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BEAMS from Your President

Happy Fall! I hope you are enjoying the vibrant colors of the season and that your chapter is in full-action this autumn. Another of my “M&M’s” during my presidency is on “Mentoring.” The fall brings new members, renewed friendships, and ESA opportunities.

The word mentor connotes trust, confidence, and unwavering commitment to another. The term mentor is used interchangeably with counselor, guide, tutor, or coach. These words suggest relationships that are deep and long term rather than superficial and short term. The mentor plays several important roles: supporter, listener, resource, advisor, coach, and fellow member. As mentors we can be “dealers in hope.” Hope is greatest of all possessions. If we can be the person who bestows that gift to others, they will be forever grateful.

Our seasoned members have know how and knowledge to lead our new pledges and members through service, education, and fellowship. New members as well as members of long-standing take the opportunity to work together. As we encourage our members to go beyond the chapter level this year, please think about participating in the activities planned by your chapter. We are mentors for our members. Take the time to share your knowledge, your laughter, and your time with others.

New members often report feeling isolated, overwhelmed, and unprepared. You can’t let new members be left alone to “sink or swim.”

Have you ever heard “The Pencil Maker’s Story”? It seems relevant as you strive for a great chapter year. Don’t forget to put your ESA chapter in the place of the pencil: The pencil maker took the pencil aside, just before putting him into the box. “There are four things you need to know,” he told the pencil, “before I send you out into the world. Always remember them, and you will become the best pencil you can be.”

One: You will be able to do many things, but only if you allow yourself to be held in another’s hands. (It is important that we allow ourselves to be mentored just as we try to mentor others.)

Two: You will experience a painful sharpening from time to time, but you’ll need it to become a better pencil. (Sometimes we must make changes that are not easy, but we do it to better the entire chapter.)

Three: The most important part of you will always be what is inside. (Each of our members possesses certain talents and gifts. Find ways to build on these as we plan our chapter’s educationals and projects.)

Four: On every surface on which you are used, you must leave your mark. (We can make a difference. Some of those “marks” are subtle but certainly valuable.) No matter what the condition, you must continue to write. The pencil understood and promised to remember and went into the box with purpose in its heart.

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My challenge to you is to nurture and care for your new members as well as your seasoned members. Why not build on your past achievements and be proud of the work you do in your community and other philanthropic projects to create future successes.

Ramona and Vivian Gibson, corresponding secretary, discuss the highlights of District II's meeting in Clinton.



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Calling for Nominations

Bunnie Sullins - 1st Vice President/Nominating Chairman

Hugs, Kisses, Love, and anything thing else you can throw in there. If you want to consider this a suck up; so be it. (It is) Now let's get serious. Nominations are needed for the offices of **Second Vice President, Recording Secretary, Treasurer, Parliamentarian, Project Director and Petticoat Journal Editor** for Oklahoma State Council of Epsilon Sigma Alpha International. The Council needs your talents. Please don't wait for the dead line March 1, to decide to run for office. If you put your name in the hat now you will have till convention to plan your skit. The more the merrier. Nomination forms can be found on the web site or in the last PJ. If you decide you do not want to run for an elected office think about an appointed office; **the State Council NEEDS YOU.** You may send your forms to any one of the nominating committee: Vivian Gibson, Peggy Eversole, Linda Voss, Nadine Moyer, or me. We can't wait to hear from **YOU.**

Seriously!

Love to you all,
Bunnie
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**“Indulge Yourself”
An Education Theme for 2007-2008 OK State Council
By 1st Vice President/Educational Director –Deb Hughes**

Our ESA chapters have started their education programs, some even taking day trips and tours during the summer. I trust all are having a good time learning together.

The theme I have selected for this year is “Indulge Yourself.” While some will think of pampering themselves, the idea can be broader. The intent is to involve members of the chapters in an educational program, making it interactive and enjoyable for all. This is an opportunity to take a tour or indulge in a subject that you have always wanted to study but haven’t had the time. I encourage each chapter to complete at least one program utilizing this theme. If you have difficulty with this, contact me; I have a long list of ideas.

Remember vary the presentation methods by using visual aids, creating a game, taking a field trip, inviting a guest speaker, having a hands-on demonstration, or sponsoring a community presentation. Use imagination and get creative. I will be presenting mini-educations demonstrating the various methods at our state council meetings this year.

Now is an excellent time to start submitting educational reports and to begin the Gold Seal entry, too. A chapter can submit educational reports online via email or snail mail. The report form is available on our Oklahoma website and in the July/August 2007 newsletter for chapter educational directors and mailed to each director or president. Or each chapter educational director may contact me. Be sure to have an email address or home address to receive the monthly newsletter, too.

A more detailed description is available on the state website or your June 2007 newsletter for chapter educational directors: **Gold Link Award V** - each chapter submitting at least six timely reports. **Gold Seal Entry** - a notebook compiling all the chapter educationals for the year, a minimum of six timely reports. **Distinguished Athenian V** - a chapter educational director is recognized for outstanding contributions to her chapter, community and State Council. To be eligible she must submit a Gold Seal Entry and be nominated by her chapter president.

State Educational Director Special Award V - present and report an educational program on this year’s theme “Indulge Yourself.”

As an added note, be sure the chapter state dues are paid by 01-01-08 to be eligible to compete.

I feel quite sure all of our chapters are experiencing enriching educational programs and ESA would like to recognize you. Chapter members encourage the educational director to submit a Gold Seal entry and then the president can nominate her as Distinguished Athenian. It would be wonderful to have every chapter recognized for educational programs. After all, education and service go hand-in-hand in ESA. I am here as your resource contact so if you need assistance preparing a special education program for your chapter or have questions, please be sure to call or email me. Have fun and ‘Indulge Yourself.’”

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Due: September 1, 2007

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ESA Foundation

Due: June 1, 2007 Annual Renewal: \$15 New Membership: \$25 (individual or chapter)

Deadline: March 1, 2008 (to be eligible to vote at the annual Foundation meeting in July)

Mail to: ESA Foundation P.O. Box 270517 Ft. Collins, CO 80527

THANK YOU to the chapters that have already paid their chapter dues to the State Council. We have a good start now, so those chapters that have not paid yet, get to it and "get r done".

REMEMBER the members dues are **\$3.00** now, **NOT** \$2.00. Make your check out to the Oklahoma State Council and send it to me: Oklahoma State Council Treasurer, Gwynn Nell Swanson, 2406 CR 1280, Blanchard, OK 73010.

Above is a list of other dues to be sent to the respective person. I truly believe that we can achieve a 100% chapter dues paid this year. Will you please help us accomplish this? Go to your chapter treasurer and remind her to send them ASAP to me. Thank you in advance for helping support your State Council. Just a reminder, your chapter dues have to be paid before January 1, 2008 so you will have voting rights at State Convention.

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**State Projects
Jacque Edwards - Director**

Sisters, I have received quite a few Re-adoption forms both from Chapters and Individuals. **However**, we have over 100 students not adopted. The members of the Oklahoma State Council votes every 3 years on a State Project and we all voted on OSD & OSB. There are over 100 students at OSD and 78 at OSB with some late enrollees still to come.

Do you remember when you went to school and you dreaded being the last one picked for a game or worst yet, not being chosen at all! I know how compassionate my ESA Sisters are and know that you certainly would not want any child to be "left out." Many of these students need small remembrances. That simply means, a Thinking of You card, Holiday cards and a little Christmas gift and/or birthday gift.

Yes, there are children that need financial assistance. I would encourage you to please help these children. We need to show the children that ESA cares!!!! AND that we mean what we say and represent.

Suggestion: Two sisters get together and adopt a child and alternate months of sending cards and/or money. It will be rewarding and can be fun! Please consider the time and energy both Ann Willis and Jane Thomas give to ESA Ok.State Council in cooperation and coordination in providing the children information forms to us, so the individual members & chapters can adopt.

**Oklahoma School for the Deaf Tour – Saturday, Oct. 13
- Sulphur, Oklahoma -1100 E. Oklahoma 75086
Registration @ 9:30 a.m.
District IV Meeting – 10:00 a.m.
Program following District IV Meeting
Lunch - Tours - Then Homecoming/Football
Join in the fun and entertainment
Visit Your Adopted Child – Tour the Dorms**

Cost for lunch is \$5.00. Please send lunch reservations by October 8 so the school will know how many to prepare.

PROJECT FUND DONATIONS REC'D 2007-2008

Jacque Edwards	50.00	Kappa Alpha – Tulsa	25.00
Zeta Gamma – Shawnee	100.00	Judi York	6.99
Ellen Clark	10.00	Peggy Eversole	20.00
Billie Linville	10.00	Balance to Date	\$221.99

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Jr. Past President/Disaster Fund Chairman Robbin Brown

The purpose of the ESA Disaster Fund is to assist an ESA member whose home and /or personal belongings are destroyed or damaged extensively by ones nature's causes...fire, flood, hurricane, etc. Assistance may also be given when a member incurs heavy financial responsibility due to a debilitating illness or accident.

Think of all the many, hours we spend helping others. Sometimes we work so hard helping others during disasters, we tend to forget about us. Ladies, this is something we do for ourselves. All the money that is donated to the Disaster Fund goes towards helping YOU. Hopefully, you will never need to use this but it is there if you do. So, go back to your chapters and budget money towards the disaster fund. Have your chapter treasurer write a check to the ESA Disaster Fund and send it to me.

I have received three donations. Let's Light the Path Brighter for ESA sisters.
"ESA Makes Money Matter for Members"

Robin Brown – Junior Past President/Disaster Chairman
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District II News Linda Southerland Coordinator

Beta Psi is working real hard trying to make the District II Leadership an outstanding one. We have invited everyone to come on out to Clinton on Friday night. By the time this is published, it will be over and done with. I would like to take this opportunity to thank everyone who attended the Leadership. This was a real learning experience for me. My chapter has been extremely helpful during the planning time and with working so very hard to make it a success. I certainly hope it will be. I wish everyone could attend one of the State Leadership seminars and see how hard the state officers work to make it an enjoyable time of learning. Everyone should make a real effort to attend their District Leadership and see how hard the District officers work on the district level.



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Fall is just around the corner and temperatures are cooling down. Good Football Weather! Hope your favorite teams come out on top! I am looking forward to the November Council meeting at Hennessey. The shopping on the mall should be great fun. Hope to see you all there!

Linda Southerland
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District IV Leadership
Mary Toole
Coordinator

The District IV Leadership was held on Saturday, September 22 in Shawnee. It was hosted by Zeta Gamma Chapter. A wonderful breakfast was provided by Beta Mu #0202, Lawton. A salad lunch was prepared by Zeta Gamma and was available for \$5.00. I wish to thank all who attended. A good time was had by all.

Lora Thompson gave a delightful educational about shoes (District Coordinator's passion) and Gail Sams from the American Cancer Society gave a program on Leadership.

Because of the grave illness of our Ways and Means Chairman Shirley Wajda, the silent auction was postponed and will take place at our next District IV meeting, at the OSD tour.

We invite everyone to attend our next district meeting at OSD.

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(State officers discussing business)



(Past President Robin Brown rockin')

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District III
Rita Hains, Coordinator
Theme: ESA-The Living Tree

The District III Leadership Seminar was held on September 29 in Owasso. The ladies of Beta Gamma provided our breakfast goodies, and the wonderful cooks of Eta Mu used their culinary talents to serve up a wonderful lunch. Our ESA Living Tree was in full bloom with attendees from all over the state including Past State Presidents Linda Voss, Robbin Brown, Judi York, Aletha Bolt, and Vivian Gibson. It was an honor to have these ladies join us for the day. They, along with State President Ramona Paine and 2nd Vice President Deb Hughes, were kind enough to join in with a “Leaders Press Conference” and field impromptu questions from the audience. The knowledge base and the creativity of these ladies proved awesome!

Our guest speaker, Pam Helm, a school teacher from Owasso, had spent five years in a small, isolated village in Alaska and had a fascinating presentation of her experiences. She brought along an incredible display of crafts – some hand made by the natives and some that she had been taught by the elders of the village to make. There were hats made from squirrel for summer and others made from fox and beaver for winter. There were mittens made from several different animal furs including the polar bear. She brought along masks, fans, and dress shirts used by the natives in their ceremonies. Pam’s presentation was captivating and she ended up spending most of her lunch time answering questions from the crowd who gathered around her display. Her entire display was “hands on” so we were able to examine each piece.

Deb Hughes displayed two drawn trees on flip charts and handed out “leaves” made from color paper. She asked each of us to honor someone in attendance by writing a thoughtful message to them and then tape the leaf to the trees. Kind words do make the day brighter! Barbara Stapleton and Cheryl LaMascus, Senior and Junior Membership Chairmen, respectively, put together a membership workshop, giving us many ideas on how to gain and keep members. These officers are working hard to get our membership level back up. Judi York, District III Vice-Coordinator, led us in a team building activity that was both fun and educational. Judi is always an upbeat and vivacious presenter, and it is such a pleasure to have her at our meetings.

We look forward to our next meeting on February 23 at the Oklahoma School for the Blind and hope to see you there!

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**District V Leadership
Mona Martin
Coordinator**

The District V Leadership Meeting was held on August the 25, 2007 in McAlester , Oklahoma. The theme of the Leadership was Energize Yourself. Everyone present participated in activities that were fun and exciting. Those present learned about themselves by completing their own questionnaire and many were surprised to find out that they were a color or personality that was different from the one they thought they were. . In other words, we learned about ourselves and how others see us. WHAT FUN. . The luncheon was provided by the Ladies of Beta Iota McAlester. The closing activity was very introspective, with us telling each other, secretly, how much we mean to each other...For those of you that missed this meeting, we invite you to come to the next District V meeting in February, 2008...Love in ESA

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**Association of the Arts
Marilyn Joplin**

Hello all ESA members! I would like to remind all ESA Chapters to be thinking about all the talented members they have and to start encouraging them to submit for the contest.

Areas of participation are as follows:

Division I – Literature Division II – Music
Division III – Fine Arts Division IV – Visual Arts
Division V – Folk Art Division VI – Needlework (Hand)

This year our “Special” category will be Lighthouses in following with our President’s theme.

Entry forms must be submitted to chairman by April 1, 2008.

A copy of the form will be published later.

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**Awards 2007-2008
Joyce Lacey-Kenney Chairman**

It's that time of year when you start hearing about deadlines. Before these deadlines get here, I need you to send me your entry for "What ESA Means to Me" for those that have been a member less than one year and for those over one year of membership. The DEADLINE is April 1, 2008. Your essay needs to be 300 words or less. You can find the guidelines on the Oklahoma ESA web site at: <http://members.cox.net/oklaeas/> and click on Contest and Report information.

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Don't forget to send me your chapter awards information (who received their Pallas Athene Degrees and their service awards). If you would like for me to present any chapter awards at state convention, please get this information to me also and I will be glad to present the awards.

Thank you and I am looking forward to your entries in "What ESA Means to Me".

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ESA Oklahoma State Chaplain Joy Agan

Fall greetings to all:

Today at this writing, the air seems like fall, although everything is still pretty and green. I trust that each of you and yours are enjoying good health and your lives are full of nothing other than joy and happy days.

I just wanted to remind you to please let me know either by phone, e-mail, or US mail of any concerns or illnesses you or your family may have. Your ESA sisters want to be notified and help you in your need. I will do my best to get the word out to each chapter.

Since the last PJ, I have sent cards to the following: Donna McClandess, Gamma Delta-Tulsa, I the loss of her daughter-in-law, Susan Bledsoe, from pneumonia. Cards may be sent to Donna at 5165 E. 27th St., Tulsa, OK 74114. Larri Hallbrook, Alpha Epsilon-Enid, underwent surgery on her sinus cavity. You may write to her at 1601 E. Woodlands, Ponca City, OK 74604. Scott Morris, husband of Carolyn Morris, Beta Psi-Clinton, had colon surgery and now is recovering at home at 714 Barker Rd, Clinton, OK 73601.

Lift someone's spirit today with a card, letter, or phone call. It only takes a few minute of your time.

Joy Agan
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(Editor's note: On Monday, October 1, our ESA sister Shirley Wajda, Zeta Gamma #4253, was laid to rest in the Dale Cemetery in Dale, Oklahoma. She passed away in an Oklahoma City hospital on September 26. You may send cards to her daughter and son-in-law at the following address: Crystal and David Griffis, 801 Walnut, Blanchard, OK.)

Publicity Chairman Sue Patterson

The summer is over, and it is time to start working to make the public aware of your chapter and ESA. That is through publicity! Use the media. Publish your news articles in the local newspaper. You can do fund raising projects, recognition day, State meetings, or whatever helps in your community and getting new members.

Be sure to send me your newspaper articles. I need them to put in a publicity book for Ramona. I am happy to be your publicity chairman. Sue Patterson

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Circle of Life

We are busy planning St. Jude's fundraisers this year. We were told by St. Jude's that they still have 1000 quilts left over, so we are trying to help them out. Our quilts donated by Hancock Fabrics have been with us for several months. We want to thank those chapters who took a quilt. Some chapters event took 2 quilts – a Big Thank You! Chapters who have not had the opportunity to see the quilts call me or e-mail to let us know when your chapter meets and we will be glad to bring your chapter a quilt.

Also, the Junior Circle of Life Chairman, Olene Shore, came up with a well received fund raiser for St. Jude's Children Research Center: those who haven't seen it have not had the opportunity to take one of the jars (her idea) home and fill it up with loose money change. We will also bring those to any chapter meeting. Just let either of us know. We will get back with you soon.

Let's all show St. Jude's Research Center just how hard we all work to make life a bit better for each of the children! Let Olene and I hear about your other fund raising dates so that we can be there and help you! We are planning to have an exciting and prosperous year for St. Judes.

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D.I.A.N.A. Report
Dr. Billye Peterson

My chapter hadn't sponsored a D.I.A.N.A. for many years, but this past year as chapter President, I thought it was time. We chose Karen Stark, an Edmond resident, who founded The Hugs Project, in June 2004--now a non-profit 501 C 3 organization that makes cool ties (affectionately nicknamed "hugs" since they go around the neck) to help keep American Troops and our allies cool during the summer and warm during the winter. They also send care packages and other handmade items to our Service Men and Women. This is our way of saying, "Thank you, we respect you and appreciate everything you do for our Country. Thanks for protecting our freedoms."

Karen has become a wonderful friend, and several of our chapter members are regular volunteers now at The Hugs Project in Oklahoma City. Karen's dream of helping the troops has expanded to every state and 27 foreign countries. We are even shipping sewing machines to Iraq to help the women there learn a skill to become more independent. In fact, over 267,000 Hugs and 60+ tons of care packages have been sent since 2004.

Several of you saw me using a round knitting loom at State Leadership meeting to make neck pillows for the troops—an easy way to gather philanthropic hours as you sit through meetings! All instructions of how to make everything we send to the troops is readily available at

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www.thehugsproject.com simply by clicking on "Directions." Learn how "flat bears" have saved lives, what "kisses" are, and how you can help!

Choosing a D.I.A.N.A. can enrich your life, help your chapter "publicize" all the good you do for your community, and recognize a deserving individual. Plan to choose **YOUR** D.I.A.N.A. today! Entries must be postmarked by March 1, 2008. Be sure and download the contest information from the Oklahoma website, because we've changed it slightly. We've deleted "#4 What type of family involvement do they have with their children and their activities" because it discriminates against women who are not married. I hope to hear from every Oklahoma chapter! Please invite me to your D.I.A.N.A. award presentation!

Dr. Billye Hansen
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**Directory
Rhonda Scott – Chairman**

Directory Errors: On the District II page, **Louis Maloy's e-mail** address is wrong. It should be lcmj75@omega1w.net. It is correct elsewhere in the book, but not on the District II Chaplain listing. Also **Aletha Bolt's email** address should be janeris01@yahoo.com.

Other corrections include the Midwest City Delta Chi listing, **Laura Robertson's** email should be laurar@cox.net (there was an extra "a" in it). On the Oklahoma State Council Exec and General Board page, under Dist 3 Co-ordinator, it should be spelled **Rita Hains** (no "e") and remove the "e" from Hains on her email address, also on this page should have this phone number for **Olene Shore, Jr. Circle of Life Chairman** (918) 272-1530. Ramona's phone number is 580-242-0741 instead of the one listed in the alphabetical section of membership.

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**ESA Foundation Counselor
Linda Voss**

Ladies, the time is now to beat the bushes for high school seniors and other college bound people and to sit them down in front of an ESA Foundation Scholarship Application to have them fill it out. The scholarship list of available scholarships will be available on the website after Oct. 1, 2007. If you have any questions, please don't hesitate to contact me by e-mail, phone or letter. I really appreciate your help in this. Have a wonderful fall season and I hope to see you at the November State Council meeting. ESA Hugs, Linda

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Membership Teams

Barbara Stapleton – Senior Membership Chair

A real “team” is a group of very different individuals who share a commitment to work together to achieve a common goal. Our Membership Goal for Oklahoma is Net Growth. You w not given a particular number, just that we need more members. To be more specific, we would like at least 10 members in each chapter. We also need new chapters in Oklahoma, at least 1 more chapter in each district.

Does this lofty expectation put pressure on us? Yes, it does, but note, there is both good and bad pressure. Good pressure is a motivating force. Bad pressure produces anxiety and failure. As a “team” we can take the pressure we feel and make it work for us, by making us more focused and more committed to our achieving goals.

A new approach to increase membership was presented at IC Convention. Each state will form a “Membership Team.” Oklahoma has implemented a systematic plan which will enable us to communicate with every chapter. Oklahoma “Teams” will be based on our four districts, with each districts vice-coordinator (VC) as the “Team Leader.” The VC will choose two or three people from their district to be team members. You could have some fun and maybe a little competition by choosing a team name and competing for most new pledges or reinstatements.

Each chapter in a district will have a “Team Member” who will contact the chapter monthly. Communication may consist of a phone call, e-mail, snail mail, chapter visits, or whatever it takes. Chapters, probably the president or vice-president, may be asked if they have pledges or prospects. Or if they need applications or brochures? If any chapter is having a rush or pledge ceremony, would they like to invite other chapters or officers to show support? Any information on the status of an assigned chapter will be forwarded to the VC, who will then forward it on to the junior membership, senior membership, and IC membership chairs. By this time, you should have received a call from a Team Member. If you have not, take the initiative and inform your VC that somehow you have been left out of the loop but very much would like to be included. We welcome and want everyone’s ideas and input.

It is all about EFFECTIVE COMMUNICATION. Communicating with each other, clearly and frequently, increases our ability to improve and gives you a big stake in the possible solution. Vince Lombardi said, “Individual commitment to a group effort; that’s what makes a team work.”



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Here Barbara is pictured with a Sister from Tulsa at District III’s Meeting. (in pink)

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Philanthropic Nancy Buck-Chairman

Hello, how are you? Hope you had a GREAT summer and are ready for our ESA year to begin. Lots of things are going on during this our 100 Year Celebration, so let's get busy and report all of those Philanthropic activities.

I hope by now your philanthropic chairman or your president or someone in your chapter has gone to the Oklahoma ESA website and downloaded the new Philanthropic Guidelines and report forms. I do have hard copies available and some of these copies were given out at the last State Meeting. Be sure to look over these new guidelines, because there are some changes that will make a difference in your total monies, hours, and mileage that you and your chapter report. A small suggestion I have given also is to keep a pocked calendar in your car and keep track of your mileage when you take items for church, Goodwill, and/or charity. These few miles add up quickly. Also you can count your time working on education programs and school efforts. This is really timely here at the beginning of school (sorry teachers, you are paid for your duties and yours won't count.

Those of you who say "Oh, my chapter is so small, and we don't do much" or "I only go to work on that project a few hours once a month" or "What we do isn't all that much." You have to know "IT DOES MAKE A DIFFERENCE." Your individual and chapter monies, hours, and mileage DO COUNT in a BIG way. We didn't reach the plateaus, such as our \$2million level in our St. Jude projects by one chapter. No No No It is all of you and all of the Oklahoma ESA members working on those small and large projects that brought us to that level.

Please don't forget to send your reports to me either quarterly, monthly, or one time by April 1, 2008. Hope to see you soon.

Nancy Buck
107 S. Rockwell
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Workshop Coordinator Sue Knight-Senior Past President

Summer is over! Finally!! Fall, Football, Fairs and Fun has just begun. Are you planning your trip to see, "WHERE IN THE WORLD IS ESA?" I hope so. Do you realize just \$10 socked away each month, that by the time April rolls around you will have enough for your registration? Good!

Now think about all the fun you are going to have. Hugs from all your long time friends (notice I didn't say OLD friends) and making new friends. Learning from the best workshops ever! I received 79 of the questionnaires back from Leadership. You the membership have let me know your likes and dislikes and from those comments, I am planning something for everyone. They will begin on Friday evening and continue on Saturday after the Awards Luncheon. I am looking forward to seeing all of you there. Remember, "Light the Path to ESA's Future" and attend the 2008 Oklahoma Convention. We "Can Achieve, What We Believe!"

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Care Connection Co-Chairman Nancy Baucom

Hello, Everyone!

Care Connection, for those that may not know, is a program that provides an opportunity for members to offer their help to others as well as to receive assistance during their own times of need. It utilizes the knowledge, expertise and volunteer spirit of ESA members to share support and service to others – such as our program called Relocation Services. This service offers assistance to members relocating anywhere in the world. Also another part is our Hope for Heroes which provides boxes of goods and resources to support military service personnel and their families.

ESA's Care Connection stands in the gap between the needs and resources for assistance that exist within the community. Contact me or my Co-Chairman, Lora Beth Bishop for more information or if you or one of our sisters need assistance.

At our November State Council meeting the children from the Choctaw schools will be there to help box up the goods and etc. that we will be sending to our heroes – so please don't forget to bring your items with you to the meeting. If you'd like, instead of shopping for items to send we can always use a donation to help pay for the shipping costs. Also, if you need a list of suggested items, send me an email to Rnbaucom@aol.com.

THANK YOU ALL FOR YOUR HELP AND CONSIDERATION! SEE YOU IN NOVEMBER!

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Scrapbook Reminders Nadine Weatherly- Chair

I am the scrapbook chairman for Ramona's scrapbook. I need items for her scrapbook. Each chapter should be represented in the scrapbook, so send pictures to fill one page. We all want to give Ramona a scrapbook she will always treasure. I need your help to do that. Please send the items you want in the scrapbook to me by April 1st.

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(Editor's Note: Make extra copies of those pictures your chapter takes at special events and send the copies to Nadine. I know you take some.)

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Omega Pi - Tulsa

Omega Pi members gathered on Monday evening, August 27, at Marg Vilven-Grant's lovely home for a super summer social. A delicious dinner was followed by a scrumptious carrot cake. Our plan was to have an evening of cards and games; however, the social turned into an evening-long talkfest and we never did get around to playing cards or games. You see what we love to do.....eat, eat, eat and talk, talk, talk!

We're looking forward to joining the rest of our sisters for dinner at Chili's on September 24. We loaded the place with TAC members last year and hope we can be as successful this year. Chili's food is good, but the fact that their profits for the day benefit St. Jude Children's Research Hospital makes it taste even better.

Life goes on as usual for Omega Pi members.....new jobs, jaunts to far-off places, worry over seriously ill relatives, personal health problems.....and through it all, we're there for each other whether it's to simply listen, lend a hand, or merely to offer encouragement. It's wonderful to have so many sisters!

Donna Gibbs Publicity Chairman

Beta Gamma - Tulsa

Deb Hughes and Judi York attended International Convention in Seattle. They reported a great time with new and old friends. Deb, Judi and Peggie Sprinkle attended the State Leadership Seminar in Edmond. Lots of information was given. Great job Ramona and her Board!

In July dinner at Ricardo's Mexican restaurant was attended by ALL members of Beta Gamma and 3 guests. Good food was had by everyone. In August we met at Judi's office to watch the great movie "QUEEN". We had a good time visiting and eating pizza.

Plans are being made for a garage sale in September at Deloris Fix's home. All money raised will go to our Philanthropic Projects. We are collecting school supplies for the OK School for the Deaf. Now that fall is here Beta Gamma members are looking forward to continue working with the Tulsa Area Council, District 111 and the State Council. We send hugs to all our Oklahoma sisters. Peggie Sprinkle, Publicity chairperson

Zeta Gamma-Shawnee

Chapter President Linda Voss and Mary Voss had a great time attending International Convention in Seattle. It was Mary's first plane ride. Zeta Gamma had a fun social and educational when they went to the Oklahoma Heritage Center in Oklahoma City which opened in May, 2007. Of course, after all that walking they had to go to Zio's and chow down.

An enjoyable time was held at the cookout at Lola and Joe Jaeger's home with members and family. As usual there were great cooks and lots of hospitality.

A first time event happened for Zeta Gamma Chapter in August. Members were unable to come to State Leadership. Why? Rain, rain and more rain!!!!

Mary Ann Jones - Chapter Publicity Chair

IC State Junior Membership

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ESA Foundation Past Chairman

Lola Jaegers

Kappa Theta – Guthrie

Jacque Edwards attended International Convention in Seattle in July. Jacque's Educational was chosen as one of the Top Ten at I.C. Congratulations Jacque! We are so proud of you and your hard work. Members met at Jacque's home for our July social and white elephant auction where we and our guests enjoyed a cookout and homemade ice cream. Over \$300.00 was raised for our adopted kids. A good time and many laughs were had by all who attended.

Our August business meeting was held in the home of Marie Thomas on August 14. Our educational was presented by Connie Johnson on "Guiseppe's Italian Restaurant" in Marlow, Oklahoma. It was interesting to learn that this business came about with its beginnings as dinner being served in a broom closet. It became so popular with Marlow townspeople that the owner had to find a place to house the business with the current location being in a historic bank building.

Kappa Theta members State Project Director Jacque Edwards, Shelly Labus and President Connie Johnson attended August Leadership on August 19th at the UCO. Jacque also gave her State Project Director's report. We would like to congratulate Ramona on a job well done with her first leadership meeting as State President!

Plans are being made for members to attend our District II meeting in Clinton on Saturday, September 13th. We look forward to visiting with our sisters there. It is always nice to get to see each other at our meetings.

Summer is once again over, and as we look toward fall and Halloween, we would like to ask our sisters for help with a project for our adopted kids. Jacque is going to see that bags of candy are made and distributed to the children at the OSD Tour October 13.

May God richly bless each of our sisters and their families.

Until next time,

Connie Johnson, Publicity Chairman

Epsilon Kappa -Hominy

Epsilon Kappa will be supporting their Chapter President, Ellen Mader, by participating in a "Saddle Up for St. Jude" event which will be held in Tulsa on September 22, 2007. Ellen is the manager/trainer of Rise-N-Shine Stables in Tulsa; she is asking all her riding students to participate in the event by riding laps for donations to St. Jude.

The sisters of Epsilon Kappa will be providing a concession area for the event, and giving free drinks and snacks to all participants riding in the event. Ellen is hoping the event will be a success as well as fun day for all. This is an excellent way for her students to donate their time and talent, to benefit the kids who are fighting childhood cancers.

Thanks, Ellen Mader

FALL INTO FUN – ANNUAL AUCTION

Saturday, October 6, 2007

Osage County Co-op 207 East Main

Hominy, Ok

ESA Foundation Past Chairman

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On Line PJ Ad Hoc Committee Chair

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Gamma Delta - Tulsa

Our year started with a celebration of our 60 Year Anniversary. The event was held at the home of member Barbara Stapleton. We were honored to have State, District and local members joining us to help with the celebration. June we made July 4th decorations to distribute to a Nursing Home to help with the celebration of Independence Day.

July some members attended Whitlock Wish house in Muskogee, this home was built in 1919 and is a 5-bedroom Bed and Breakfast. Our members enjoyed lunch and tour of the house. All monies collected are donated to the Muskogee Wish house for Victims of Domestic Violence. One well-known guest at the home was Magic Johnson. A great time was had by all attending.

Those attending the August State Leadership enjoyed the weekend; the speakers on Sunday were informative as well as entertaining. Our chapter will be hostess the September TAC meeting. We are looking forward to planning a rush to increase our chapter membership.

Charlene Law - Publicity

Alpha Nu -Arapaho

Hello Sisters!!! We are having a fall Bunco fundraiser on Friday, October 26th at 7pm in the Arapaho Community Center. Cost is \$8.00. Food and door prizes are part of the fun! Proceeds fund our scholarships and other projects. If you have never played Bunco, come and learn. It is easy and fun! Load up your cars and enjoy a fun evening in Arapaho. For directions, call Louise Maloy (580) 323-5426 or (580) 331-7189 or e-mail llcmj75@omega1w.net. For chapters looking for fundraising ideas, some see how easy this is!

Beta Psi - Clinton

Hello Sisters! Hope everyone had a wonderful summer.

Our Founder's Day was held at the restored Clinton Country Club, east of Clinton on the old Route 66 Highway. Originally built in the 1930's, it's been in disrepair for decades. A local man bought the property and restored it this year. The view is unbelievable. It's now called White Dog Hill. And we actually saw a white dog there.

Anyway, we gave out a lot of awards that night. Carolyn Morris received a beautiful 55 year plaque for outstanding service. Joyce Lacey-Kenney received an award for 40 years and Prez Linda Southerland for 20 years. Pallas Athene awards went to Eva Lee Stewart, 4th Degree; and Carrie Willingham and I received our 1st Degree. Sally Edgar received the First Pearl Award and Catherine Poe was crowned 2007-2008 Woman of the Year. We presented Raymond Jantz, husband of Ruthe, the Zeus Award. And Catherine's son, Owen received a special recognition from Prez Linda for his continued help with Beta Psi activities. And Ritchie Rodriquez was the entertainment. We just love him.

Summer socials were held at a Christian youth center, and we played Mexican Train and Phase II. We geared up for the District II meeting held here in Clinton. We really had a great meeting (I was stationed at registration). The menu was amazing. If you didn't get to attend, we really missed you. God Bless, Darla Barton

FUTURE MEETINGS

**Saturday,
November 10**

State Council Meeting
Christmas Party/
Brunch
1st United Methodist Church –
Hennessey

**Saturday,
March 15, 2008**

Hotdog/ham-
Burger cookout/
Hayride at
Roman Nose
Park – Watonga

**Sunday,
March 16, 2008**

State Council Meeting
Roman Nose
Resort –Watonga

Sigma Chi – Inola

Sigma Chi has had their organizational meeting and are off and running. They have two new members and will be having a Rush to get more. They will not be having their Hay Ride this year but have identified other fund events to help them with their projects. The first will be a bean supper to raise money for the Inola Library. This is an ongoing philanthropic project for the chapter.

Personally, I want to thank all my ESA sisters for their cards and loving support for me during my surgery. It was their prayers and the prayers of others that brought me through and I am seemingly fully recovered. You don't appreciate good health until you don't have it for awhile and I know many of you can identify with that.

Rosalie Griffith is our President this year and doing a great job as she always does.
Charlene Harrell, Publicity Chairman

April 25-27

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"Where in the
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Crown Plaza
Oklahoma City

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Attend
All of the
Events
As you will
Have a good time.

35th ESA (Alpha Rho chapter)

Arts and Crafts Benefit Bazaar in Broken Arrow, OK

Oliver Middle School

3100 W. New Orleans Street (101st Street between 129th and 145th)

Saturday, October 27, 2007

9:00 - 5:00

Free admission, raffle items,

concessions stand with hot food, and much more!

Proceeds will benefit local, state, and national philanthropies.

Call Nancy at 918-251-0617

Bev at 918-252-2939

Sally at 918-455-7811 for more information.

Arapaho Community Blood Drive that Alpha Nu sponsored on Sept. 18th. Now we are involved in the above upcoming event. So yes, we are busy. Until next time.

Louise Maloy Alpha Nu #5425 Arapaho

Beta Zeta – Oklahoma City

We have been meeting and eating as we often do. Pam Carson not only hosted our July meeting but also co-hosted our annual Fish Fry. Her co-host was her husband Phil. He catches and cooks the fish. The rest of us each bring a covered dish. Delicious.

A few weeks later the Carsons had some flood damage when the historic hurricane Erin struck the Oklahoma City area. Luckily they were prepared and are only replacing some carpeting.

In August we met at Wanda Selter's new home at The Wellington Retirement Center. Her apartment is very attractive. Later that month we had a light dinner at Sophabella's Chicago Grill and saw a movie at North park. It was another enjoyable social. We were pleased to receive thank notes from our scholarship recipients, Elizabeth Ann Bell of Antlers, OK and Summer James of Boise City, OK. We are glad to be of help to these deserving students.

Vera Hefner - Publicity Chairman

Delta Kappa - Norman

Grrrreetings from Norman! We are well on our way to a new sorority year! Delta Kappa had several members attend the International Convention in Seattle ~ Joyce Gibson-Madden, Gwynn Swanson, Nancy Buck, Vivian and Sister Wilbur Gibson. Vivian was elected to her second 3-year term as Foundation Director. She was also elected as Treasurer of the Board. Vivian served as State Counselor's Chairman for the second year and conducted a State Counselor's Workshop at International Convention.

Karen Nix is serving as Delta Kappa President this year. Those serving with her are Mary Rohr, Vice-President; Gwynn Swanson, Recording Secretary; Janice Shockley, Treasurer; Betty McCallister and Mozelle Smith, Ways and Means; Helen Checorski, Philanthropic; Sharon McGuire, Educational Director and Vivian Gibson, Parliamentarian. It's football season again! Enjoy!!

Until next time Karen Nix, Publicity Chairman

Theta Tau – Kingfisher

After a summer recess, Theta Tau had their first meeting on September 19, 2007. Cathy Holsted, Yearbook chairman, passed out our new yearbooks, and she also discussed our philanthropic and ways and means projects. In November, we will be baking breads and cookies. Also Aunt Bill's candy will be made.

Delores Armstrong, Educational Director, announced the educational theme for this year, "Oklahoma-A Great State." Delores also gave the first educational a poem, "Howdy." President Terri Stake conducted the initiation of two new members: Debi Trout and Sheila Diesselhorst. The members welcomed back a lifetime member – Lynda Price who has not attended chapter in a number of years.

Terri Stake presented Years of Service certificates to Karen Edgar-20 years, and Cynthia Eaton-30 years. Cathy Holsted, Donna Shook, and Ramona Paine attended the District II meeting at Clinton on September 15, 2007.

Ramona Paine – Publicity Chairman

Alpha Theta – Muskogee

At this writing, Labor Day has passed, and now our ESA chapters are getting ready for another successful year. Our new officers are Peggy Pate, Pres.; Martha Sessions-VP; Maggie Sellars-Sec.; Jennifer Gulley-Trea.; Marjorie Szabo-Education Director; and Thelma Adcock-Parl. The president's theme is Service-The Oklahoma Way. Her logo is "Seasonal Decorations" and rush theme is "Oklahoma Land Rush." Our social chairman, Elise Jimison, held three outstanding social events for the summer.

Billye Lackey attended her 34th International ESA Convention held in Seattle. Members Peggy Pate, Billye Lackey, Elize Jimison, and Chris Roberts attended District V Leadership Seminar held in McAlester. The regular scheduled pizza party for the Parkview School students was held in September. Members attended an "After Party to Brush-up on our ESA Facts."

May each of you have a fun Halloween.

Ardyce Briggs – Publicity Chairman

CALLING ALL CHAPTERS!

Wouldn't it be great if for just one PJ all the chapters would send in an article! That would really be a long Petticoat Journal. Now of course, that probably will not ever happen; however just think how crazy you would drive the PJ editor. I really think we should do it just to see what she would do. She would probably have to put out a special issue just for us. Hmmmmm... Just thinking.

Signed,
Just thinking!

Oklahoma State Council of Epsilon Sigma Alpha, International.
State Leadership Conference - August 19, 2007
University of Central Oklahoma in Edmond, Oklahoma

President Ramona Paine called the meeting to order at 9:10 a.m. All present recited the opening ritual. The hostesses for today's meeting are the members of Beta Zeta, Oklahoma City. Instead of the officers being introduced, each officer gave an overview of their duties as they gave their reports.

Chaplain Joy Agan gave the thought for the day, then led the Pledge of Allegiance. The committee to read the minutes of the Leadership Conference are Judi York, chair, Janet Gray, and Dr. Billye Peterson. Recording Secretary Jennye Hickman took roll and recognized the 6 first-time attendees and one DESA. There were no ELAN's, no MAL's, and no MESA's. The attendance will be taken from registration (72 in attendance). Joyce Whitewing, chairman of the committee to read the minutes of the June 2007 Executive/General Board and State Council meetings, reported the minutes will be placed on file as corrected. Cathy Holsted, 2008 Convention Chair, gave a report on plans for the 2008 Convention.

Barbara Stapleton and Cheryl LaMascus, Senior and Junior Membership Chairs, and Judi York, IC Junior Membership Chair, explained the new TEAM approach for increasing membership. Cathy Holsted installed Donna Shook as the *Petticoat Journal* editor. Second Vice President Deb Hughes explained the Gold Seal and Gold Link awards, and announced the educational winners from IC. Deb then presented an educational on communication, emphasizing listening to eliminate miscommunication.

CJ Stewart announced that any remaining St. Jude quilts will be sent back after today's meeting. Following a short break, Ramona Paine introduced Major General Rita Aragon of the Air National Guard. General Aragon spoke on three types of leadership - Leadership by Position, by Commission, and by Omission. She recommended two books, *The Oklahoma Women's Almanac* and *Astronauts, Athletes, and Ambassadors*. Treasurer Gwynn Nell Swanson distributed copies of the treasurer's report and reminded chapters to pay their dues.

Project Director Jacque Edwards reported that \$3,717.85 had been disbursed to the state project schools leaving a balance of \$181.99. She gave the total enrollment at Oklahoma School for the Deaf (101 students) and Oklahoma School for the Blind (92 students). She reminded everyone to bring bags of Halloween candy to the district leadership conferences, to be used to make candy bags for all of the students at both schools. \$166 was collected at today's meeting, to be used to purchase small gifts for those adopted students whose chapter representatives are unable to attend the tours. Ruth Jo Carnagey, Auditor, was unable to attend today's meeting, and the audits will be conducted in March.

First Vice President/Nominating Committee Chair Bunnie Sullins introduced the members of the committee, and they explained the criteria for running for elected and appointed offices. Publicity Chair Sue Patterson asked everyone to send publicity items to her for inclusion in the publicity book. Directory Co-Chair Linda Southerland announced that directories are available for pick-up and/or purchase today. Scrapbook Chair Nadine Weatherly asked all chapters to send at least one scrapbook page to her for inclusion in the scrapbook. Ramona Paine announced that the Webmaster Aletha Bolt announced she is looking for an apprentice to work with her on the website. Donna Shook reminded everyone to send their articles to her via e-mail or regular mail.

**General
Contest
Information
and
Guidelines**

1. All entries are sent to the chairman of each respective contest
2. State dues must be paid on or before January 1 to be eligible for state contests and voting privileges
3. New chapters are not required to pay state dues until the May 1 following the anniversary of their charter date
4. Contest entries and materials must be postmarked on or before March 1 to be eligible for DIANA, "What ESA Means to Me" and Outstanding Youth

4. All other contest entries and materials must be postmarked on or before April 1st.

5. Scrapbook will be for display only at convention.

6. First, Second, and Third Place Certification will be awarded. The decision of the judges will be final.

7. All contest IC guidelines will follow these guidelines.

Summary of Contests, Chairmen, Guidelines, and Deadlines are listed on page 28

Petticoat Journal ad hoc committee had fulfilled its duties and was dismissed.

Chaplain Joy Agan asked the blessing on lunch. Following the lunch break, Parliamentarian Joyce Gibson-Madden outlined her duties. Association of the Arts Chair Marilyn Joplin encouraged each chapter to participate in submitting entries. Credentials Chair Virginia Taylor encouraged and reminded chapters to pay their dues to be eligible to vote at convention. Care Connection Co-chair Nancy Baucom asked everyone to bring items for the troops to the November meeting

Circle of Life Co-chairs CJ Stewart and Olene Shore distributed materials on the "Grateful Grandparent" program and announced two programs to raise funds for St. Jude: raffles and change jars. Members were asked to take jars and return them filled with coins by December. Outstanding Youth Chair Charlene Law reminded chapters to nominate students for the outstanding youth awards. D.I.A.N.A. chair Dr. Billye Peterson gave a test on the meaning of each letter in D.I.A.N.A.; and gave a new meaning for today, to encourage chapters to nominate a D.I.A.N.A. D=Do start looking for someone to nominate. I=Invite your honoree to complete the nomination form. A=Announce your DIANA honoree to the community through N=Newspaper articles and other publicity. A=Award your nominee with special recognition at a special community event. Awards chair Joyce Lacey-Kenney encouraged each member to write an essay on "What ESA Means To Me".

Dr. Billye Peterson introduced Patty Loughlin, professor of history at the University of Central Oklahoma. Dr. Loughlin is the author of *Hidden Treasures of the American West* and spoke about the three women covered in that book, Muriel H. Wright, Angie Debo, and Alice Marriott. Following a break, Easter Seals Chair Peggy Eversole explained the Cartridges for Kids and candy sales programs. Philanthropic Chair Nancy Buck reminded everyone to write down their hours, mileage, and money, and to remember to report it to her. ESA Foundation Counselor Vivian Gibson explained the functions of the Foundation and encouraged membership and life membership.

Ramona Paine introduced the "royal" Sooner Senioresses. Sooner Senioress President Aletha Bolt explained the function of the Sooner Senioresses (advisors to anyone who will let them advise). Outstanding Chapter chair Dana Terrell encouraged 100% participation in the outstanding chapter contest. Disaster Fund Chair Robbin Brown explained the disaster fund and how moneys are awarded. She also announced the IC contest winners from Oklahoma. Workshop Coordinator Sue Knight distributed survey sheets asking members for suggestions for workshops at the 2008 State Convention. Corresponding Secretary Vivian Gibson announced several e-mail changes, and read a thank you note from the Outstanding Youth and regrets from Barbara Eck. Ramona Paine read an e-mail from Mary Ann Jones stating the contest committee had considered the request to award points on Outstanding Chapter judging for chapters bringing prospective members to District or State meetings, and the committee is not recommending this be added to the Outstanding Chapter judging. The District Coordinators announced the dates for their upcoming District Leadership conferences. Guiding Light Nellrita Barrick shared words of wisdom.

Announcements were made, door prizes were awarded, and silent auction was closed. The items donated by Gamma Zeta members brought in \$170 for the State Treasury. Ramona Paine presented the "Point of Light" Award to Dr. Billye Peterson, thanking her for her help in arranging the Leadership Conference. All present recited the closing ritual, and the conference was adjourned at 3:30 p.m.

Jennye Hickman – Recording Secretary
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April 25 – April 27, 2008 Registration Form

Member Name: _____ Member Number: _____

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Check All That Apply: Chapter President Current/Previous IC Officer First Time Convention Goer

Current/Previous ESAF Bd. Mbr. 2007-2008 Pledge Sooner Seniorette Special Diet Menu /Medical Reasons Only **

**Contact Cathy Holsted, Convention Chairman, at nanakitty22@sbcglobal.net or 405.826.9867

Men's Registration

Name: _____ Husband/Escort of: _____

I would have an interest in Golf Bowling Fishing Saturday No-Host Luncheon

DESA Registration: Name: _____ Daughter of: _____

Check All That Apply:

Member's Full Registration Fee
Cost: \$80.00

Includes:
Friday Night Mixer Party
Awards Luncheon
Installation Banquet
Sunday Brunch

Men's Registration Fee
Cost: \$40.00

DESA Registration Fee
Cost: \$80.00

Late Fee – Registration postmarked After April 15, 2008 Cost: \$25.00

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CANCELLATION: If you find it necessary to cancel this registration, the full amount less a \$15 processing fee will be refunded if your written cancellation is postmarked or faxed to 580.323.1804 no later than April 15, 2008. Seating at the Awards Luncheon and Installation Banquet will be assigned from registrations postmarked by the April 15, 2008, deadline. Registrations postmarked after April 15, 2008, will be assigned seating where vacancies exist....we cannot guarantee that late registrants will be seated with their chapters.

Start right now – today- to recruit new officers and chairmen, not only for the local chapter but also for state offices. Reassure the members that they can do the job because other holders of the offices or chairmanship will be there to help, to give advice, and to support their efforts. When a member gets involved, it shows her that the chapter needs her. And everyone wants to be needed.

(This is an article by Karen Nix presented at Leadership in Shawnee about publishing: The entire article will be presented later.)

...Don't give up if you don't get your article published the first or second time you try. Change something in the article. I have never had an article published that was submitted in Times New Roman. That font doesn't seem to catch anyone's eye so I now use Tahoma or Century Gothic and have been much more successful. I normally print the title one font size larger than the article and of course underline and center it - anything to grab the reporter's attention. In daily papers, your article is apt to be 1 of 100 articles. Some weekly papers will print exactly what you send them, especially if your chapter knows the paper. Some daily papers will edit the article due to space or because they don't think our article is as important as we do...

“WHERE IN THE WORLD IS ESA?”



Hotel Information

**2008 ESA State Convention
Crown Plaza
2495 NW Expressway
Oklahoma City, Oklahoma
405-848-4811
1-800-496-7621**

Room Rate \$89.00 plus tax (mention ESA when you call to book room)

"Imagine" the Possibilities!

Dear State Presidents

Well, summer is officially over! Our sisters are marking the end of another summer and the beginning of new plans and activities for ESA. Hopefully, you are getting off to a great start.

As IC Treasurer, I would like to solicit some help from everyone and ask that you remind each of your chapter presidents to send me their IC Chapter Dues of \$35 to me just as soon as possible. I have been receiving numerous checks in the mail each day, but the due date was August 1 so just to be sure that no one has forgotten, please send out a friendly reminder for me. I am attaching the IC Chapter Dues form for you to forward to each chapter president that has email. It is in several different formats so hopefully everyone should be able to open at least one of them. You might also forward one of these forms to your state newsletter and ask that it be printed in your next issue; this would also help me get the word out that IC Chapter Dues are now due. Just IMAGINE how great it would be if every chapter paid their IC Chapter Dues between now and the end of September!

If you would like a listing of the chapters that have paid to date, just email me back, and I will be happy to list them for you. (I am not doing this in this email because this is going out to all of you as a group.) You will receive an updated listing of paid chapters from me quarterly so this will arrive around the end of October, but I am happy to answer any questions any time.

Thanks for your help and have a great ESA year--my mailing address is listed below.

Susan Winters - Epsilon Sigma Alpha
International Treasurer
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Dear State Presidents,

I hope you are enjoying your Fall Board meetings...I have hear some of you already had some powerful meetings with lots of fun! I am writing to see if you can help me find some candidates for IC Office...Members who are: Dedicated to help achieve the goals and ideals of ESA. Feel they have something to offer our wonderful sisterhood. Would share their experiences and talents with all ESA members. If you know of members who have these qualities, please:

Mail the Nomination Form to Judy Huntley, Nominating Chair **prior to November 15th deadline.**
Thanks for all you do for ESA!

Judy C. Huntley
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(W) HuntleyJudyC@JohnDeere.com

(Editor's note: The real forms for nomination can be found on ESA International Council website. Download the real copy. This just represents an idea for you to decide if you would like to run.)

2007 – 2008 NOMINATION FORM

PERSONAL INFORMATION

Nominee _____ Husband _____

Phone _____ Email: _____

Address _____ City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Employed by _____ Occupation _____

Chapter Name _____ Chapter Number _____

City _____ State _____

Nomination for the office of _____

Second Choice _____

(It is recommended that you have previous experience on the IC Executive Board or have a strong accounting background before being nominated for IC Treasurer.)

Members to read the minutes of the Nov. Council Meeting are the following:

November 10, 2007
Sue Knight,
Chairman
(Sigma Chi, Inola)

Mary Ann Jones
(Zeta Gamma, Shawnee)

Ellen Clark
(Delta Epsilon, Del City)

ESA International, founded in 1929 as Epsilon Sigma Alpha, is a leadership-service organization with approximately 20,000 members and 1,200 chapters in the United States and abroad.

ESA offers members leadership, education, and fellowship to assist and enhance their local and national philanthropic work. By challenging members to explore and to develop their abilities, ESA International promotes confidence and opens the door to greater career opportunities.

BACKGROUND INFORMATION

Does candidate type? Yes _____ No _____
 Does candidate have knowledge of simple bookkeeping system? Yes _____ No _____
 Does candidate have knowledge of parliamentary procedure? Yes _____ No _____
 And knowledge of Roberts' Rules of Order Newly Revised? Yes _____ No _____

ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS

Became an ESA member in _____
 Active member for the past three years? Yes _____ No _____
 Held office of Chapter and State or Multi-State Council President? Yes _____ No _____
 Letter of acceptance from nominee attached? Yes _____ No _____
 Sponsoring letter from chapter and/or state/multi-state attached? Yes _____ No _____
 One 5 X 7 and one wallet size color photo of nominee attached? Yes _____ No _____
 Have your chapter dues been paid to the International Council? Yes _____ No _____
 Have your state dues been paid to the International Council? Yes _____ No _____
 Have your individual dues been paid to ESA Headquarters? Yes _____ No _____
 Did you **verify** that all dues have been paid? Yes _____ No _____
 Number of your own state conventions attended? _____
 Number of International Conventions attended? _____

SPONSORING SIGNATURES

 Chapter President's Name (Printed or Typed) State or Multi-State President Name (Printed or Typed)
 Signature _____ Signature _____
 Address _____ Address _____
 City _____ City _____
 State _____ Zip _____ State _____ Zip _____

INTERNATIONAL COUNCIL

Second Vice President _____ Recording Secretary _____
 Treasurer _____ Parliamentarian _____
 Workshop Coordinator _____
 Appointed Chairs (Including Corresponding Secretary) _____

MULTI-STATE COUNCIL

Elected Offices: _____ Appointed Chairs: _____

STATE COUNCIL

Elected Offices:
 President _____ 1st Vice President _____ 2nd Vice President _____ 3rd Vice President _____
 Recording Secretary _____ Corresponding Secretary _____ Treasurer _____ Parliamentarian _____
 Junior Past President _____ Other Elected Offices: _____

Appointed Chairs (including offices of past presidents' auxiliary):

In 50 words or less state why you would like to be an IC officer, what your objectives would be and how you plan to accomplish those objectives: _____

SUMMARY OF CONTESTS, CHAIRMEN, GUIDELINES, AND DEADLINES

AWARDS

Joyce Lacey-Kenney

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March 1

“What ESA Means to Me” essay. Two categories (members of less than one year) submitted to chairman by March 1. Ser-Awards, Pallas Athene and First Pearl submitted to chairman

DIANA

Dr. Billye Peterson

destinationsfashions@cox.net

March 1

Compiled entry. Guidelines and packet kit available from ESA Headquarters and at WWW.members.coxnet/oklaesa/

OUTSTANDING CHAPTER

Dana Terrell

gcterrell@pldi.net

Accumulated points reported from contest chairmen and State/District secretaries, IC/State Treasurers; State President/1st VP/2VP

OUTSTANDING YOUTH

Charlene Law

Cjl41968@yahoo.com

March 1

Compiled entry due March 1. Guidelines and packet kit available from ESA HQ and at www.members.cox.net/oklaesa/. State recognition of chapters that participated in their community due March 1.

SCRAPBOOK

Nadine Weatherly

Nadinewe214@msn.com

March 1

Scrapbook materials for one page in State Scrapbook.

A Mini-Educational: “Have You Read _____?” Deb Hughes – 2nd Vice President

Educational programs can be in the form of oral presentations, visual aids, hands-on demonstrations, guest speakers, tours, etc. One aspect that I hope you will incorporate with the theme “*Indulge Yourself*” is to involve your chapter members in the process, thus making it an interactive program.

An idea might be for your chapter to read and study a book together for an educational program. After all, our organization began as a book club.

Here are a few suggestions to incorporate a reading book study. This could be used as a single program or carried over for a few programs: (1) Begin with a brief discussion to determine if you want a serious theme or one more light-hearted; fiction or non-fiction; a classic novel or the latest on reading mysteries, then you might want to select a specific author and book. Perhaps your members the top ten list? You might want to choose a topic to which your chapter members can relate. Many reading themes can be age and gender related. Some chapters might prefer to select the latest book from a specific author, or some real jewels can be found from smaller publishers too. Your selection might be centered on travel or a particular location. For example, if your chapter members enjoy history, so you might want to select a book of a particular period of history. (2) Each member can purchase her own book or pick a reading partner and share a book. If the price is higher, you might arrange to borrow it from the local library. Don’t forget about books on tape which many

If no e-mail is given, please see the white spaces to the left of each page for addresses of Contest Chairmen

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October/
November –
September 5th

December/
January –
November 5

February/
March -
January 5

April/May
March 5

enjoy when driving or even while working in the yard and garden. You may wish to investigate ahead if large print books are available so everyone can read along with ease. (3) Allow ample time for reading the book. If the book is large you might need to read and discuss a few chapters at a time. No one wants to be forced to labor through a long book just to meet a deadline. Reading is fun and your members will need to “buy-in” to read and come prepared at the designated meeting. (4) Depending on the book selection, a workbook or study guide might be available. Be sure to check online as there are thousands of book clubs online that share their programs. This is especially true for many self-help type titles. It is important for the leader to have an assortment of ways to stimulate the conversation. If the book is a dud that leaves you little to discuss or debate, you can save the program by planning ahead. Some book club leaders will print specific questions on index cards. Then each individual selects a card, reads the question and begins the discussion.

Another way to bring the book to life is to ask the group to name actors they visualize as the main characters. This could easily set your discussion to new directions and topics.

If you are stumped on getting started with a list of questions, you could search online for reviews of the book. When the conversation lulls, read aloud the review and ask if people agree or disagree. As the discussion leader, it is your task to keep the discussion focused on the book.

I would suggest members be seated so they can see and hear each other well. It is important that everyone have an opportunity to participate and express their opinion during the discussion. The leader may need to act as a moderator if you have a large group.

Nothing would be more distracting than to have side conversations during your discussion. Keep the atmosphere carefree; you sure don't want the members to feel they have to raise their hands to speak. Stay focused on making the evening fun and it is sure to be a success! With plenty of advance advertising and a bit of additional planning your chapter could open the program to others. This is one type of program that could fairly easily be expanded to your community. Keep your ads eye-catching, interesting and professional. Don't forget the title of the book you are reading and your contact information on all advertising.

You might inquire with local bookstores if they will allow you to post your ads in their stores. This could also be beneficial to potential chapter members if you hold your meetings in a local library as the client and staff may see you the members regularly. While this is not a traditional rush method, it could serve as an opening to others and introduce Epsilon Sigma Alpha International to a wider audience in your community. Now that would be a bonus!

Good luck and “*Indulge Yourself*”. Resources:

<http://www.canadianbookclubs.com> <http://www.bookbrowse.com>

<http://www.about.com> <http://www.evite.com/app/cms/ideas/book-club>



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**EPSILON SIGMA ALPHA INTERNATIONAL
OKLAHOMA STATE COUNCIL
NOMINATION FORM FOR 2008-2009 OFFICERS**

Please complete the nomination form and submit to the 1st Vice-President before March 1, 2008. All candidates must send their written consent, qualifications and a picture to the 1st Vice- President **BEFORE** March 1, 2008. The candidates for state offices will be presented at the March State Council meeting and their qualifications and picture will be published in the April/May issue of *The Petticoat Journal*.

Petticoat
Journal Editor

Send in those articles and pictures. As you see, we have pictures this time. I am still getting the "hang" of the process, so please bear with me. To all the district leaders, I want to say "Well Done!" I really enjoyed each one that I got to attend. You and your members did "A bang up Job."

PJ Editor
Donna Shook
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El Reno
73036

SECOND VICE PRESIDENT

Name _____ Chapter _____
Town _____ Acceptance Attached _____
Nominee has been notified of nomination _____ Yes _____ No

RECORDING SECRETARY

Name _____ Chapter _____
Town _____ Acceptance Attached _____
Nominee has been notified of nomination _____ Yes _____ No

PARLIAMENTARIAN

Name _____ Chapter _____
Town _____ Acceptance Attached _____
Nominee has been notified of nomination _____ Yes _____ No

TREASURER

Name _____ Chapter _____
Town _____ Acceptance Attached _____
Nominee has been notified of nomination _____ Yes _____ No

PROJECT DIRECTOR

Name _____ Chapter _____
Town _____ Acceptance Attached _____
Nominee has been notified of nomination _____ Yes _____ No

PETTICOAT JOURNAL EDITOR

Name _____ Chapter _____
Town _____ Acceptance Attached _____
Nominee has been notified of nomination _____ Yes _____ No

Nominating Chapter Name & #: _____ ***City:*** _____

Contact: _____

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**POINT OF LIGHT AWARD
OKLAHOMA STATE COUNCIL OF ESA NOMINATION FORM
(District: Leadership or at Installation)**

Oklahoma State Council State President wishes to recognize a member from each District who serves her chapter lovingly, assumes responsibilities, promotes ESA, shares her talents with the community, regularly attends chapter, district, state meetings, and has been a member for more than five years.

Please submit this nomination form secretly. Should your nominee be selected, you will be notified and will have to make certain that she will be present at the district meeting so that she may receive her award.

NOMINEE _____

CHAPTER _____ DISTRICT _____

INITIATION DATE _____

CHAPTER PRESIDENT'S INFORMATION

NAME _____

Address _____

Phone _____ email _____

President's Signature _____

NARRATIVE:

Dream House Giveaways are Being planned in Yukon and Tulsa Areas for 2008. As you may remember, Oklahoma ESA Members sent Over one million dollars to St. Jude's Hospital last year. It was an awesome amount of money raised here in our state. Let's get behind the chapters who are sponsoring these houses as well as all the other ways and means that our ESA sisters are involved in. Let's show everyone we can do it again.



Point of Light Award
Francis Mann
Along with
Epsilon Sigma
Alpha President
Ramona Paine

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Major General Rita Aragon - Air National Guard - Speaker at June Council along with President Ramona Paine

Patty Loughlin - Professor of History - Speaker at June Council along with Dr Billye Hansen - Point of Light Winner



Beta Zeta "get acquainted rush" September 24th. We had six ladies attend and one of them joined our chapter the very next day. Two others seemed very interested in ESA. Who knows, this could be the start of something big.

Sharon Key, Epsilon Omega President, giving flowers to Buena Crocket, a charter member of Epsilon Omega and a 52 year member of ESA.

