

**CHATTER FROM DEB ...**

The decision to cancel and reschedule the March Executive and General Board Meeting and the State Council Meeting was not an easy one. It was made with your safety in mind due to the entire state under the winter storm warning. It was a tough call when it was nearly 70 degrees at the time but a resounding affirmation when I heard the sleet on the windows a few hours later.

Now with that aside, the March meetings typically include a variety of reminders to members and chapters as we approach the April 1<sup>st</sup> deadlines and the conclusion of our OK year. To help our chapters with these deadlines and upcoming convention notations, this news has been created for your use. Please review carefully the reports from various officers and chair related to the contests, etc. Additional information is also available on the state website, <http://www.oklaesa.org>. If you have any questions, please get in touch with me.

Also check out the new IC Groundbreaking ESA Food Drive. For this Food Drive, both food items and cash, can be delivered to your hometown or bring your items to convention, all will remain in Oklahoma.

Sadly our state ranks fourth in the nation in the number of people who are “very low food insecure” or 5.9% hungry. Oklahoma is 6<sup>th</sup> in the nation, 14%, in the number of people who are food insecure, which is defined by the USDA as being hungry at times during the year due to lack of money for food

This program deadline is July 1, 2010 in order for OK reporting to IC. A form for reporting your chapter and individual

donations is at the end of this issue and on our state website <http://www.oklaesa.org>. This is another perfect way to share ESA in our local communities. Let’s do it!

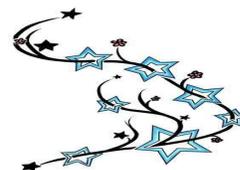
Have you submitted your OK State Convention registration? Grab your bag and join in the fun with our Oklahoma members.

Be sure to register for IC Convention, July 12-18, 2010 in Minnesota. Information is available on the website or contact me.

The rescheduled State meeting dates are **Friday, April 9 and Saturday, April 10, 2010**. I hope you can join us in Shawnee.

*Believe*★

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**OKLAHOMA STATE COUNCIL**

**MEETING NOTICE – RESCHEDULE INFO**

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**After the unexpected spring snowfall in March, we rescheduled the Council meetings. Please note the updated information here for your convenience. Don’t forget to RSVP so the appropriate amount of food will be prepared.**

**Location:** First Christian Church  
1625 North Broadway Ave., Shawnee, OK

**Directions to the church:**

From the I-40 and State Highway 18  
Intersection (Harrison Street)  
Go south on Harrison Street to the second  
stop light (1.5 miles) to MacArthur Street.  
Turn west (right) on MacArthur for .07 mile  
to Broadway Street.  
Turn South (left) on Broadway for 10 blocks.  
The church is on the east side of the street  
on the corner.  
Parking lot is at the back of the church and  
the entrance door is just off the parking lot.

A special note to new members and those  
that have not attended State Council  
Meeting before: Each time you attend a  
State Council Meeting this year your name  
will be included in a basket for a special  
drawing at this State Council Meeting. Join  
us!

We encourage all ESA members to attend  
this special day. It will provide a time for you  
to meet the candidates as well as business  
matters to be presented at the OK State  
Convention in April.

We will have our tables including Con-  
vention Sale Items, Circle of Life, Easter Seals,  
ESA Foundation, 50/50 Money Jar and  
more. A variety of activities are planned with  
you in mind. Bring your chapter members  
and get together with ESA members.

**FRIDAY, APRIL 9, 2010**  
**7:00 p.m. until 9:00 p.m.**

**Location:** First Christian Church, Shawnee  
Share a chat, share a snack & share ESA  
fun fellowship.

**RSVP by Wednesday, April 7, 2010** so  
appropriate amount of food is prepared

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**SATURDAY, APRIL 10, 2010**

**Location:** First Christian Church, Shawnee

**COMMITTEE MEETING:** 9:00 a.m. All  
District Coordinators Meeting with Jacque  
Edwards

**EXECUTIVE & GENERAL BOARD  
MEETING**

9:15 a.m. Registration  
9:30 a.m. Board Meeting

**STATE COUNCIL MEETING & LUNCH**

10:30 a.m. Registration  
10:45 a.m. Council Meeting

\$14.00 per person registration & lunch  
**RSVP by Wednesday, April 7, 2010**

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At each State Council Meeting this year we  
have a special philanthropic activity led by  
one of our District Coordinators. For this  
meeting Cheryl Young, District 3 Coordina-  
tor, will lead our activity designated to The

Hugs Project in support of our military troops.

**NEED A ROOM FRIDAY NIGHT?**

An **ESA room block** has been secured for your convenience. The ESA rate for double room (2 double beds) is \$75 plus tax - includes free breakfast

**Holiday Inn Express, 4909 North Union, Shawnee, OK** (Hotel is adjacent to the Shawnee Mall, off I-40 and Highway 18)

**Call 405-275-8880 to reserve your room by April 6, 2010 and mention ESA**

(The hotel will not guarantee the availability after April 6 - please don't delay.)

Important note from the March hotel room reservations: If you had a room reservation for the original March dates, you WILL need to contact the hotel and reserve your room. We did not automatically carry-over the reservations due to personal schedules.

We look forward to seeing you at these April Meetings.



**2<sup>ND</sup> VICE PRESIDENT & EDUCATION DIRECTOR**

This is just a reminder to be sure that your chapter educational chairman has all of her educational reports forms and her educational book for contest, to me before or postmarked April 1, 2010. The same goes if your chapter is nominating your chapter educational chairman for the Distinguished Athenian Service Award; it needs to be to me by April 1, 2010.

I have really enjoyed receiving and reading your educational this year. All of you did a great job!

Looking forward to having your educational books judged and I will see you at convention.

Thank you,  
Gwynn Nell Swanson

**STATE PROJECT**

I have received 12 reports from 5 chapters. There are 45 chapters listed in the directory. Please contact with your chapter philanthropic chairman and make sure that all service reports are turned in on time. The deadline for your chapter service reports is April 1.

As of today, donations to the state project are \$2,401.42. Please continue to send in your donations or you can give them to me today. Remember, you only have 12 more days to send them in. As you can tell, our total donation amount is very low. I KNOW we can do better.

There are still some kids from OK School for the Deaf and OK School for the Blind who can still be sponsored. I realize there is only two more months of school, but these kids would love to still receive items from you and your chapter. Easter is coming up in a couple of weeks, some birthdays & they would even enjoy getting a "summer" goodie bag (snacks, pop, candy, flip-flops sunglasses, sunscreen, and portable camera). Receiving something would really excite these kids. There is a list of students who will be graduating this year and I would like to see as many chapters to send cards

to them. The addresses for the schools are listed in the directory.

We have some pictures of the little school house that ESA purchased for OSD so please make sure and look at the pictures.

Thank you.  
Robbin Brown

**2010 STATE CONVENTION**

***“ESA...It’s In The Bag”***

What will you be missing if you don’t come to the 67<sup>th</sup> Annual Oklahoma State Council Convention? You would miss visiting with friends, workshops, the Silent Auction for the ESA Foundation, Easter Seals & St. Jude. You would miss the hospitality room with your wonderful hosts John Stapleton, Matt Farabee & Steve York. You would miss meeting our IC Rep Vickie Farris. You would miss the wonderful Friday evening fajita buffet. And you will miss the Friday night mixer where you can meet the candidates. On Saturday you would miss a wonderful Flag Ceremony, assembly, and Recognition Luncheon. And on Saturday evening you would miss a beautiful Installation or Officers and banquet. Last, but not least, you would miss the brunch & assembly. Do you really want to miss all of this? If not, send your registration today (available online at okesa.org or in the upcoming PJ.) The deadline is April 15, 2010.

So send in your registration, make your hotel reservation, pack your bags and come to “ESA...It’s In The Bag”, April 30, May 1 & 2, 2010, at the Radisson Hotel in Tulsa, OK. We’re waiting for you with open arms.



**DISASTER FUND**

Convention time is so so near. I know we have all had a tough winter, but SPRING is almost here. I “BELIEVE” we can do it.

**June State Council Meeting Collection:**

Alpha Nu, Arapaho	\$ 5.25
Alpha Omega, Choctaw	\$ 1.00
Beta Psi, Clinton	\$ 15.00

Beta Iota, McAlester	\$ 13.75
Beta Rho, Del City	\$ 20.00
Beta Gamma, Tulsa	\$ 8.75
Beta Zeta, Oklahoma City	\$ 2.00
Delta Chi, Midwest City	\$ 5.00
Delta Epsilon, Del City	\$ 9.75
Delta Kappa, Norman	\$ 9.25
Eta Mu, Owasso	\$ 1.00
Eta Pi, Del City	\$ 1.00
Gamma Delta, Tulsa	\$ 1.25
Gamma Kappa, Checotah	\$ 8.50
Gamma Pi, Inola	\$ 10.25
Gamma Zeta, Edmond	\$ 1.25
Kappa Theta, Guthrie	\$ 8.25
Nu Delta, Muskogee	\$ 5.25
Sigma Chi, Inola	\$ 8.25
Theta Tau, Kingfisher	\$ 20.00
Zeta Gamma, Shawnee	\$ 35.00
Dot Schuminsky	\$ 1.25

**Other Chapter Donations:**

Gamma Zeta #3464	\$ 50.00
Zeta Gamma #4253	\$ 100.00
Alpha Epsilon #175	\$ 10.00
Zeta Epsilon #4614	\$ 15.00
Beta Mu #606	\$ 10.00
Epsilon Kappa #1945	\$ 434.00
Alpha Nu #5425	\$ 21.00
Alpha Zeta #3067	\$ 25.00
Zeta Alpha #2292	\$ 62.00
Delta Epsilon # 2091	\$ 25.00
Gamma Pi #5091	\$ 50.00
Beta Rho #1270	\$ 75.00
Gamma Kappa #4018	\$ 50.00

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Delta Lambda # 3920	\$ 50.00
Beta Zeta #3158	\$ 50.00
Beta Psi #498	\$ 200.00
Kappa Theta #5414	\$ 25.00
Gamma Delta #702	\$ 100.00
Alpha Kappa #1005	\$ 21.00
Alpha Sigma #3085	\$ 25.00
Nu Delta #5244	\$ 50.00
Theta Sigma #4676	\$ 25.00
Kappa Alpha #5393	\$ 15.00
Delta Kappa #3538	\$ 500.00
Alpha Rho #4350	\$ 50.00
Chi Epsilon #5149	\$ 100.00
Beta Gamma #391	\$ 25.00
Alpha Omega #5110	\$ 100.00
Delta Chi #1637	\$ 300.00

So far, you have donated \$2,754.00 to the Disaster Fund, my goal was \$4,000.00; we are \$1,246.00 from reaching it. If you do not see your chapter on the list PLEASE donate before April 1<sup>st</sup> so you will be counted.



Bunnie Sullins  
Jr. Past President/ Disaster Fund

**EASTER SEALS**

Hello ESA sisters. Easter Seals Oklahoma has received so far this year \$2,040.00 from 13 chapters. I know I will be receiving more reports/checks by April 1<sup>st</sup>. Please send the philanthropic report of your chapter's contributions to me so you will be eligible for the State Easter Seals contest.

But more important! YOU are supporting Easter Seals by giving of your time and money – directly to Oklahoma Easter Seals, Cartridges for Kids and the new fundraising campaign Camp Hope – YOU are making a difference in the lives of more than 1.3

million people with disabilities and their families.

ESA International and Easter Seals are partnering to provide funds for the Camp Hope campaign - to provide camping opportunities for children of military families.

Over the last five years, 1.6 million military service members have been deployed to Iraq and Afghanistan. Today, thousands of injured military service members are returning to America with hopes of transitioning into civilian life, and many communities are not equipped to respond appropriately to their unique needs.

As the largest provider of disability-related services to individuals with disabilities and their families, Easter Seals is positioned to offer military and veterans systems of care with viable options to support and augment current reintegration efforts including job training and employment, medical rehabilitation, adult day services, camping and recreation and child care.

Anyone or any chapter can support this new project by contributing any amount. For \$50.00 you will receive a pin and for \$100.00 or more you will be recognized at 2010 IC Convention.

Please see me for more information on Camp Hope or for pre-paid mailing FedEx slips for Cartridges for Kids.

See you at OK State Convention with your items for the Silent Auction on Friday night.

Peggie Sprinkle  
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**ESA FOUNDATION**

Please make any contributions you are planning to the ESA Foundation both to General Fund or Turnaround Fund now. It has to be received by April 1 so that the Foundation Report will reflect the contribution.

The Foundation contests are based only on "reported contributions from the Foundation Reports".

June Miller



**MEMBERSHIP**

Please send me the names of your new members that will be attending state convention.

We will have a special recognition to honor them and we certainly don't want to miss anyone.

Thank you.  
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**OUTSTANDING CHAPTER CONTEST**

I want to be able to recognize the most outstanding chapters at Convention so I NEED YOUR HELP.

To Chapter Chairmen - Please remember to

get your reports in to the State Contest Chairmen as soon as possible before April 1<sup>st</sup>. because...

To State Contest Chairmen - Please send me your participation numbers as soon as possible before April 10<sup>th</sup>. I need your help getting my winners posted and judged by April 15<sup>th</sup>. That gives me only five days to determine the most important winners of all the contests.

Thank you in advance for your help! GOOD LUCK TO ALL THE CHAPTERS!

Marcie Lucas Ellington



**PHILANTHROPIC**

REPORT! REPORT! REPORT! Deadline April 1, 2010.

Mary Ann Jones

**PUBLICITY**

Hello, ESA Sisters,

I am just reminding you that the deadline for the Publicity Contest/Submission is April 1<sup>st</sup>. I only have a few articles retrieved at this time and I am sure there is more out there due to your dedication to the cause. The following chapters have submitted articles: Sigma Chi, Gamma Pi, Kappa Theta, Beta Iota, Maxine Wheelan for the State Council and Epsilon Kappa is in route as of today.

If I am missing anyone, please see me, for this is all the only contact I have had so far.

Feel free to contact me.

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**SECRET SISTER**

Just a reminder to all General and State Board member who have "Secret Sisters" for 2009-2010 ... Please remember to bring your gifts to State Convention for the "Reveling" party.

Nancy Buck

**DISTRICT 4**

Congratulations to the newly installed District 4 officers. They are:  
Coordinator, Nancy Baucom, Beta Mu, Lawton  
Vice Coordinator, Ellen Clark, Delta Epsilon, Del City  
Treasurer, Laura Robinson, Delta Chi, Midwest City  
Recording Secretary, Linda Voss, Zeta Gamma, Shawnee  
Parliamentarian, Virginia Taylor, Beta Rho, Del City  
Jr Past Coordinator, Lora Thompson, Zeta Gamma, Shawnee



**FLAG CEREMONY**

It is time to think about convention and especially the opening flag ceremony. We would like to have a parade of chapters with a chapter representative carrying your

chapter banner. Let's show our patriotic pride by wearing red, white or blue, but it doesn't have to be an entire outfit -a scarf works perfectly too.

We need your chapter name, number and city and the name of the representative that will be carrying your chapter banner. Please send this information to Robbin Brown before April 14<sup>th</sup>.

Phone 405-203-3921  
Email [robbesa4@tds.net](mailto:robbesa4@tds.net)

Thank you.  
Robbin Brown & Linda Voss



**CHAPLAIN**

Please plan to attend the Celebration of Life Service on Sunday morning at state Convention. Unfortunately we have lost several of our dear members this year. We will honor each one at this time. It would be helpful if you could please contact me with the name of a chapter representative to light a candle in her honor. We want to be sure that every member is honored. Thank you.

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### **CIRCLE OF LIFE**

What a year ESA Oklahoma has accomplished in fundraising for St. Jude Children's Research Hospital. A thrill is guaranteed when we have the 'Placard Parade'. Ladies, please let me know soon who from your chapter will be marching in the 'Parade of Placards' at the state convention.

"ESA . . . It's in the Bag." Remember, bring your silent auction item(s) in a bag (of various sorts) with a photo or list of contents on the outside of the bag to tempt the prospective buyers. Start saving your money now gals for some fun shopping.

Nellrita Barrick

### **SILENT AUCTION AT CONVENTION**

*The "ESA ... It's In The Bag"* Silent Auction is Friday night of state Convention.

As you know the funds raised will benefit **CIRCLE OF LIFE, EASTER SEALS, and ESA FOUNDATION**. Nellrita Barrick(Circle of Life Chair), Peggie Sprinkle (Easter Seals Chair), and June Miller (ESA Foundation Chair) hope you will bring donated items for this auction to convention.

Put the item **IN A BAG** and put a picture or a list of the items inside on the bag. You may leave them when you register for convention on Friday between 1:00 pm & 5:00 pm.

June Miller 

### **AWARDS & "WHAT ESA MEANS TO ME"**

Hi, I need your help! I have attached a sample of what an entry for the "What ESA Means to Me" one year or less; or more than one year. I have never tried to enter the contest before but as the chairperson for this contest, I thought I would try to see how long and how hard it would be do create an entry if I were able to enter this year. I thought I am not a writer at all but I decided to try and if I can come with an entry anyone could. It only took a couple of days, two hours or less and I enjoyed doing it.

Please share this with your chapter and encourage them to participate; there is still time. Deadline is on or before April 1, 2010.

Also, I need the Pallas Athene status of your members and years of service. I have received Pallas Athene from Kappa Theta, Guthrie and Theta Tau, Kingfisher to date

Thank you for your help! Be safe in this blizzard.

Essay Requirements: Essay should be 300 words or less, typed, double spaced on 8 ½ x 11 paper. Submit 2 copies (1 in a folder and a cover page with each copy).

**Mail to Janet Gray, PO Box 1366, Sapulpa, OK 74067**

***Please note the spacing below of her essay may exceed a single page due to the structure of this newsletter.***

**“What ESA Means to Me”  
More than one Year**

**By: Janet Gray**

**Alpha Rho #4350  
Broken Arrow**

“What ESA Means to Me”

Community Service equals Volunteering

“Volunteers are the only human beings on the face of the earth who reflect this nation's compassion, unselfish caring, patience, and just plain love for one another.” *By Erma Bombeck*

ESA means community service, volunteering to help others, a thought that I was fully aware of but hadn't actively participated in when my kids were growing up. Sixteen years ago, my friend, Ann Bailey, Alpha Rho member, asked me to come to a meeting to check out Alpha Rho. She had the neatest stories about activities that raised money for St. Jude's, The School for the Blind, local charities such as Meals on Wheels and Broken Arrow Neighbors to name a few. After several times of asking me, I finally attended a meeting. The ladies were so friendly, I immediately felt connected to each one of them. Some had been ESA for a long time and others were newer members. My husband was traveling quite a bit; the boys were close to completing high school, so I decided to do something for myself. I joined ESA, Alpha Rho. I have never regretted that decision. The ladies in our chapter and in other chapters are unselfish, caring, and dedicated to working together because they love one another and their community. ESA has given me the opportunity to not only learn about but serve the community. That opportunity would not have been possible without ESA and their members. This quote says it better than I do.

“Volunteering can be an exciting, growing, enjoyable experience. It is truly gratifying to serve a cause, practice one's ideals, work with people, solve problems, see benefits, and know one had a hand in them”. *By Harriet Naylor*

**ESA International Council President Jamie's  
VIRTUAL FOOD DRIVE**

**Here's how it works:**

- Collect FOOD and CASH locally and report it (see form below)
  - **Bring FOOD COLLECTION to OK State Convention, April 30, 2010**
  - Sponsor chapter food drives
  - Support local food programs with direct donations & service
  - Work with an employer to have food collections at the work place
  - Get creative ... try something new!

**GROUNDBREAKING ESA FOOD DRIVE @ IC CONVENTION**

The culmination of the Virtual Food Drive will be the first public event at IC Convention! ESA along with Second Harvest Food Pantry, local colleges, media outlets and the Boy Scouts will hold the largest public food drive ever. We will be collecting food all week with the big reveal on Saturday morning during the General Assembly. If you are attending IC Convention you can help us share ESA with the community!



**ESAers working to end hunger**

- Donations remain in your locale
- \$1 cash can purchase \$9 worth of food at the food bank
- \$5 donation can equal 18 meals

**Join hands across the country to show that ESA Cares!**

**OKLAHOMA COLLECTION REPORTING (deadline July 1, 2010)**

Chapter Name & # \_\_\_\_\_ City \_\_\_\_\_

Number of donated goods or pounds \_\_\_\_\_

Hours to purchase, collect, sort & deliver \_\_\_\_\_

Actual miles to purchase, collect, sort & deliver \_\_\_\_\_

Monetary value of donation \_\_\_\_\_

Cash donation to Community Food Bank of Eastern Oklahoma or Regional Food Bank of Oklahoma or local program (List name of organization and amount of donation)

Organization name & city where you donated items, if not OK State Convention

Chapter contact name \_\_\_\_\_

**Bring this report with you to convention or send this report by July 1, 2010 to either person:**

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