

Chatter From Deb ...

Greetings Oklahoma ESA members and friends. With so much happening right now I feel it necessary to issue this news brief in the interim before the next issue of our **Petticoat Journal**. I sincerely hope you find the links and information useful.

State Directory: I have been unable to reach our directory chairman and unfortunately she had the only list of orders placed thus far for the 2009-10 state directories. At this time I am requesting that each chapter president please contact your members and make a list of persons who desire to have a directory and send to me via email quickly. This will allow us to print the number of directories needed and then get them to you. The cost is \$8 each. The directory is being re-compiled as quickly as possible for you. Thank you for your cooperation and understanding.

Planning for Collegiate Chapter

Do you have family or friends attending Rogers State University in Claremore this year? If so, please provide us with their contact information as we are working to start a new chapter on that campus. We think it will be a new and exciting step forward to have a collegiate chapter in our midst.

PJ Editor, Jennye Hickman

Next **Petticoat Journal** deadlines

September 5, 2009

November 5, 2009

January 5, 2010

March 5, 2010

You can send your articles to Jennye Hickman, *PJ Editor* via email pjeditor@oklaesa.org

You can also snail mail your article to:
Jennye Hickman, *PJ Editor*
P.O. Box 1915,
McAlester, OK 74502-1915

Write up a short article and let others know what your chapter is doing. It's also a great idea exchange or chance for a partnership across the state.

Did you know you can download the *PJ* from the state website for free? A paid \$15 subscription is only necessary if you want to have a copy mailed to your home address. Link to first issue is <http://www.oklaesa.org/Newsletters.htm>

Chapter Presidents we hope that you are regularly checking your chapter email mailbox on our state website. While we will try to use your personal email address too, this state email address mailbox is our quickest method to communicate information to you. If you are having difficulty with the email address mailbox and /or password, please contact our webmaster, Aletha Bolt, webmaster@oklaesa.org or myself president@oklaesa.org or debokesa@hotmail.com. Likewise if you have a change in your personal contact

information please be sure to let me know so that appropriate changes on the presidents' roster can be made and we don't experience a loss of timely information to you and your chapter. Remember you are our link to your chapter members and we are depending upon you.



I hope that you have the date of **Saturday, Nov. 21, 2009** on your personal calendars and have started plans to join us at Woodland Hills Mall in Tulsa for the **Give Thanks. Walk.** to benefit St. Jude Children's Research Hospital. We have secured a hotel block of rooms for Friday evening so you, your chapter members, family and friends can come to Tulsa and join in the fun. Check the Tulsa website <https://waystohelp.stjude.org/sjVPortal/public/event/page/displayEventPage.do?eventId=61268&programId=601> or <http://www.givethankswalk.org>

How about challenging your family and friends in another community to participate in their local event and you participate Tulsa?

Tina Davenport-McKamie is the event chairman. There are numerous ways to assist with this event even if you are unable to walk in the actual 5K. Contact Tina, phone 918-916-2199 and email correspsecretary@oklaesa.org or tina@jimmyjwilliamspc.com. There are only 40 locations throughout the US that

will host this event. We hope you will plan to join us for this very special day. Check out this brand new video; it is posted on the **Give Thanks. Walk** website, on Facebook - on the St. Jude Fan page, and on YouTube.

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=DjKhlcQhnJA>

Are you on Facebook? Friend me "*Deborah Hughes*" and let's have fun keeping up with each other as well as ESA members across the United States. Check it out!

Robbin Brown, State Project Director, is collecting cash to purchase Christmas gifts for students at the state schools that are not sponsored by a chapter or individual. Be sure to submit your chapter selections for student sponsorship as quickly as possible so she can begin to assign new students too. You can contact her via email projectdirector@oklaesa.org or rsbrown@cnpsschools.org. Check the state website for student sponsor form <http://www.oklaesa.org/forms%20reports.htm>

Do you Twitter?

Follow IC President Jamie Atchison on her journey this year. Her goal is to get all ESA members around the world to follow her. <http://twitter.com/esabelieve>

Mary Toole, State Chaplain, is sending notices from the state as well as from the greater ESA membership from our IC Chaplain, Judi York. We request that you pass along the information in a timely manner to your chapter members.

Should your chapter members be in need of cards, well wishes and prayers, please be sure to contact Mary and inform her so that she can distribute the information back to our members too. We certainly want to be there for our members and families in their time of need. Her phone is 405-273-0084 and email chaplain@oklaesa.org or ttmt@sbcglobal.net.

IC Officers and Board Roster

If you would like to receive the full IC Roster of officers and Board Chair, please email me and I will send it to you. I am aware some chapters like to include it with their chapter yearbooks.



Chili's Grill & Bar

- Visit your local Chili's Grill & Bar during the month of September and make a donation by coloring a sheet of Chili's signature pepper logo.
- Visit your local Chili's Grill & Bar on **Monday, September 28** because Chili's will donate 100 percent of its profits from that day to St. Jude Children's Research Hospital. Make it a chapter event!

Nellrita Barrick, Circle of Life Chairman, is making plans for a

caravan trip to Memphis to tour St. Jude Children's Hospital on October 15-17, 2009. She will be sharing information at the upcoming District Meetings or contact her via email snbarrick@itlnet.net or circleoflife@oklaesa.org or phone 580-323-2728 for details and to sign up for this special trip.



Joyce Lacey-Kenney,
Beta Psi Chapter, Clinton,
on the achievement of your
5th Degree Pallas Athene

Joyce Gibson, State Treasurer

It's time to pay dues and here is a listing for your convenience.

Chapter

International Dues \$35.00

Due by June 1, 2010

Mail to: IC Treasurer

Judi Grefer

503 Brookstone Lane

Cold Springs, KY 41076

State Dues per Chapter \$30.00

Due by January 1, 2010

Mail to: OK State Treasurer

Joyce Gibson

P.O. Box 179

Norman, OK 73070

State Dues per Chapter Mbr \$3.00

Due by January 1, 2010
Mail to: OK State Treasurer
Joyce Gibson
P.O. Box 179
Norman, OK 73070

ESA Foundation Dues \$15.00

Due by January 1, 2010
Mail to: ESA Foundation
P.O. Box 270517
Fort Collins, CO 80527

District Dues \$10.00

Due by January 1, 2010

District 2 Treasurer

Cathy Holsted
3 Woodbridge Drive
Bella Vista, AR 72714

District 3 Treasurer

Debby Thompson
15358 E 91st St. N
Owasso, OK 74055

District 4 Treasurer

Michelle McKnight
18 Pineyridge Lane,
Shawnee, OK 74801

District 5 Treasurer

Helen Weaver
1160 Skyview Drive
Muskogee, OK 74403

Individual

International Dues \$45.00

Due according to pledge date
Mail to: ESA Headquarters
363 West Drake Road
Fort Collins, CO 80526

ESA Foundation Dues \$15.00

Due by March 1, 2010
Mail to: ESA Foundation
P.O. Box 270517
Fort Collins, CO 80527

Don't forget your chapter Tax Facts is due by Sep. 15 to ESA office

District Leadership Meetings

Take a short day trip with your chapter members and plan to attend a District Leadership in your area.



DISTRICT II LEADERSHIP

*You're the Heart of ESA...
Become a Star!*

Join us
Saturday, August 29, 2009
Holy Trinity Lutheran Church
308 NW 164
Edmond OK 73013



Famous Hollywood Star is Guest Speaker!



Fun-filled Day!



Hands-on Leadership Activities!



Much More!

Registration 9:30 a.m.
\$10 includes lunch & activities
Questions? Call 405.812.0138



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Let the Magic Begin!


District III Leadership Meeting
Saturday, September 19, 2009
Highland Park Christian Church
5708 East 31st Street, Tulsa, OK
(31st Street & Hudson Avenue, between Yale Avenue & Sheridan Road)
Parking is available in the bank parking lot on the west side of the church

Registration at 9:30 AM
Silent Auction Begins at 9:45 AM
Meeting Begins at 10:00 AM
Lunch will be \$10.00

DISTRICT IV LEADERSHIP
"ESA - A TERRIFIC REASON TO CELEBRATE"
September 12, 2009
Shawnee Public Library
Shawnee, OK
Registration 9:30 AM
Meeting 10:00 AM

DIRECTIONS:
Exit Interstate 40 at State Highway 18 (Harrison St.)
Turn south on Harrison for 4 miles to Main Street.
Turn west (or right) on Main street for 6 blocks to Philadelphia street. Library is on right side of street on corner of Main and Philadelphia.
There is a large parking lot on north side of Library.

Lova Thompson,
Coordinator



2010 State Convention – April 30, May 1-2, 2010

It is not too early to submit your registration for state convention. In fact by registering early you will have your name placed in a special drawing at the November State Council Meeting for a *free* registration. That's an \$85 value! Be sure to include the fajita dinner for Friday evening and start of the weekend in festive style. The state website has the hotel information and the registration form for your convenience.

<http://www.oklaesa.org/forms%20reports.htm>

Membership

Have you invited a guest to accompany you at a chapter social or project recently? Our District Leadership Meetings are a good beginning. Invite someone to join you to participate in the Give Thanks. Walk. in November. We hope you will take advantage of the opportunity to share the "ESA Experience" today.

OK Website – Aletha Bolt, Webmaster

- Is your chapter sponsoring a special event – send the informational flyer for posting in a new area called "Special Events"
- Need a form, contest guidelines, state bylaws – check the website
- Send your photos and news, with the names and description of the action for posting in the "News" area

- Need an officer or chair email address – click on their photo, presto their email is displayed for you
- Email webmaster@oklaesa.org
- OK State Council
<http://www.oklaesa.org>
- Epsilon Sigma Alpha International
<http://www.esaint.com>

conversation starter about the event your chapter is planning. I would encourage you to make more yellow ribbons for your chapter members.



Hope for Heroes An ESA National Event

WHEN ?

11/ 7-14 / 2009

WHERE ?

In your community

WHO ?

Every ESA Chapter to hold a joint venture with Veterans and/or other volunteer organizations in their communities!

WHY ?

To help support our troops and help "Make ESA Known" for our efforts!

Include information on ESA in every package with our website, follow-up email and most importantly our thanks and gratitude for our freedoms.



A community event that will Show our appreciation For American Heroes &

Showcase our Hope for Heroes Program!

Help your community celebrate their local & national heroes!

Help to publish the name of ESA

Widely publicize event on TV, Radio, Paper, Internet- Facebook, Twitter, Etc

For More Information Contact
Linda Welch—Hope for Heroes chair
Phone: 865.690.7549
lindawelch@knology.net

* CELEBRATE *
* ESA AND OUR *
* AMERICAN *
* HEROES *
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* Establish a *
* partnership with *
* organizations in *
* your area *
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* Promote ESA in your *
* community *
* An ESA Event across *
* AMERICA in the *
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* Contact HQ for ESA *
* brochures *
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Hope for Heroes National Event 

We have an opportunity to showcase our ESA Hope for Heroes Program, say thank you to our military personnel and their families and publicize ESA all at the same time. While we continue to directly support our troops by sending packages some chapters may be focusing on the families at home too.

Each chapter is asked to plan a special event in your community to show appreciation during the week of Nov. 7-14, 2009. Chapters all across ESA-land will be doing the same. You can also use it as a time to partner with another organization such as a veterans group, schools, family readiness or assistance groups, the list continues.

At our State Leadership Meeting in August we distributed two pieces of 12" yellow ribbon to each member present. One ribbon was for the member and the other one is to be given away to share the promotion of our National Event. You can cut it in half and wear it on your lapel, tie it on your car antennae, tie it on your purse or briefcase, the list is endless. The ribbon serves as a



Please note this is not a political statement but an avenue to highlight our service heroes and their families. How will you feature the program in your town? Send me an email when you are making your plans and I will share them with others in our state. Thank you.

Upcoming Meetings

(Go to the state website for details)

October 24, 2009 – Sulphur, OK

OK School for Deaf Tour
District 4 Meeting

November 6, 2009 – Shawnee, OK

Christmas Party & Ornament Exchange
All members are invited for the party & snacks

November 7, 2009 – Shawnee, OK

Executive & General Board Meeting
OK State Council Meeting
Hope for Heroes National Event Kick-off
Drawing for *free* State Convention
Registration taken from early-bird
convention registrations submitted

Feb. 27, 2010 - Muskogee, OK

Ok School for Blind Tour
District 3 Meeting & Installation
District 5 Meeting & Installation

March 13, 2009 - Lawton, OK

District 4 Meeting & Installation

March 20, 2009

Executive & General Board Meeting
OK State Council Meeting

March 27, 2010 - Clinton, OK

District 2 Meeting & Installation

April 30, May 1-2, 2010 - Tulsa, OK

OK State Convention
“ESA ... It's in the Bag”

**2009 OK State Convention or IC
Convention Photos**

Are you lacking photos to highlight your convention experience? Check the website of Jerry Hymer, our favorite photographer, for either set of photos. You can view the photos and then order them directly from his website.

<http://www.jhymerphoto.photorelect.com>

Wishing you a great day in ESA!

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Epsilon Sigma Alpha International
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