



Oklahoma State Council
2023 – 2024
Petticoat Journal



THE JOURNEY-
“OH, THE PLACES WE WILL GO”
Patricia Heer, President

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**From the desk of
Patty Heer-President
OK State Council**



“Oh, the Places We Will Go”, The Journey.

This year has been a very trilling Journey. I am so happy that you choose to go on the Journey with me. I am honored to be in ESA with so many members with servant hearts. You bring joy to so many organizations and individuals both internal and external to ESA. You are very talented and loads of fun. It is so amazing to belong to an organization with members that represent so much knowledge and diversity. We are able to learn from each and grow in knowledge, service to others, and friendship.

The 2023-2024 Convention Committee has been working hard to bring you a wonderful weekend of activities. We are very excited to be hosting the Convention at the Delta by Marriott, Reed Convention Center in Midwest City. We will be celebrating you as we Journey into the weekend. Please plan on being part of “Journey” by attending the 2023-2024 OK State Convention. Registration deadline is March 31, 2024. The convention committee is watching the mailbox with anticipation of receiving your registration.

Help recognize all the hard work that the board has done this year by purchasing an ad for the program. Maybe even spread the word about ESA by asking a local business if they would be interested in purchasing an ad.

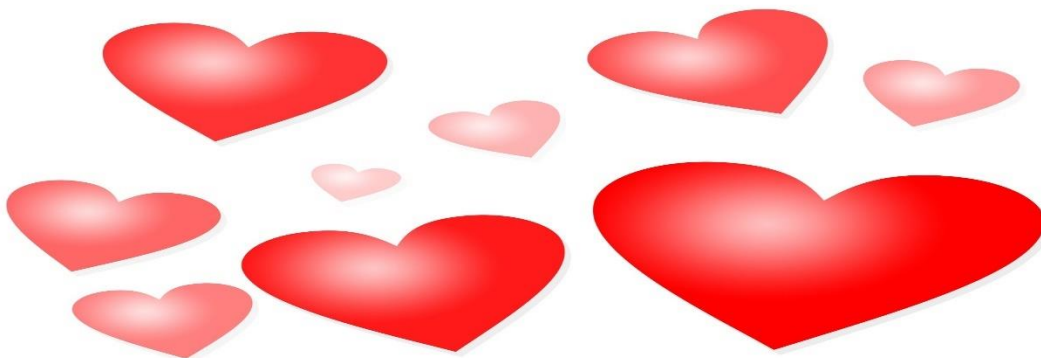
Thank you to all of you that have supported me this year. The smiles, kind words, and emails have been much appreciated.

I look forward to seeing you at convention.

“Why fit in when you were born to stand out?”

“You are you. Now, isn’t that pleasant?”

Dr. Seuss



Darla Barton - Oklahoma State Council VP

You will find the 2024 -2025 Candidates & their qualifications on page 11 in this issue.
Congratulations and thank you for volunteering to serve on the State Council board.

Looking forward to next year.

See all of you at convention.

Darla



Vice President
Jennifer Sparkman



Judi York
Corresponding Secretary



Tammy Ramirez
Recording Secretary



Sandy Lackey
Treasurer



Gwynn Nell Swanson
PJ Editor



Rosalie Griffith
Parliamentarian



Lana Rubio
State Project Director

PARLIAMENTARIAN

Oklahoma State Council Proposed Bylaw Change

The following change is proposed:

Article XVI – Convention

Section 5 now reads:

REGISTRATION FEE

The convention registration fee shall be approved by the Executive Board and the Oklahoma State Council at the first meeting after convention. The deadline for paying registration for state convention is thirty (30) days prior to convention with a guaranteed refund with legitimate reason, if cancellation is made ninety-six (96) hours before convention opens.

Change to read: Section 5. REGISTRATION FEE

The Convention Registration fee shall be approved by the Executive Board. The registration fee shall be voted on one year prior to the State Convention at the Second General Assembly. The deadline for paying registration for state convention is thirty (30) days prior to convention. Refund to be determined by the Convention Committee.

The reason for the bylaw change is to give the Convention committee time to make a budget based on the registration fee they will be using for the convention. It also helps with the convention registration form. Each year that we raised the fee we had to have 2 forms for the June State Council meeting. This will make it easier for the registration chair.

After the Executive Board meeting, it was moved we delete Article XVI – Convention, Section 5 from the bylaws and add it to the Standing Rules so that depending on the verbage of the hotel contract it can be changed at any time by adding to the Standing Rules.

State Council Parliamentarian
Jacque Cantrel

PJ Editor

This is it! Last issue.

Be sure you bring this issue of the PJ to convention. It has the 2024-2025 candidates' qualification and acceptance for office. It also has the By-law changes.

I hope you have enjoyed this year's issues. Yes, I did make some mistakes but I tried to correct them. Getting those pictures transferred so I could insert them in the PJ was VERY challenging!!

Have a fun and safe summer and I will see you next year.

Gwynn Nell Swanson
PJ Editor

News from Project Director – Margaret Kramer

It has been my pleasure serving as OK State Council Project Director. The accomplishments of the students from OSB and OSD always astound me. Thanks to the generosity of 16 chapters and 4 individuals, OK State Council was able to send over \$3000.00 to the schools for Christmas gifts. We sent candy and cards for Halloween, Valentine's Day and will be sending again for Easter.

At the March Council meeting the members in attendance signed Easter cards and sent good wishes to the students. The Eastern District held their meeting and installation of officers at the Oklahoma School for the Blind in Muskogee. Ms. Echelle, school superintendent and some of the staff were great hostesses assuring we had everything we needed for a fun and productive day. They provided a slide show highlighting some of the student's activities.

The State Council membership voted to send the 7 OSB and 13 OSD students graduating a \$50.00 gift card each. The fund is still accepting donations. Please remember to send me your service reports by April 1. You can email to mghnurseok@aol.com or text to 918-617-3130 or mail to 114625 S 4172 Cir., Eufaula, OK 74432. I want to wish Lana Rubio a great year as the 2024-2025 OK State Council Project Director. I know she will do a super job.



Ms. Rita Echelle, OSB Superintendent (L)
Suzanna Jackman, OSB Librarian (R)

Thank you for your SUPPORT: Alpha Rho, Alpha Theta, Beta Beta, Beta Gamma, Beta Iota, Beta Rho, Beta Zeta, Delta Kappa, Eta Mu, Gamma Delta, Gamma Zeta, Kappa Alpha, Kappa Theta, Theta Tau, Zeta Epsilon, Zeta Gamma, Peggie Sprinkle, Patty Heer, Susan Patterson and Margaret Kramer

Disaster Fund

Thank you to all the chapters who have donated so far to the ESA Disaster Fund: Gamma Delta, Gamma Pi, Gamma Zeta, Zeta Gamma, Delta Kappa, Alpha Rho, Zeta Epsilon, Alpha Zeta, Eta Mu, Alpha Theta, Beta Gamma, Kappa Alpha and Charlene Law.

There's still time to get your chapter donation into me. Make checks payable to ESA Disaster Fund. Include chapter name, and number.

Linda Jones
Disaster Fund Chair

ESA AWARDS

Awards entries are due now. If you are entering the essay contest "What ESA Means to Me" then be sure to send it in before April 1st. Remember there are 2 categories, one for active members of 1 year or less and one for active members of more than 1 year. Requirements can be found on the website.

At our Awards Luncheon, members will be recognized for years of service beginning with 5 years going up by increments of 5. PLEASE send me this information from your chapter before April 1.

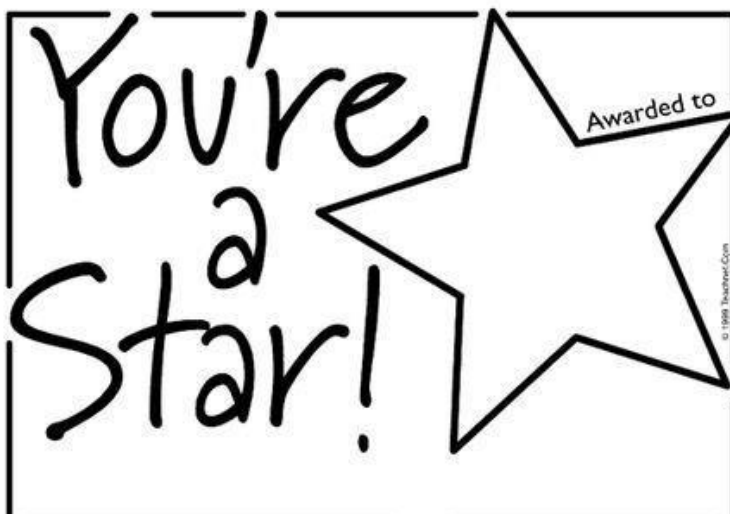
Also due by April 1 are all who will be recognized for First Pearl and Pallas Athene Awards.

If you have any questions, please contact me through email, theochsrealestate@gmail.com, or you can call or text 405 641-1830.

My mailing address is Sylvia Ochs, P.O. Box 562, Guthrie, OK 73044.

Thank you for your hard work!

Sylvia Ochs
Awards Chairman



Chaplain



Cards sent to Susan Patterson, Marilyn Haynes, Lora Thompson, Bobby Martin, Vicky Martinez, Gwynn Nell Swanson, Deanna Miller, Mary Adams, Bobby Martin, Rosemarie Pagan, Faye Alexander, Millie Swan and Mona Johnson.

God directs our steps and makes them secure. It is okay to admit we are afraid or out of our element. God wants to hear our hearts' cries. He wants to comfort, encourage and strengthen us through our times of struggle. The more out of sorts we feel, the more we can lean into God, who has given us all we need along the way.

In the untidy tides of life, in sorrow and hope, in want and plenty, we may not know how to navigate the uncharted waters around and in us. But God gives us treasures on the way and teaches us a deeper trust that leads us closer to His heart — even while we linger in the wilderness.

Thank you for allowing me to serve as your chaplain this year.

**Jacci Gantz
Oklahoma ESA chaplain**

Contest Chair

Hello Members!

It is so hard to believe that this ESA year is coming to an end. The April 1 deadline is almost here! I hope that all chapters are sending in reports so that we can all see how busy you have been.

Can't wait to see everyone at State Convention!

Cheryl Young

Directory Chair

Hello everyone,

I am going to be your new Directory Chair for 2024-2025. For the directory to be as precise and accurate as possible, I need YOUR participation. I am hoping to have the directory printed by the June state meeting to lower mailing cost to you.

Directories are going to be \$17, and we are going to be taking preorders at convention again this year. Mailing cost will be an additional \$5.

Here is the list of information that is required as of 2024 to be printed in our directory:

- Complete list of State Executive and General Board --- Darla Barton
- State Council Meeting dates and I.C. Convention dates --- Darla Barton
- Complete list of Officers on District Boards --- Cheryl Young & Liz King
- Complete list of active Oklahoma Chapter Presidents --- Chapter Presidents or representative (2024-2025 President & name & address)
- Complete membership list of the active chapters in Oklahoma --- Chapter Presidents or representative (Chapter Presidents PLEASE send me an updated roster with name, address & phone #s of your members – template is on ESA Oklahoma Facebook Page)
- State Bylaws and Standing Rules as revised at Convention --- Rosalie Griffith
- Headquarters address, phone number and contact person --- Mara Wheeler
- Deadline for Petticoat Journal articles --- Gwynn Nell Swanson
- Sooner Senioresses; names, address and phone numbers --- Sooner Senioresses
- List of any active DESA or collegiate chapters ---???

Mara Wheeler

EASTER SEALS

Just wanted to pop in and remind the chapters to remember to support Friday night auction at convention and be sure to remember that the Foundation, Easter Seals and St. Jude are all splitting the monies raised so bring auction items and bid, bid, bid.



The checks I did receive have all been sent off to Easter Seals in Chicago and I thank those chapters for their donations.

Thanks again,
Gwen Beasley

“Enjoy the Little Things in Life” - like riding a bike.

Riding a bicycle is a low aerobic exercise that offers a wealth of benefits. You can cycle as a mode of transportation, for casual activity, or as an intense, competitive endeavor.

Reasons to ride a bicycle:

May help you lose weight; will help strengthen your legs; may lower cholesterol; boosts mental health and brain power; can help people with cancer; may prevent and manage medical conditions; is environmentally friendly; improves balance, posture, and coordination; is a low impact option; may reduce the risk of cardiovascular disease. Appreciate the satisfaction that comes from improving your fitness while having fun. Bikes give you access to trails and areas that cars can't reach. It is also an enjoyable way to get in touch with the world around you.

Our President, Patty Heer's theme, “The Journey, Oh, the Places We Will Go”, is a perfect reason for riding a bike!

“Nothing compares to the simple pleasure of a bike ride” -
John F. Kennedy, former US President

“To bicycle is to be in touch with the world around us” – unknown

“For me, the bicycle is just as good a place to find happiness and get a glimpse of the world's magic.” - Fatty, Fat Cyclist Blog

Peggie Sprinkle, Educational Chair



ESA for St Jude



ESA for St Jude Chairman – Janet (Guiles) Curry

What an exciting year for ESA and St. Jude! Because of our ability to fundraise, all ESA chapters nationwide have been asked to participate in a program called The Power to Connect. From March 1 through March 28th, we have been asked to go on the website stjude.org/child-life. Below the narrative is a list of acceptable things that St. Jude patients and families need. If you or your chapter decide to participate, would you please share a photo with me of things you collect or dollar amount that you spend so that I can share that on a zoom call with all the State St Jude Coordinators on March 28th. Of course, this is ongoing project past that date, but we want to celebrate YOU!

There is also a way to participate in a fundraising letter writing campaign. If you are interested, please contact the ESA St. Jude Coordinator at esaforstjude@epsilonalpha.org. Great news! Tickets for the Tulsa Dream Home go on sale at the end of March. OKC Dream Home tickets will be available around the end of May.

Be sure and keep the momentum going this year and register all St Jude fundraising events as ESA OK so that your chapter and ESA will get credit by the end of our award year before State Convention in April. Please feel free to send me copies of your chapter St. Jude contributions and I'll make sure you get credit for all you do! Show your love for St Jude Kids! Let's all MAKE A DIFFERENCE and help stamp out childhood cancer! Just think if everyone gave just \$1 what a difference we can make!

Janet (Guiles) Curry
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ESA Foundation



Hi Everyone,

This is probably my last PJ Article. 2024-2025 someone else will become your ESA Foundation Counselor. Thanks to everyone for supporting me over the years as your ESA Foundation Counselor. It has been such a joy serving as Counselor.

Don't forget your items for the state and the IC auction. We really need your support.

Please continue to support the Fantasy Event, through the mail or on-line at **[contribute - Epsilon Sigma Alpha \(ESA\) - An International Service Organization](#)**

Donate to the Pathways Project. The Pathway Project is a way to recognize and/or memorialize someone. This would be an excellent way to honor your State President, while also helping the Foundation. Please see the full description and options at: **<https://www.epsilonsigmaalpha.org/about/ESAFoundation/contribute/Pathway>**.

Check out the upcoming issue of the Membership Newsletter for an article featuring a recent Pathways Project donor – Charlotte Carloni.

Celebrate special ESA Foundation or ESA members, community volunteers or other special people with your gift to the pathway program. Your donations will pave the way to a brighter future for our organization, those who follow in our path, and those we serve.

If you are a Dixie Palmer Lady, or a Robert and Dixie Palmer Recipient, please contact me before convention.

Vivian Gibson,
ESA Foundation Counselor

2024 – 2025 Candidates & Qualifications



I, Jennifer Sparkman, am writing this letter to enthusiastically submit and accept the nomination for Vice-President of the ESA Oklahoma State Council for the 2024-2025 year.

Thank you for the opportunity to serve this organization,

VICE PRESIDENT

Jennifer Sparkman
Kappa Theta 5414, Guthrie, OK

Personal Life/Education

Married for 33 years to Ret. Major Stephen Sparkman, Air Force Commander. Two children and 2 grandchildren.

Holds Bachelor of Arts & Science in Political Science, History, and Secondary Education. Completed Master of Public Administration (MPA) with a focus on policy.

Chapter positions held: Awards Chair, Secretary, Vice-President, President, Current Chapter Treasurer, Social Chair, Ways & Means.

Western District Vice-Coordinator, Western District Coordinator

Oklahoma State Level: Publicity Chair, Hope for Heroes Chair, Easterseals Chair, Treasurer, Western District Coordinator

Midwest Area Regional Council (MARC): Hope for Heroes Chair, Communicator, Current MARC Chaplain

International Council (IC): Awards Chair



CORRESPONDING SECRETARY

Judi York
Beta Gamma 0391, Tulsa, OK

Personal Information

Married to Steve York for over 55 years. We have 2 children, Trent and Jennifer, 4 granddaughters and 1 great granddaughter.

ESA Experience

I have been a member of ESA since November, 1975

Served as:
Tulsa Area Council President in 1983, 2014 & 2023

District Coordinator twice

Many officer and chair positions on the Oklahoma State Council
Oklahoma State Council President 1995-96

State Convention Chair (4) times

IC Corresponding Secretary 2003/2004
IC State President's Chair 2005/2006 & 2006/2007
IC Membership Chair 2007/2008 & 2008/2009
IC Chaplain 2009/2010
IC Parliamentarian 2010/2011

IC Convention Registration Chair (2) times

ESA Foundation Board 2 terms

Other Information

Have served as the ESA chair for the Tulsa St. Jude Dream Home since it began.

Currently, traveling and spending time with grandchildren, along with other ESA jobs. Love to play golf, read and play games.



RECORDING SECRETARY

Tammy Ramirez
Kappa Theta 5414, Guthrie, OK

Thank you for nominating me for ESA OK Recording Secretary and I gladly accept this position.

My Qualifications:

I have served in the following positions:

I have served several elected positions in my Chapter Kappa Theta #5414 Guthrie, OK

Several times as State Treasurer and as my chapters Treasurer.

I have been the State Contest Chair.

I have also assisted and been involved in various Chapter and State fund raisers included but not limited to St Jude Dream Home and Salute to Veterans.

I look forward to another exciting year with my ESA Family and friends.

This is going to be another great year.





TREASURER

Sandy Lackey
Alpha Theta 1038, Muskogee, OK

Sandy has 22 years in ESA with just about as many years serving on the State Executive Board and General Board.

The first 12 years she worked her way up the chairs (including Treasurer) while living in Ohio, up to being Ohio State President 2012-2013.

The second 10 years of her membership in ESA have been spent here, in Oklahoma, holding positions in her chapter as well as District Coordinator.

She was Okla State President 2021/22.

She is trying to stay very active in ESA, on the State level, where her heart is.



Parliamentarian

Rosalie Griffith
Sigma Chi 5053, Inola, OK

Rosalie Griffith has been a member of ESA for 45 years. She is also a Sooner Seniorette and served as the Oklahoma State president in 1991-92, she was a Founder and chair of the ESA Membership Corporation and is a past IC President. Rosalie is a Life Active Member of the Foundation and recently completed a six-year term on the ESA Foundation Board and served as Parliamentarian during that time.

Rosalie is also a Registered Parliamentarian and is the 2023 past president of the Oil Capital Unit of the National Association of Parliamentarians and is currently serving as Secretary/Treasurer. Rosalie is active in several community and civic organizations. She is Founder and President of the Inola Educational Enrichment Foundation and serves as president of the Northeast Technology school board. She serves as a Director on the Inola Area Chamber of Commerce and is a past Chair of the Advisory Counsel for SafeNet Services, a nonprofit organization for Domestic Abuse. Rosalie also serves on the Leadership Rogers County Board of Directors and is a past president of the Rogers County Health Department Board of Trustees.

Rosalie serves as Secretary/Treasurer for the Rural Economic Development of Inola Trust Authority and is currently on the Parks Committee. She chaired the Oklahoma Century Community Project for the Town of Inola and was successful in getting the town certified as an Oklahoma Century Community through the Oklahoma Department of Commerce. She is also a graduate of the Oklahoma Citizens Academy, sponsored by the Oklahoma Community Institute.

She is also responsible for getting the town of Inola Certified as a Healthy Community and has authored many successful grants for the Town of Inola.

“ESA is my real passion and I believe my experience in ESA and community involvement can be an asset to the State Council. I believe my experience as a Parliamentarian and working on many different nonprofit boards will be an asset.

I am retired from the Bank of Oklahoma after 20 years in the Internal Audit Department and have time to devote to what I like to do best, “serving others and making a difference.”



Petticoat Journal Editor

Gwynn Nell Swanson
Delta Kappa #3538, Norman, OK

Qualifications:

I pledged ESA in 1982 and have received many awards in the chapter. I have attended 40 State Conventions and 28 I.C. Conventions.

I am very proud to be a member of ESA and how it has helped me throughout these years. I would be honored to serve as your State Petticoat Journal Editor.

Offices held in ESA:

State:

Elected:

- Sr. Past President
- Jr. Past President
- President
- First Vice President
- Second Vice President
- Treasurer
- Recording Secretary
- Petticoat Journal Editor (3)

District:

- Coordinator
- Vice Coordinator
- Treasurer
- Recording Secretary
- Corresponding Secretary
- Many other committees & chairmanship

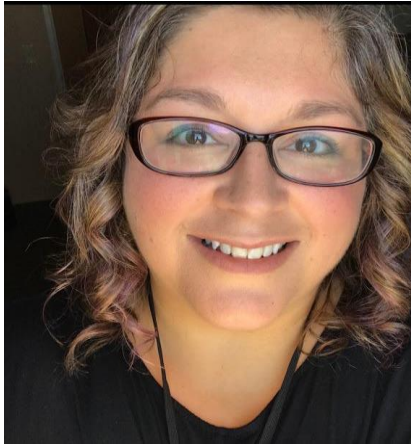
State:

Appointed:

- Numerous State Committees
- Numerous Convention Committees

Chapter:

- President (6)
- Vice President
- Secretary (3)
- Treasurer (4)
- Educational Director (3)
- Numerous chapter committees



State Project Director

Lana Rubio
Kappa Theta, 5414, Guthrie, OK

I appreciate and accept the opportunity to serve as your State Project Director. I am proud to be an ESA member and love the growth that it allows. I look forward to working with the Oklahoma School of the Deaf/Blind.

I have been a member of Kappa Theta, 5414 since 2020.

Chapter positions: President, Vice President, Awards Chair, Scrapbook.

District: Western: Recording Secretary.

State: Publicity Chair.



Chapter Chatter

Beta Gamma, Tulsa

Beta Gamma was thrilled to present the Outstanding Youth award to Emily Jezek. She is a smart, talented and gracious young lady-we love her!

Jan Kendall



Beta Iota, McAlester

Beta Iota, McAlester sending Spring Greetings!

Hope this message finds all our OK ESA families doing well.

Our February Philanthropic project was a Benefit Taco Dinner/Auction for a local School teacher Becky, who is being treated for Stage IV Cancer at MD Anderson Cancer Center, Houston, Texas. We were blessed to have raised \$7000.00 to help defray costs of transportation to and from Houston. The community, her church family and Beta Iota worked well together to promote this event and were instrumental in the events success. Most of the members and many of their husbands and children participated and helped with the affair.

Thursday January 25 Beta Iota supplied the food, other supplies and manpower for The Day of Caring supporting community members with assistance of food, information on available resources and care packages.

The group meets monthly for a social with food and drink. We are finalizing plans for our "Girls Night Out" Besties Bash, Denim Diamonds and Pearls April 20, all are welcome for an unforgettable experience.

At the February meeting we honored the DAA and Outstanding Junior and Senior Students.

Looking forward to State Convention in April, chapter banquet and Instillation of 2024-25 officers in May.

Wishing you all a great spring with health, happiness and good fortune.

Delta Kappa Chapter, Norman

Delta Kappa members are so happy to welcome 3 new members, Bruce Storms, Gary Shockley & Gerald Wiseman (picture below). They have worked alongside of us on numerous projects for a long time. Now they are officially part of our sisterhood aka our “brothers”.

Linda, Sharon, Faye & Jeanne attended the Western District & installation of officers in March in Shawnee. Gwynn Nell was installed as the Western District recording secretary. Congratulations to Gwynn Nell and the newly installed Western District officers.

Linda, Sharon, Faye, Jeanne, Gloria, Gwynn Nell and Janice attended the State Council meeting in March in Shawnee (picture below). It was a fun day filled with good food, fellowship & helpful information. The presentation by Brooklyn Hawkins was amazing. At a young age she started a foundation, “In the Middle of a Miracle” to help fellow teenagers and young children with cancer.

Several DK members enjoyed going to the Holy Name Catholic Church in Chickasha to their annual fish fry on Friday evenings during the season of Lent. It was delicious!

We have finished working the OU football, basketball & gymnastics sporting events. It is time to celebrate which is just what we are going to do. We will be going to Native Spirits Winery in Norman for a little wine tasting or maybe a lot of wine tasting for hanging in there to work 45 OU events. We are happy we are done except we may work some of the girls’ softball games. It never ends but our W & M’s chair, Georgia is super happy about making 3 times more than what we budgeted. Way to go DK sisters!!!!

Until next time-----Enjoy the arrival of the Spring season which restores the beauty of our Okla landscape.

Janice Shockley for Delta Kappa, Norman



New members: Bruce Storms, Gary Shockley, Gerald Wiseman



Sharon, Faye, Jenne, Gwynn Nell, Gloria Linda and Janice at Okla. State Council Mtg.

Gamma Zeta, Edmond



New members for Gamma Zeta: Front row: Ruth Foote, Anita Palmer, Rayne Tubbs, Christine Merideth. Back row: Dottie Cather, Debbie Lindley. Not pictured: Adelina Wooldridge, Debby Hagedorn




Gamma Zeta's St. Patrick's celebration meeting. Front row: Ada Blankenship, Dottie Cather, Ruth Foote, Anita Palmer, Rayne Tubbs, Christine Merideth. Back row: Debbie Scott, Ruth Simpson, Laura Howells, Shirley Moore, Kelly Wasso, Debbie Lindley, Bev Fedde, Billye Peterson, Jacci Gantz, Liz King, Florence Murrah, Jacque Cantrel. Not pictured: JoAnn Bullard

Kappa Theta – Guthrie

Kappa Theta Guthrie has continued working on the State Convention to be held in April 2024. Fundraising ideas included the specialty cake auction and the BIG news about Spirit Mums!

President Lana Rubio's amazing idea was shared with everyone at the State Council meeting in March!! The mums are beautiful and prices start at just \$20! We hope this fundraising project will continue in the future with all incoming state president themes! Please contact Kappa Theta with any questions! The website is included on the order form KappaTheta5414@gmail.com.

Thank you all for your support!



Spirit Mums

Show your SPIRIT and your LOVE for your chapter with a SPIRIT MUM!
Support State Conventions with our Spirit mum fundraiser!
Wear your mums at State Conventions anytime and during the Award Ceremony.
Mums are made exclusively by Kappa Theta, 5414 Guthrie. Return order form with payment via cash, check or Venmo.
Deadline April 1st One order form per one mum order*

All orders begin with a basic mum at \$20.00, there are optional add-ons for an additional charge. The basic mum includes 5 pieces of 12-inch satin ribbon with a 6.5-inch mum flower. It also includes the current year and President's theme charm.
Contact us with any questions at kappatheta5414@gmail.com

(please print clearly)

<p>Name _____</p> <p>Phone _____</p> <p>Email _____</p> <p>Chapter Name _____</p> <p>Payment Information</p> <p>___ Cash</p> <p>___ Check (make payable to Kappa Theta)</p> <p>___ Venmo (Jennifer Sparkman)(Chapter Treasurer)</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">3 Easy Steps to ordering your spirit mum!</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Pick the color for your mum flower 2. Decide on any add-ons (extra charge) 3. Pay <p style="font-size: x-small;">!Your mum will be available for pickup at the State Convention!!</p>	<p>1. SELECT YOUR MUM FLOWER COLOR (only one)</p> <p>___ Blue</p> <p>___ White</p> <p>___ Blue/White mix</p> <p>Will this be a gentlemen's garter?</p> <p>YES NO</p>
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Pictures of items on back for reference



Zeta Gamma - Shawnee

Zeta Gamma, Shawnee

Wow, what a busy month we have had. Zeta Gamma sure has been busy. Gone to convention planning meetings and had a fabulous lunch provided by Cathy Holsted and sat in on their meeting for convention. Big plans are upcoming convention and looking forward to it. Going to be such fun. Can't hardly wait.

Zeta Gamma hosted the Western District meeting for lunch and we had soups and salad. So many soups to try. I think everyone was pleased with their lunch and Jennifer Sparkman had a great meeting and the installation for Liz was really nice. Silent auction was a success and so was donations to Shoes That Fit.

The very next weekend found us again hosting lunch for the State Council meeting also in Shawnee and we provided a Mexican themed lunch.

Patty Heer conducted the meeting with her board and I believe it was yet again, another very informative and successful meeting. Good times and fun as always at these meetings and of course, fundraising. Some mighty fine-looking cakes were auctioned off. Got to show off some mighty fine-looking Mums too.

Tomorrow Zeta Gamma is having our monthly meeting and lunch, and as you can see, we have been burning up the miles going here and there.

I'm sure more details will be worked out for what will be going on for convention. Guess I'll see you at convention. Patty Heer has done a great job this past year.

Gwen Beasley



81st Annual Oklahoma State Convention **“The Journey”** **April 26th – April 28th**

Convention at a Glance

Thursday, April 25, 2024

5:00 p.m. Convention Committee arrives

Friday, April 26, 2024

1:00 p.m. - 4:00 p.m. Convention Registration-Reed Center, 2nd Floor

Association of the Arts, Check-In,
Creative Expo, Pung Room

Information/Sales –PJ, Credentials, Directors,
Foundation Credentials – 2nd Floor

1:00 p.m. - 4:30 p.m. Silent Auction Item, Check-In – Reed C/D

1:00 p.m. - 5:00 p.m. “The Gathering Place”, Joyner Room

5:30 p.m. – 5:50 p.m. Welcome Skit (MC-special guests), Reed C/D

6:00 p.m. – 7:00 p.m. “Biking Adventure to ESA-Ville” (Buffet), Reed C/D

7:00 p.m. – 7:20 p.m. Candidates Skit

7:40 p.m. – 10:00 p.m. Mixer/Auction/Bingo-Fundraiser for St. Jude’s,
Easterseals, and Foundation, Reed C/D

10:00 p.m. – 12:00 p.m. “The Gathering Place”, Joyner Room

Saturday, April 27, 2024

7:00 a.m. – 8:00 a.m. Convention Registration, 2nd Floor

7:00 a.m. – 8:30 a.m. Association of the Arts – Creative Expo- Pung
Room

8:30 a.m. – 9:00 a.m. Line up for Flag Ceremony/Receive Instructions
Outside of Reed C/D
Door closes at 9:00 a.m. for Flag Ceremony

9:15 a.m. – 11:30 a.m. First General Assembly, Reed C/D

11:30 a.m. – 11:45 a.m. Break



Convention at a Glance

12:00 p.m. – 3:00 p.m.	“Celebrating the Journey at Who-Ville Picnic Park”, Awards Luncheon, Reed C/D
3:15 p.m. – 5:00 p.m.	“The Gathering Place”, Joyner Room Association of the Arts (pick-up) Creative Expo, Pung Room
5:00 p.m. – 5:30 p.m.	State President’s Reception (by invitation), “The Gathering Place”, Joyner Room
6:00 p.m. – 6:15 p.m.	Installation Rehearsal, Reed C/D
6:20 p.m.	Doors Open
6:30 p.m.	Doors Close, reopen after installation
6:30 p.m. – 7:00 p.m.	Installation of 2024-2025 State Officers, Reed C/D
7:00-10:00 p.m.	“Ju-belee-Ville Banquet”, Reed C/D
10:00 p.m.	Receiving Line, 2024-2025 Board, Lobby Reed C/D

Sunday, April 28, 2024

7:30 a.m. – 8:00 a.m.	In-Coming/Out-Going Board Meeting, Reed C/D
8:05 a.m. – 8:35 a.m.	Celebration of Life, Reed C/D
9:00 a.m.	Continental Breakfast
9:00 a.m. – 11:00 a.m.	2 nd General Assembly, Reed C/D



Midwest Area Regional Council
39th Annual Conference
Sheraton Westport Plaza,
St. Louis, Missouri
October 11-12, 2024
Hosted by Missouri State Past
Presidents (Torchbearers)



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 Travel Plans: Driving: _____ Flying: Airline _____ Flight # _____ Date _____
 Names of Roommates: _____
 Name Tags Yes ___ No ___ (I will bring my own) Program Book Yes _____ PDF Only _____

Registration Fees (includes meeting fees, food, A/V, tax and service charges)

Postmarked By 9/13/2024

- Registration for Conference and Leadership \$175.00
- Registration excluding Friday Leadership \$150.00

Partial Registration

- Saturday Lunch only \$ 50.00
- Saturday Banquet only \$ 65.00

Postmarked After 9/13/2024

- Registration for Conference and Leadership \$190.00
- Registration excluding Friday Leadership \$175.00

Partial Registration

- Saturday Lunch only \$ 65.00
- Saturday Banquet only \$ 80.00

Walk-in Registration After 10/1/2024

- Walk-In Cash or Money Order Only \$205.00

Youth Meals (Under 12 years old) *

- Friday Lunch \$18.00
- Saturday Breakfast \$16.00
- Saturday Lunch \$18.00
- Banquet \$22.00

Total Enclosed \$ _____

Medical Dietary Restrictions (additional charges may apply) _____

Please make checks payable to Torchbearers 2024 MARC Conference.

Mail to: Torchbearers, 717 Galveston Court, Moscow Mills, MO 63362

Questions regarding registration can be directed to MSCTorchbearers@gmail.com or Phone: (636) 485-8694

Current Officer / Offices Held

(Check all that apply)

- MARC Exec Board
- MARC Appt Board
- MARCette
- IC Exec Board
- IC Appt Board
- ESA Foundation
- ESA Headquarters
- 1st Time Attendee
- Guest
- Youth Attendee

No Refunds after 9/1/2024

Hotel Information: Sheraton Westport Plaza, 900 Westport Plaza Drive, St. Louis, MO 63146
 Group Code: **Midwest Area Regional Council Conference**
<https://www.marriott.com/event-reservations/reservation-link.mi?id=1687554624013&key=GRP&app=resvlink>
Room Block honored until September 19, 2024
 Room Rate: \$159 Single/Double (No Limit to number of guests in the room)
 *Room rates honored two days prior/ one day after conference based upon availability
 Complimentary self-park, in room Wi-Fi

All cancellation requests must be made in writing, postmarked by 9/1/2024, if approved, a \$15 cancellation fee applies; one-time only member to member transfer registration is allowed by 9/1/2024 with a \$15 processing fee. \$45 processing fee applies for returned checks.

*Registration Chair will contact you with youth meal choices.