an effective leader and life skills, secures scholarship, performs community service, and has a strong network of meaningful friendships.

Epsilon Sigma Alpha chapters Kappa Theta of Guthrie and Gamma Zeta of Edmond held their September social at Los Arcos in Edmond recently. 24 members and spouses attended the Mexican feast.

Epsilon Sigma Alpha is an international philanthropic service organization. Beside local charities each chapter participates with, the Oklahoma School for the Deaf in Sulphur and the Oklahoma School for the Blind in Muskogee are supported as well. St. Jude Children's Research Hospital is the international project that both chapters support.

Kappa Theta also works with Hope House in Guthrie, a men and women's immersion into the community with obtaining driver's licenses and insurance plus help with daily tasks, and Logan County Youth Shelter where kids who have been removed from dangerous situations can live. Kappa Theta helps them with everyday needs.

Eta Mu Owasso Chatter

September 18, 2021, Leslie & Matt Farabee celebrated Liddie & Denver's wedding. Liddie is a Legacy member, 3 generations; Liddie-Leslie-Faye Rikkola.



October 7, Eta Mu held a fundraiser at the First United Methodist Church, Owasso. The painting class was illustrated and taught by Judy Kimball, with her helpers' members, Raedell Weatherl, Melody Garrett, Stephanie Meyer and Charlotte Grisham. Members in attendance for the painting class; Judy, Suzanne, Raedell, Stephanie, Kathy, Leslie, Charlotte, and Melody.

Member Kathy Curtis presented Suzanne Dossett with the 2021 Owasso Character Council Jim McElrath Award.

An annual award given to a special nominee with the character traits of a dedicated teacher in Owasso Education Schools. Suzanne is a retired teacher, volunteer for ESA Eta Mu, Owasso school services and with Catholic Charities. Congratulations Suzanne for your continued success and commitment!



Kappa Alpha Chatter

As time passed, “not having a meeting, having a meeting with Zoom, almost a regular meeting” sure makes us appreciate and thankful for the path of being together again.

Jewel Pin Ceremonies were conducted for recipients Dora Gilbert and Marilyn Naas. Service Awards were received by: Jane Fleming 40 yrs, Sharon Barnett 30 yrs, Marie DuCharme 30 yrs, Anne Jones 30 yrs, Cindy Whitehead 30 yrs, and Betty Metcalf 20 yrs.

yrs.



PAWNEE BILL

In August, our Educational Social was a tour to the home of World-renowned Wild West Show entertainer “Pawnee Bill” (Gordon William Little 1860-1962) in Pawnee, Oklahoma. Bill became friends with the Pawnee Indians learning their language and their skills at a young age. During his showmanship, he had a short partnership with William “Buffalo” Bill Cody performing in Europe and North America. His wife, May, was the champion sharpshooter.



We visited the 5300 Sq ft, 14 room, 2 story Mansion filled with original memorabilia, photos, artwork and more, built in 1910, having running water, electricity with a generator, costing around \$100,000 (1910 \$\$). 500 of the original 2000 acres include a modern museum with Pawnee Bill exhibits and artifacts, original blacksmith shop, 1903 log cabin, 1925 3 story barn, carriage house and more. A herd of buffalo, longhorn cattle and draft horses can be seen with a pasture drive through. Bill had diversified investments, opening an oil refinery in Yale, raising cattle, real estate, motion picture company, Banker, wildlife and preserving the West. We left the Ranch and went to Click's Steakhouse known for their outstanding steaks, established in 1962.

Oh my, their homemade rolls, their homemade "mile high" pies were amazing. An enjoyable meal topped off our interesting historic educational experience.

Be kind, sparkle and shine. Happy Holidays to all.

Carolyn Womack, Nov 2021

