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

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Patty Heer, OK State Council President



This year has been happening at the speed of light. The June State Council meeting went well. Delta Kappa provided a delicious lunch and went above and beyond to provide an option for salads without onions. This was greatly appreciated. Zeta Gamma and Kappa Theta provided door prizes for the meeting. I was so happy to see all that attend and certainly missed those that were not able to attend.

Our year is full of opportunities at the state and local levels. Tulsa has already closed out a successful St. Jude's Dream Home fundraiser and OKC is gearing up. IC Convention is July 24-30, 2024 with about 25 OK members attending in Grapevine, TX. We will then be on to an exciting August 19th, Eastern District Meeting, and September 16th will bring ESA Leadership to be held at St. Crispin's Conference Center. Remember, at Leadership, ESA on the Mall happens. So, get your items ready and reserve a table. Wow, we will need to take a deep breath and gear up to attend the Oct 21st, Western District Meeting. October 13-14 will also bring the MARC Conference in Peoria, IL. I am so excited about these events and look forward to see you there.

Chapter Presidents, you are the eyes and ears for your chapter, please make certain we have your contact information. Contact Correspond Secretary, Peggy Campbell with updates Campbellpd007@sbcglobal.net.

And remember-

Every day belongs to you

Today is your day.
You're off to Great Places!
You're off and away!



“Oh, the Places We will Go in ESA”

April 26-28, 2024

Oklahoma State Council VP

Wow...Can you believe this year is more than half over!

The Convention was such fun! Congratulations to 2023-2024 President, Patty Heer. Her Dr. Seus theme of "Oh, the Places We Will Go!" will be a blast. I can't wait for her Convention and all the fun she has planned for us this year.

Guess what else happens at Patty's Convention? New officers for 2024-2025 will be installed.

Please consider joining me. My theme will be "Footprints of ESA." I would love to have your footprint walk beside mine.

For my executive board, I still need, Treasurer and PJ Editor. For my general board, I still need Auditor, Contest Chair, Easter Seals, ESA for St Jude, Hope for Heroes, Outstanding Chapter, Outstanding Youth, Publicity and Philanthropic. I also need all my IC, Foundation and MARC reps. If any of these positions interests you, please go to our state website oklaesa.org and click on Blue Book (left side). A description of each position is available. Don't want to do it by yourself, consider being a Co-Chair with someone.

My Nominating Committee is: Darla Barton (new email) darlaesa498@gmail.com; Linda Jones, linda.jones93@gmail.com; Rosalie Griffith, rosalie.griffith2@aol.com; Judi York, judykay@cox.net; Aletha Bolt, aletha.bolt@yahoo.com; Jacci Gantz, jaccig48@aol.com

If you would like more information about the different positions, please contact a member of the nominating committee. We would be glad to answer any questions you may have. We have nomination forms available, if you need one.

Looking forward to seeing you in Grapevine for IC Convention and September for State Council Leadership. Stay cool in this heat.

Darla Barton/OK State Council VP

"You'll never be bored when you try something new. There's really no limit to what you can do." Dr. Seus



**EPSILON SIGMA ALPHA INTL.
OKLAHOMA STATE COUNCIL EXECUTIVE BOARD MEETING
JUNE 17, 2023
MINUTES**



State President Patty Heer opened the June Executive Council Board meeting of the Oklahoma State Council welcoming everyone to the meeting.

Recording Secretary Robbin Brown will take attendance from the registration sign-in. Please give a copy of your report to her for the minutes.

If you are making a motion, or a second, please announce your name with chapter and speak so everyone can hear you.

Chaplain Jacci Gantz leads us in the opening ritual and flag salute.

The committee to read today's minutes, June 17, 2023 is Chair Margaret Kramer, committee Gwen Beasley and Jacci Gantz.

The 2023 final convention financial report was presented by the 2023 Convention Chairman/Sooner Seniorette Judi York and co-chair Cheryl Young. Judi mentioned how conventions are getting harder to plan with the costs of everything going up and attendance is down. Total income was \$19,121.00, expenses were \$17,279.06 with an ending balance of \$1,841.94. Profit paid between Oklahoma State Council and Tulsa Area Council is \$920.97 to Oklahoma State and \$920.97 to TAC.

Judy York reported the minutes for the 2023 State Convention were correct as printed.

Treasurer Tammy Ramirez presented the proposed budget for 2023-2024. Coming from a committee, no second is needed, motion carried.

General fund is \$5,947.18, total income of \$5,172.50 for a total income of \$11,119.68. Budget changes for income are fewer chapter, expenses for President state convention registration cost have increased with postage and paper prices have increased. PJ closed the checking account and reopened new account and deposited \$200.00 into it and deposited \$815.39 into the general fund account.

Convention City chapters have decreased. DAA, Outstanding Youth, and St. Jude are minors and must be accompanied by parents, we need to increase the cost of meals. Tammy moved that the budget be accepted as presented, coming from a committee no second is needed, motion carried.

Cheryl Young presented changes in contest reports. Delete sponsor child on Project report, add line to service report for ESA Foundation/other for ESA turn around funds, Outstanding Chapter judging sheet remove, Second Vice to read Educational Chair, child adopted at OSB and OSD be deleted on philanthropic section and add St. Jude non-ALSAC event. To get one point for one report is all that is required. Cheryl moved to make "housekeeping" changes to contest reports; coming from a committee no second is required, motion carried.

Patty's idea for her year is to go back to the basics of ESA and raise each other up. She has respect for everyone in this organization, we all make mistakes. This is the Journey she wants all to go on.

Eastern District Coordinator Dawn Haley announced that the district meeting is August 19 in Tulsa at the Highland Park Christian Church for a fun filled day.

This was the Executive Board meeting so adjourned.

Robbin Brown
Recording Secretary

**EPSILON SIGMA ALPHA, INTL.
OKLAHOMA STATE COUNCIL GENERAL BOARD MEETING
JUNE 17, 2023
MINUTES**

President Patty Heer opened the June 17, 2023 general board meeting welcoming everyone for coming.

Chaplain Jacci Gantz presented the thought of the day.

Corresponding Secretary Peggy Campbell read regrets from Linda Jones, Kay Brader, Sharon Storms, Ramona Paine, Lana Rubio, Janet Curry, Lola Jaegers, Lora Thompson, Charlene Law & Rosalie Griffith.

The committee to read the June 17, 2023, minutes are Chair Margaret Kramer, Gwen Beasley & Jacci Gantz.

2024 Convention Chair Cathy Holsted explained the reason for the increase to the registration with the rise in the cost of food and equipment. Registration will be \$150. Members will be able to use VENMO and CASHAPP to register for convention. To avoid charges through the bank, VENMO & CASHAPP it must go through a personal account which will be Stormy Simmons. Cathy moved to raise the registration amount to \$150.00 for the 2024 State Convention. Coming from a committee no second is required, motion carried. The rooms will be \$119.00 a night for all rooms.

First time attendees to a State Council meeting are Barb Fairbain, Beta Zeta OKC and Rosemarie Pagan, Delta Kappa, Norman.

Vice President/Nomination Chair Darla Barton wants you on her board for 2024. She still needs for executive board Treasurer, Parliamentarian and PJ Editor. For the general board is Association of the Arts, Auditor, Awards, DAA, Easter Seals, ESA for St. Jude, Hope for Heroes, Membership, Outstanding Chapter, Outstanding Youth, Publicity, Philanthropic & Scrapbook.

You and another member could be co-chairs on a committee. This way you both can learn together and share the work. The nomination committee is Judi York, Jacci Gantz, Aletha Bolt, Rosalie Griffith and Darla. She has a new email address darlaesa498@gmail.com. This is for ESA business but she still has the other one.

The Sooner Seniorettes were introduced. Patty thanked them for leading the way in leadership and encouragement for ESA members on their Journey in ESA. Each one was resented a gift.

Peggie Sprinkle presented her educational theme "Enjoy the Little Things in Life". Examples of relaxation to do as a chapter would be plant flowers, read a book then discuss at a meeting, go for a walk, listen to music, cook a new recipe, get gifts for nursing home residents and much more. Peggie's education today is how drinking a hot cup of tea can help with certain types of diseases like depression, prevents some cancers, stress, diabetes and lower body fat. Each member received a tea bag. Each tea bag had Snoopy and Friends characters with it and if you bring it back to the September meeting, she will have a surprise for members. Let's all take this Journey together. She has several educational links to go to on the net that she will put in the PJ.

Patty introduced the executive and general board officers Corresponding secretary Peggy Campbell; First Vice President, Darla Barton; Recording Secretary Robbin Brown; Parliamentarian Jacque Cantrel; Treasurer Tammy Ramirez; *Petticoat Journal* Editor, Gwynn Nell Swanson; State Project Director Margaret Kramer; Jr. Past President/Disaster Fund Linda Jones; Eastern District Coordinator Dawn Haley;

Western District Coordinator Jennifer Sparkman; Association of the Arts, Kay Brader; Auditor, Linda Congilio; Awards, Sylvia Ochs; Awards Co-chair, Jessica Gunn; Hopes for Heroes, Ramona Bench; Chaplain, Jacci Gantz; Contest Chair, Cheryl Young; Convention Chair, Cathy Holsted, Convention Co-chair, Stormy Simmons; Credentials, Mara Wheeler; Directory, Gina Wozencraft; DAA, Sharon Storms; Easter Seals, Gwen Beasley; Educational, Peggie Sprinkle; ESA for ST, Jude, Janet Guiles Curry; ESA Foundation Counselor, Vivian Gibson; MARC Rep, Deb Hughes & Rosalie Griffith; Membership, Linda Voss, Membership Co-chair, Mary Voss; Outstanding Chapter, Ramona Paine-Means, Outstanding Youth, Faye Alexander, Publicity, Lana Rubio; Philanthropic, Melissa Byrum; Philanthropic Co-chair, Lori Few; Social Media/Web Master, Aletha Bolt; Sooner Seniorettte President, Linda Leveridge; Past Foundation Chair, Lola Jaegers.

Tammy Ramirez presents the 2023-2024 financial report. General fund balance as of May 1, 2023, \$4260.95, income as of May 25, 2023, \$3373.66, expenses \$2427.40 for a balance as of May 31, 2023, \$5207.21. CD balance \$4000.00, Money Market \$6405.34. Tammy moved to accept the treasures report as given, coming from a committee no second is required, motion carried. If you need a copy of this report, let her know and she will email you a copy.

Upon recommendation from the board, Tammy moved to approve the proposed budget as presented. Coming from a committee, no second is required, motion carried.

Jacque Cantrel announced that at IC convention, Oklahoma will be performing in the lip sync contest doing the song "Beverly Hillbillies". Cost is \$30 for attendees.

Chaplain Jacci Gantz gave the devotional. Lunch was served.

Care Connection/Hopes for Heroes chair Ramona Bench reminded everyone to remember who is planning an event for any of our Veterans, first responders, police officers, doctors or nurses to remember the sacrifices they made for you or someone in need. Please let me know when you plan this event so others may be able to attend. Ramona introduced guest speaker Marsha Harrod, President of "The Blue Star Mothers". Marsha's son Major Arthur Clymer, is in the military. He received his ROTC scholarship and then his four years in the service, then to a Kiowa Helicopter. Edmond Blue Star Mothers contacted her to join their group. The group keeps active by participating in parades, raise money with a spaghetti dinner then a dessert auction and provide activities for the soldiers from Fort Sill that don't get to go home for Christmas. They start at the Renaissance Hotel and feed them a big breakfast, then they take them to the Oklahoma Memorial. Next to DEVON for a big lunch that they get to cook themselves.

From there, they visit the 45th Infantry Museum, the Science Museum, then Incredible Pizza and tickets to play all the games. It's a full day of activities and fun.

Educational Chair Peggie Sprinkle along with Jacque Cantrel provided "Back to Basics" educational on putting an educational book together. How to fill out the reports and all that is needed to present your books. Six reports are needed to get a Gold Link award and six reports presented in a book for Gold Seal award.

Petticoat Journal Editor Gwynn Nell Swanson announced the due date for the first PJ is July 15. Please get them in on time. Only two pictures per chapter will be printed.

Web Master Aletha Bolt will be updating the ESA software and design items soon. Please let her know if there is something incorrect or needs updating. You can send her information and pictures that she can post on the ESA Facebook page.

Membership chair Linda Voss and Co-chair Mary Voss gave a report on how to "Nurture" our new members. Nurturing is the act of caring & nurturing growth. We need to nurture our members to keep them involved and to enjoy ESA. We're eating our young new members. Things do not need to be done the same as they have been done in the past. If you have questions, ask one of the mentors. They are full of ideas and will help in any way possible. Let us know when you are going to have a new member in your chapter so we can come meet them. We need to nurture one another.

Margaret Kramer, State Project Chair. She read letters of thanks from OSB and OSD for the money that will go to new projects for the school. \$550 went to OSD to buy gift cards, \$506 went to OSB to give to graduating students. Since we no longer sponsor individual children and only give monetary donations, some chapters and individuals still have an interest in being more involved with the students. It was discussed the possibility for chapters and individuals to sponsor a classroom. By sponsoring a classroom, sending notes of encouragement, cards for special occasions and the like. If this is something your chapter or you would like to do let Margaret know and she will contact the schools. Remember to make your donations directly to the Project Fund and do so before Thanksgiving so funds can be sent for Christmas gifts for the students.

Margaret announced for MARC Rep, Deb Hughes, that the MARC convention will be held in Peoria, IL, October 13-16, registration is \$150.00, at the Embassy Suites.

Directory Chair Gina Wozencraft, presented the directory to the members. She would like to downsize the directory to put all the members' information in the back and include all the MAL's. Gina's email is Ginaw2017esa@gmail.com.

ESA Foundation Counselor Vivian Gibson reminded to bring items for the IC Convention for the Foundation Fest auction. Also, wine or beer for the wine pull.

Please read the PJ article for more information. The annual foundation meeting will be held July 27 at convention. Vivian's address has changed to 5531 Segundo Dr., Loveland, CO. 80538. Joyce's address is the same as Vivian's. ESA Headquarters address has changed and is in the directory.

Chaplain Jaci Gantz reported she sent out 22 cards in April, and five since the convention.

Western District leadership meeting is October 21 in Guthrie. Place TBA.7

Announcements:

IC Convention – “Where it all Began”, July 25-30, Grapevine, TX
Eastern District – August 19, 2023, Tulsa, Highland Christian Church
State Council Meeting – September 16, 2023, - St. Crispin's
MARC Conference – October 13-15, 2023 – Peoria, IL
Western District Leadership – October 21, 2023 – Guthrie

Recording secretary reported there were 45 members were in attendance.

Since there was no further business, meeting was adjourned.

Robbin Brown
Recording Secretary

PJ Editor

If you need a PJ mailed to you, please send me your name and address ASAP so I can get your name on the mailing list. My email is gnswanson44@gmail.com.

In the Bluebook it clearly states that "chapters who submit reports monthly of their activities may not exceed one-half (1/2) typewritten page. The Editor has an obligation to edit as necessary." With this in mind, PLEASE DO NOT SEND NO MORE THAN 2 pictures along with your article. Let's keep the cost of printing and mailing to a minimum.

Thank you,
Gwynn Nell Swanson
PJ Editor



Happy Summer from Margaret Kramer, State Project Director

I am looking forward to the year ahead and what our ESA family can do to have a positive impact on the lives of the children at the Oklahoma School 's for the Blind and Deaf. Thank you, Aletha Bolt for all the Facebook posts, keeping us updated on what's happening at both schools.

Did you Know?

Oklahoma School for the Blind

Established in 1897, OSB is a fully accredited school that offers a complete educational program, tuition free, for blind and visually impaired students from pre-school through high school. Instruction is provided in traditional academic8 subjects, as well as orientation and mobility, Braille, independent living skills and assistive technology.

Students at OSB participate in electives including wrestling, cheerleading, and band. We have also partnered with the Indian Capitol Technology Center for those students who wish to receive training in the industrial arts. OSB is the only school of its kind in Oklahoma designed specifically for the needs of pre-k and K-12 students who are blind or visually impaired.

Oklahoma School for Deaf

The first school in what would later become the state of Oklahoma to give instruction to deaf children was at Fort Gibson. This school, started by Mrs. Lowery, provided for the education of blind Indian children of the Five Civilized Tribes. Later, deaf children were admitted. In 1898, Mr. and Mrs. Ellsworth Long started a school for deaf children in Guthrie, then the capital of Oklahoma Territory. After the two territories merged to become the state of Oklahoma, in 1907, the Oklahoma School for the Deaf (OSD) was established in Sulphur, Oklahoma.

This will be the third year that we will not be sponsoring individual students at either of the schools, however the Oklahoma State Council State Project will be collecting donations from chapters and individual members to help the respective schools aid all the students with their needs throughout the school year. When you are preparing your chapter's yearly budget please consider making a donation to the State Project Fund. Christmas will be here before we realize it and what funds we have available will be split between the schools to assure that each student receives a gift. I am waiting to hear back from the contact persons at each school to explore opportunities for OK ESA to be of service other than financially. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me. Thank you in advance for your continued generosity to this meaningful project.

Hello everyone!



We have had some wild weather this year. Some of our ESA families have experienced hardships and damages from wind, flooding and fires.

Our Disaster Fund is setup for such emergencies. Please consider in your chapter and individual budgets gifts to the ESA International Council Disaster Fund to help when unanticipated disasters happen.

All checks are to be made payable to the **ESA Disaster Fund** and mailed to Linda Jones, State Disaster Fund Chair. My mailing address is **Linda Jones, 4716 W. Ocala St. Broken Arrow, Ok. 74011.**

Remember that your contribution is placed on record and is included in the State Contests with awards giving at the Awards Luncheon.

Linda Jones, Disaster Fund chair

Dear fellow ESA'ers,

Perhaps now this summer, you can plan ahead for the many things you do for ESA that you could get awarded for doing. Think ahead, get prepared for next year's Convention Awards.

ESA members are busy with so many projects. It's OK to get recognition for your efforts. Research to see how much you can accomplish by the end of the ESA year. We are looking forward to receiving many reports next April.

Sylvia Ochs and Jessica Guinn, Co Awards Chairmen.



It's turning out to be a very hot, hot summer. Don't forget our first responders' water is always appreciated by any of the fire stations. Also, remember our Blue Star Mothers as they get the boxes ready to ship to the deployed troops. They are always looking for socks, snacks, personal hygiene, small personal hygiene items are cards, pencils, a note, paper, any kind of small item that the troops would like to have. They're always happy to go to get whatever they get, if you check with your Blue Star Mothers.

The Edmond Blue Star Mothers are going to be putting boxes together in September.

Don't forget coming up in November on the 11th is a Veterans Day. Try to take part in some of the different events going on in your chapter's areas.

Try to stay cool and have a great summer.

Thank you,
Ramona Bench
Care Connection/Hope for Heroes



Chaplain:

Cards have been sent to

1. Bob Jimison- sympathy
2. Paula Willingham - thinking of you
3. Jones family— sympathy



I think one of the hardest things in the world today is being still. Our culture glorifies busyness. Our self-worth and importance are often tied up in how busy we are in this fast-paced world. The Fear of Missing Out is a real dilemma. Social media feeds FOMO because there is this comparison game relating to vacations, activities, sports, foods we eat, cars we drive, parties we attend, titles we hold, etc. Sometimes busyness can keep us from dealing with the hard things like grief, relationship problems, financial issues, etc. Psalm 46: 10 tells us: “Be still, and know that I am God.”

If you are feeling frazzled and guilt-ridden about your current unrelenting treadmill of activities, maybe it is time to seek God’s wisdom on how to slow down, so you can spend time on the things that have eternal value. We look to so many things for fulfillment in life endeavors that we believe will help our children and grandchildren be well-adjusted and successful. In the story of Martha and Mary, Jesus again made it clear that the most important thing is our time with Him.

Moms and grandmas, give yourself permission to slow down and enjoy your family. There is a reason one of the commandments has to do with rest. God already knew we would struggle to slow down. Don’t forget even God chose to rest one day a week.

Jacci Gantz
Oklahoma ESA chaplain
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2024 Oklahoma State Convention

“Oh, the Places We will go in ESA”

April 26, 27, 28, 2024

Delta Hotels by Marriott Reed Conference Center
5750 Will Rogers Road, Midwest City, OK 73110 405-455-1800

Come join us for the 81st Oklahoma State Convention at the Reed Conference Center, April 26,27,28, 2024. Hotel accommodations are at the Delta Hotel by Marriott. Registration forms will be found in every issue of the PJ, on the website and on the Oklahoma Facebook Page, District and State meetings.

Also, available on the website and Facebook will be a direct link to make your hotel reservations.

Full Registration is \$150 and includes, Friday Night Mixer and dinner, Saturday Awards Luncheon, Saturday night Banquet and Pastry, Fruit, coffee, and tea on Sunday morning.

Men and Guest Fee is \$100 and includes Mixer Dinner and Saturday Banquet

Guest Luncheon Fee is \$35 (Indicate sandwich choice)

Banquet Guest Fee \$75

Please, note on the registration form that the Awards Luncheon is a box lunch and you will need to indicate your choice of sandwich.

New this year, for your convenience, is the method of payment options: cash, check, Venmo and Cashapp.

Venmo: @simmsb843

Cashapp: \$2024stateconvention

If paying by checks make it payable to Stormy Simmons, Convention Treasurer and mail it and completed registration form to Robbin Brown, PO Box 946, Choctaw, OK 73020.

If you pay by Venmo or Cash app you will still need to send a completed registration form to Robbin. Late fee of \$25 will be assessed after April 1, 2024.

Room rate is \$119 plus tax per night. King and double Queen. In order to guarantee our convention, rate the deadline to book is April 5th, 2024.

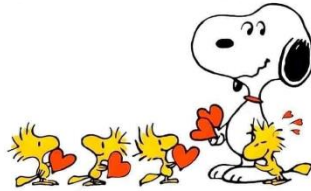
President, Patty Heer

Convention Co-Chairs Cathy Holsted and Stormy Simmons

Hostess Chapters: Kappa Theta, Guthrie; Theta Tau, Kingfisher and Zeta Gamma, Shawnee is looking forward to seeing you all there to help celebrate “The Journey” we started in April 2023 and that will end April 2024 with fun, friendship, sharing, caring and great success!!

Cathy Holsted, Convention Co-chair

LITTLE THINGS MEAN A LOT



A habit of appreciating small moments of pleasure and joy that bubbles up often contribute more to lasting happiness than the big days that only come around rarely.

The positive emotions you experience when savoring life's little joys could: improve heart health, reduce pain and stress, lead to a longer life, strengthen your immune system.

Some of the little-things-in-life can be done by yourself for your enjoyment (as you can see below) but **I hope as a chapter you can find things to do together.**



Do you take naps? Maybe you should! A good nap can get you out of that afternoon slump, recharge your energy, improve memory and leave you more alert and in a better mood.

How to nap smart - 1-3 pm is the best to not spoil your bedtime, choose a cool, quiet place and set an alarm clock to avoid sleeping too long.

ESA for St Jude Chairman – Janet (Guiles) Curry



I'm so excited to be your ESA For St Jude Chairman for 2023-2024. This has already been an amazing summer for the St Jude Dream Homes in Tulsa and Oklahoma City. Record ticket sales were sold out early for both homes! Congratulations to all the winners!

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. Fundraising ideas can be found on the EpsilonSigmaAlpha.org website. We rocked St Jude fundraising last year with record donations from 27 Chapters! This year will be even better! Let me know if you need help or ideas.

The St Jude Walk/Run is being held this year in Tulsa on September 30th/Virtual or in person. Be sure to sign up with TEAM ESA Oklahoma and promote donations on Facebook!

St Jude Memphis Marathon is December 2nd/Virtual or in person.

Our National Goal for St Jude fundraising is \$75,000 this year! Let's see you show your love for St Jude Kids! Let's all MAKE A DIFFERENCE and help stamp out childhood cancer!

Janet (Guiles) Curry
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St. Jude Dream home in Edmond

**Oklahoma State Basket for Foundation Fund Fest
Report by. Cathy Holsted for Vivian Gibson, ESAF Counselor**

I want to take the opportunity to thank everyone who contributed to the building of the basket donated to the Foundation State Basket Fund Fest Oral Auction during International Convention in Grapevine, Texas.

The gift cards, cash and items donated accumulated to make the value of the basket add up to \$760.00. The actual amount of the winning bid was \$1150.00. So, your combined contributions allowed the Foundation to receive \$1150 to continue to help students receive scholarships and grant as in the coming year. The total raised on all events of the evening was around \$19,000.00!!

Also, thank you for the 6 bottles of wine contributed to the cork pull event.

I received:

\$470.00 cash donations

\$350.00 in Gift Cards

A scarf, billfold, small bottles and boxes of wine, candy, and snacks.

Part of the cash was used to purchase a collapsible laundry bag to place the item in, Vera Bradley Bag, a wallet for the gift cards, more snacks and See's candy, additional gift cards, an insulated See's Candy bag and a bottle of wine. The unused cash (\$125.00) was placed in the wallet with the gift cards.

I would like to recognize those chapters and individuals who helped make our basket a success!! It brought in the second highest bid for the evening!!!

<u>CASH CONTRIBUTIONS</u>	<u>Chapters and SS Troop</u>
Delta Kappa	Norman
Alpha Theta	Muskogee
Theta Tau	Kingfisher
Gamma Zeta	Edmond
Beta Iota	McAlester
Kappa Theta	Guthrie
Sooner Senioresses	Past Oklahoma State Presidents

Individuals

Aletha Bolt

Jacque Cantrell

Rosalie Griffith

Doc and Cathy Holsted

Deb Hughes

Billye Putnam

GIFT CARDS

Rosalie Griffith

Doc and Cathy Holsted

Linda Jones

Margaret Kramer

GIFT CARDS

Stormy and Glen Simmons

Peggie Sprinkle

Eileen Wiley

Judi York

WINE

Patty Heer

Doc and Cathy Holsted

Linda Jones

Sandy Lackey

Stormy Simmons

Theta Tau

YOU ALL ARE THE BEST

Miss Vivian, we missed you and hope we made you proud!!

2023 Membership Co-chairs

Linda Voss
Mary Voss

Good day, Oklahoma Membership!!

This membership year our theme will be “Nurturing Our Membership and Each Other”. Its time for us to focus on being kind to one another and helping each other as we learn and become the best ESA that we can be. Please consider having co-chairs in your chapter to allow them to learn what is expected and needed for each position. If you see a state council board member struggling, please contact their mentor with your concern. Allow the mentor to do their job.

Mentors, please contact the council board member you are assigned to and see what questions they may have and be available to assist. When we take care of our own well, we will be better equipped to nurture those we don’t know as well in the hopes of bringing them in to our great organization. After all, who fund raises better than ESA? Who encourages and presents educational opportunities consistently like ESA? Who can just have a great time together even if we are working better than ESA? We are; all worth nurturing!!

I had a great time attending the Ice Cream social given by Kappa Theta, Guthrie recently. Wonderful time of fellowship, ice cream, and meeting new people! Thanks, ladies for the invitation!

Please let me and Mary know about your membership activities and any time you’re up to our company, Mary and I would love to come visit and/or help in any way. Please feel free to contact us and we hope to hear lots from all of you. I even have new tires on the car and Mary always stays packed and ready too.

ESA Hugs,
Linda Voss & Mary Voss
405-694-0928 405-706-0409
Call or text is the quickest way to reach us.

Ramona Paine, Chairman
Outstanding Chapter

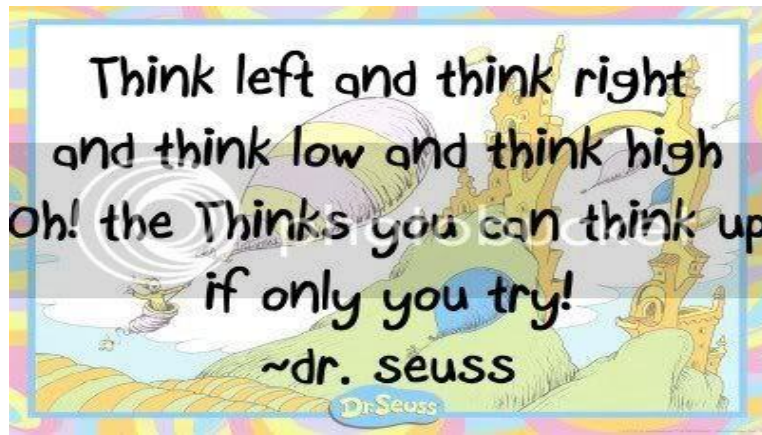
Another Sorority year has begun and now is time to make this a chapter goal is to become an Outstanding Chapter. The Official Judging Sheet is published at www.oklaesa.org. Chapter officers/chairmen take a look at the Judging Sheet and see the areas that points are awarded in.

The following are the items that need to be sent to me by state officers and chairmen to me my April 1 st : State Treasurer, District Treasurer, ESAF Counselor, Past Convention Chair, Recording Secretary, State President, Scrapbook Chair, DAA Chair, Outstanding Youth, Assoc. of Arts, Awards, Education Chair, Philanthropic Chair, Project Director, ESA for St. Jude, Easter Seals, Jr. Past President, Hope for Heroes,

PJ Editor, Membership, District Coordinator and Corresponding Secretary. Each of you have a responsibility in reporting the activities from your respective areas. It would be great if you reported these things immediately following that event. This would help the Outstanding Chapter chairman not to be rushed at the end before the deadline. The Chairman has to turn in her report to the State President soon after the April 1st due date.

Ramona Paine
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Chapter Chatter

Alpha Rho #4350 Broken Arrow

On July 10th some of the Alpha Rho members took a road trip to Claremore. We visited the Will Rogers Museum, and later had lunch at the Pink House located in the Belvidere Mansion. We are following Educational Director's Peggie Sprinkle's charge to "Enjoy the Little Things in Life."

Linda Jones



Will Rogers Museum



Belvidere Mansion

Greeting from Beta Iota, McAlister



May 11th the yearend banquet and instillation of 2023-2024 officers was held at Simply Country Ranch, Krebs and a barbeque meal was catered by member Levenia Carey.

Holly Stachmus installed officers: Melissa Byrum, President, Janie McCabe, VP, Rachel Plunkett, Secretary, Sherry Cady, Corresponding Secretary, Treasurer Kristin Sullivan, Educational Director, Jeannie Weeks and Parliamentarian Annette Nichols.

Beta Iota's 3rd Annual Golf Tournament was scheduled for June 3 at the McAlister Country Club; however, mother nature forced a rain reschedule date of October 8.

Lori Few and Jeanie McCabe accompanied the 2023 Miss McAlister and Miss McAlister Teen to the Miss Oklahoma Scholarship Pageant the first week in June. Beta Iota members hosted the Miss McAlester/Miss McAlester Teen Scholarship Pageant on Saturday July 16 at the S. Arch Auditorium with record crowd of over 500 in the audience. Seventeen delegates participated in this year's event. Hensley Kidd was crowned Miss McAlester and Sophie Eaton was this year's Miss McAlester Teen.

This year's chapter planning meeting is scheduled for August 24 at the pool of Rachel Plunkett. Beta Iota sends best wishes to International Council Executive Board candidates Jacque Cantrel and Margaret Kramer.



Miss McAlester Pageant Winners



2023-2024 Officers

Gamma Delta chapter

Horton Heard Our “Woo Hoo!”



Members of ESA’s Gamma Delta chapter welcomed its newest member, April Horton, in its induction ceremony recently. April is the mother of two sons who are now out on their own and has spent more than 30 years as a Medical Assistant in the Tulsa, Oklahoma area. She brings her wealth of medical knowledge as well as hobby tips in gardening and cross stitch embroidery to our celebrated membership.

Welcome, April! Each one of us in our Gamma Delta chapter is thrilled you chose to join us, and help us all bloom in ESA’s bouquet of service and fellowship.



L-R Joan Gallo, Gina Wozencraft, April Horton, Charlotte Smith, Dawn Haley

Delta Kappa Chapter, Norman



The elected and installed officers leading Delta Kappa for the 2023-2024 sorority year are Gwynn Nell Swanson- President, Nancy Buck- Vice president, Rosemarie Pagan- Secretary, Janice Shockley – Treasurer, Jeanne Chisum-Parliamentarian, Faye Alexander-Educational, Linda Leveridge-Philanthropic, Georgia Smith-Ways & Means. With their combined leadership Delta Kappa will have another great year.

On June 17th Delta Kappa hosted State President, Patty Heer’s first State Council meeting at Goodrich Church in Norman. It was an excellent meeting and enjoyable day. DK provided a salad luncheon with cherry cobbler and homemade ice cream for dessert. Delicious!!!

It is with sad emotions that we had to say goodbye to our dear sister and longtime dedicated member of DK, Vivian Gibson. **We will miss you terribly** but wish you the best in your new home in Loveland, CO. We want you to be happy but you will make us happy by coming back for the Okla. State Convention in April.

We were able to spend some extra time with Vivian with several DK members helping her to pack and get ready for her “Moving Sale”. The catch to this moving sale was that she was on an Alaskan Cruise with 3 of her close friends while Georgia, Rosemarie, Gwynn Nell, Sharon, Linda, Gloria, Janice & Gary sold the majority of her household. It was a successful sale and made Vivian happy and able to put a profitable amount in the bank. We love you Vivian and are so pleased you will always be a DK member!!!!

Until next time-----Stay safe and cool! Fortunately, we can look forward to the change of season to enjoy all the festivities, beautiful colors and cooler weather that fall rewards us with!!!

Janice Shockley



Vivian’s moving away luncheon



Working the St. Jude Dream home



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