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**Oklahoma ESA 65th State Convention
Oklahoma City, Oklahoma
Crown Plaza Hotel
Sunday, April 27, 2008
Acceptance Speech**

I don't know if this is a dream or a nightmare come true. Which ever don't wake me till around April, 2009.

ESA is the most rewarding organization I can think of for women to help others and grow as an individual. Upon joining Epsilon Kappa some 20 years ago, I would have never anticipated something like this. I am honored for the responsibility that you have given me.

My theme this year is "[Soaring for ESA](#)" and my logo is the [Soaring Eagle](#).

The eagle is a symbol used many times in Scripture; in fact it is mentioned 38 times throughout the Bible; and we can learn some important lessons from this majestic creation of God.

The eagle mates for life and uses the same nest for life. Much like when you joined your chapter, the members are mates and the chapter is your nest. ESA cares for their members and guards them, "like an eagle sitting on its nest and hovering over its young, spreading its wings to catch them and carry them when the need arises.

We as members can get very comfortable in our 'nest'. Perhaps that is our way of doing things, our way of thinking, our opinions, our way of life. When someone comes along and 'stirs up our nest'; we don't always identify this as a growing experience. Sometimes if we were really honest, we really don't want to grow. We get very complacent and satisfied with where we are and any interruptions are viewed as negative. Never stir up the nest without good reason. The eagles were created to be free and to soar to great heights. We are meant to soar to new heights and fly to new places.

In the early 1960's eagles were in danger of becoming extinct; but thanks to the Endanger Species Act (whose acronym just happens to be ESA) by 1995 the eagles were taken off the endangered list and put on the threatened list. They are coming back.

Epsilon Sigma Alpha (whose acronym just happens to be ESA), is on the endangered list and in danger of becoming extinct, but if we all [Seek Out And Recruit](#) for ESA, we to can be taken off that endangered list.

So in closing I ask you to spread your wings, be free to soar to new heights, not for yourself, but for ESA.

Nevada (Bunnie) Sullins
State President
2008-2009



“Soaring For ESA”

President -- Bonnie Sullins

Well ladies summer is upon us once again. Chapters are installing new officers, and making plans for fund raisers for the fall; and if you're not, what are you waiting for, times a wasting.

I have been to several Chapters to do their installations, what an honor, thank you for asking. One in particular was doing the installation for Inola, how often do you get to install a Past IC President/Past State President, and 2 Past State Presidents for Chapter offices? It was awesome.

If you have not sent in your new chapter officers listing Please do so ASAP, to Nancy Buck for the Directory and Joyce Whitewing-Slate, Corresponding Secretary.

We held our first State Council meeting at Freddie's in Sapulpa June 21; we had 81 in attendance. There were several first timers and new pledges in attendance, which was wonderful. If you were not there you were missed. We started at 10:00AM and finished at 2:00PM so everyone got home at a decent hour. If they didn't it was because they went shopping.

Sr. Past President/Workshop Coordinator Robbin Brown was in charge of workshops; Past Diana Chairman Nellrita Barrick and Past Chaplain Chairman Jacque Edwards gave mini Workshops on what you have to do for these offices. This year workshops will be given at State meetings instead of at Convention.

Reports were given on the first Dream House give away, you will be surprised. The second is almost ready for the big day. All the ladies have worked their tail feathers off. **(GOOD JOB LADIES)**

By the time you are reading this I will have attended IC Convention, I'll get back to you on what went on.

For now I'll say see you soon, and remember
Seek Ot And Recruit For ESA

Bonnie





**1st Vice President/Nominating Committee Chairman
Deb Hughes**

Our ESA year in Oklahoma has taken flight and we are already soaring to new heights. I hope you are onboard so that you don't miss out on any of the fun.

Speaking of fun, how about considering a position on the State Council Board for 2009-2010? Joining me on the Nominating Committee are Gwen Beasley, Billye Hansen, Barbara Stapleton, Patsy Timmons and Ramona Paine. If you have a special interest or need a little clarification on a position, get in touch with us and let's talk about it.

We are seeking committee chairs, members on committees and of course, elected officers. Remember the children's story of the little train who struggled but kept believing in himself saying "I think I can, I think I can" as he met challenges head-on. Well, I believe in you and hope you will spread your wings and say "Yes I can".

One bonus as a board member that I have come to cherish is the relationships I have built with members from across the state. We work hard but have a good time as we plan programs, events and meetings all to provide a range of opportunities for individuals, chapters and to strengthen our Oklahoma State Council. I am planning to attend each of the District Leadership Meetings, and I believe it is time we start a conversation about your stepping out too.

Each fall our District Meetings are dedicated to leadership and the Coordinators are now making their final plans for their respective District Leadership Meetings. Please make every effort to support your District. However if your personal schedule does not allow you to attend the meeting of your District, grab another member or fill your car with members and make a day trip to one of the other meetings. I feel quite sure you will find it to be time well spent. I have noted the dates for you and you can find additional information elsewhere in this *Petticoat Journal* or the state website www.oklaesa.org.

September 6
September.20

District 3
District 4

September 13
September 27

District 2
District 5

Take care and I will be looking forward to seeing you at our State Leadership Meeting and /or a District Meeting as we continue to be "Soaring for ESA".

My best ESA regards,
-Deb

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**2nd Vice President/Educational Chairman
Jacque Edwards**

My state educational theme for this year is: **ESA—“It’s Made in Oklahoma.”** It’s amazing how many products are made in Oklahoma. There are literally hundreds and hundreds of products made in our great state. I challenge each member across the state to explore and learn about the products made in your hometown and/or in a city close to your home, or choose a city on the opposite side of the state.

I have chosen twelve different categories of items **“Made in Oklahoma”**. At each Chapter, District and State meeting, I will give a mini educational from one of the categories depending on the month of the meeting. In addition, I will try something new and different by giving away products, bringing samples to taste, as well as using Oklahoma products for door prizes. The categories beginning with May, 2008, will be as follows:

May	-	General Grocery Products	November	-	Merchandise
June	-	Gardening	December	-	Candy
July	-	Beverages	January	-	Health
August	-	Dairy Products	February	-	Nuts
Sept.	-	Baked Goods	March	-	Snacks
October	-	Meats	April	-	Beauty

During the year I will set up one field trip as we “Soar” in each of our districts beginning with District II and District IV, then District III and District V. Afterwards we can have lunch together for fun and feedback on the field trip.

What better way to learn about the many products **“Made in Oklahoma”** than on a field trip. I realize this would be very different and new to all of us, however, the rewards of learning about the many products made in our state are immeasurable.

Ladies, lets step out of the norm and have fun, learn and explore Oklahoma. Also, Don’t forget to visit the **“Made in Oklahoma”** building at the Oklahoma City State Fair in September. Also, you can visit the website: www.madeinoklahoma.net

I want to communicate to each chapter Educational Chairman and/or President about some of the wonderful educational reports from across the state. **Please send me her name, address, telephone number and email address.** Its always fun to here what your sister neighbor is reporting on. You might be asked to furnish information about a certain product made in your hometown. **I want all chapters to be involved.** If you need assistance, please call me anytime at **(405) 623-5884**. I am willing to travel to your hometown to present an educational at one of your chapter meetings or to participate in a chapter field trip. My email address is: jerae97@hotmail.com

It is my hope and goal that each chapter will consider submitting six or more educational reports to qualify for the **Gold Link Award**. As you are developing your educational programs, consider compiling and submitting a **Gold Seal Entry** at the end of our fun year. As in years past a special award will be presented to each educational report submitted on my theme.

I truly believe my theme is one you can really have fun with and learn from as we **“Soar for ESA”** with our **“Made in Oklahoma”** products. You can find all forms on our website: www.oklaesa.org. or call me and I will mail you some.

I am looking forward to hearing all about your wonderful educational reports this year!!!

Jacque Edwards
State Project Director
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**Treasurer
Robyn Ryan**

Hello Sisters.

Now that summer is nearly over and we start our new year, why not start by paying your state and member dues now and get it over with. I have received a few dues already. Don't forget the member dues are \$3.00. January 1, 2009 is the deadline for these dues, to have voting rights at convention. I will accept them at August leadership also. Chapter treasurer please don't wait till deadline get them in early. I would like a 100% by November. Let's see how early we can meet my goal. Just send to Robyn Ryan, Oklahoma State Treasurer, 1507 N Fallin, Hominy, Ok 74035.

**Project Director
Mary Ann Jones**

Thanks to each of you we were able to purchase items for the Oklahoma School for the Deaf (OSD) and for the Oklahoma School for the Blind (OSB) with the \$4,758 donated.

OSD - (130 students) 5 Wii Bundles and 5 Balance Boards
OSB - (90 students) 10 Desk-Top Talking Calculator (w/earpiece), Library Resources for Teachers, Core set of Braille Tack-Tiles, Job Hunting Resources for People with Visual Impairment, Connie's Kitchen, 1 Nintendo Wii and The Fitness System, Vertebrate Survey Set, Frog Dissection Lab, 15 Chord Autoharp, Rhythm Band Set
(Thanks to Cathy Holsted for the donation to cover the overage needed)

Mark your calendar for Tour Dates for the coming year:

Oklahoma School for the Deaf October 4, 2008
Oklahoma School for the Blind February 28, 2009

Each chapter is encouraged to make a donation this year to replenish the State Project Fund for 2008-2009. Please consider increasing your contributions for these schools and students. Zeta Gamma and Joyce Slate-Epsilon Kappa have already made contributions.

Remember to complete the STATE PROJECT SPONSORSHIP FORM on the oklaesa.org website and send to me by September 1, 2008. As soon as I have the names from the schools and your requests, I will contact each chapter and/or individual. The students are counting on you.

My goal is to ensure that each student at each school is remembered in some way. This can only happen with your help. I am also planning on having treats for each of the students at Halloween. If you would like to help with this, I will happily accept bags of candy at the August Leadership.

Mary Ann Jones
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From an Eagle's View

Have you ever wondered what it's like to fly free
 To see the world as far as the eye can see,
 To view the surroundings from high and from low,
 To hear only the sound of a distant echo,
 To float in the air with the wind being your guide,
 To admire many rainbows that the trees tend to hide,
 To see the misty mornings over a beautiful mountaintop,
 To glide over a flowing river that never seems to stop,
 To watch the animals from over a mile away,
 Or to rise above the treetops that glisten in the day?
 If you were an eagle you would wonder no more,
 For it can see things you have never seen before.
 Next time you look into the sky of blue,
 Think of what it's like from an eagle's view.



Jr. Past President/Disaster Fund Chairman Ramona Paine

Many years ago, the International Council realized that ESA sisters give thousands of hours of their time and millions of dollars to hundreds of worthy causes, but there was no money set aside for an ESA sister in dire need.

In 1956, members of a Marysville Chapter (state unknown) had lost everything they owned through a disaster. A letter was sent to ESA International stating that ESA always helps others, so why not establish a fund that would help our own sisters. The Executive and General Board thought it was a great idea and created the Disaster Fund of ESA. The donation at the time was set at \$.25 per member.

The purpose of the ESA International Disaster Fund is to assist an ESA member whose home and/or personal belongings are destroyed or damaged extensively by one of nature's causes – fire, flood, etc. Assistance may also be given when a member incurs heavy financial responsibility due to a debilitating illness or accident which involves her or the immediate family *who reside in her home and for whom she is legally responsible*. The disaster fund is not intended to be an on-going source of assistance or to cover unemployment for any reason other than illness or natural disaster.



Petticoat Journal Editor Charlene Law

Thank you to all the officers and chairmen submitting reports for the 1st issue of the 2008-2009 Petticoat Journal.

Chapter Publicity Chairmen, please submit news about your chapter. Your Oklahoma Sisters would love to hear from you about what your chapter is doing.

The deadlines for the next issues are: Sept. 5, November 5, January 5 and March 5.

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**District II Coordinator
Aletha Bolt**

“Birds of a Feather...” -- Grab your feather boa and join me at the Rose Rock Bank Community Room in Kingfisher on Saturday, September 13, 2008 for our District II Leadership Seminar. The program for the day will include several interesting speakers and some fun, hands-on activities. Theta Tau, Kingfisher will be preparing lunch for us. Look for more information about the Leadership Seminar on the “Meetings” page of the State Council website at – www.oklaesa.org

**District III Coordinator
Judi York**

Hello from District III. Our new officers are: Judi York, Coordinator, Barbara Stapleton, vice Coordinator, Marilyn Joplin, Secretary, Mary Allred, Treasurer, Rita Hains, Parliamentarian and Donna McCandless, Project Director.

We hope to see all of you at the District III Leadership Seminar to be held Saturday, September 6, 2008 at Highland Park Church in Tulsa. The address is: 5708 E 31st St, Tulsa, OK. Registration will be at 9:30 am. The meeting will begin at 10:00 am. We will be voting on new project(s) for District III at the meeting. If you have a project you would like to present, please contact Donna McCandless @ 918-747-7499.

Lunch will be served by the wonderful ladies of Tulsa Area Council. The charge will be \$5.00. There will also be an auction of items for our District III Project, so please bring an item for the auction.

We will have guest speakers, fun activities, good food, and hopefully learn something new. Hope to see you all in Tulsa on September 6, 2008.

**District III Projector Director
Donna McCandless**

To all my District III sisters, we will be voting on our new District Project this year. If you have a charity you would like District III to vote on, please be ready to have information on the charity, a brief (5 minute) presentation should be presented at the District Leadership, Sept. 6.



Chairman Reports

Chaplain Peggie Sprinkle



Blessings from your OK State Council Chaplain

“...but those who hope in the Lord will renew their strength. They will soar on wings like eagles; they will run and not grow weary, they will walk and not be faint.” ---ISAIAH 40:31

The following cards have been sent:

Sympathy – Janette Murray, Alpha Zeta Chapter: death of mother; Jenna Carter, Delta Kappa Chapter: death of grandfather; Ruthe Jantz, Beta Psi Chapter: death of husband; Vicky Dix, Chi Epsilon Chapter: death of sister; Lora Thompson, Zeta Gamma Chapter: death of sister.

Cards sent to families & chapter on the death of two of their ESA members: Eileen Watson, Epsilon Beta Chapter and Velma Avera, Beta Mu Chapter.

Get Well/Thinking of you – Jane Thomas, OSB contact, mother diagnosed with lung cancer; Vivian Gibson, Delta Kappa Chapter: closing of an opening in her heart & hospital stay; Billie Linville, Delta Epsilon Chapter: hospital stay; Catherine Westbrook, Beta Gamma Chapter: eye surgery; Jill Drummon, Epsilon Kappa Chapter: emergency appendectomy; Sandy Stoner, Delta Epsilon Chapter: hospital stay; Cuba Gulley, Delta Epsilon Chapter: hospital stay; Jane Fleming, Kappa Alpha Chapter: broken wrist; Barbara Stapleton, Gamma Delta Chapter: in ICU diagnosed with Legionaire’s Disease.

Congratulations – Mozelle Smith, Delta Kappa Chapter: new great grandparent; Barbara Surret, Alpha Zeta Chapter: married Gary Strahan; Gayla Dilbeck, Alpha Zeta Chapter: married Jonathon Guinn; Amber & Albert Alexander, Beta Iota Chapter: married.

Please send me the names and addresses of your chapter members needing cards. Please use the Chaplain form found under FORMS at www.oklaesa.org, then email to me at www.chaplain@oklaesa.org or notify me at www.peggieokesa@cox.net.

I SAID A LITTLE PRAYER FOR YOU – Helen Steiner Rice

I said a little prayer for you
and I asked the Lord above
To keep you safely in His care
And enfold you in His love.
I did not ask for fortune,
for riches or for fame,
I only asked for blessings
in the Savior’s Holy name.
Blessings to surround you
in times of trial and stress
And inner joy to fill your heart
with peace and happiness.



**Easter Seals Chairman
Lola Jaegers**

Be an angel of change - give to Easter Seals. Your gifts keep a multitude of innovative Easter Seals programs and services going, like

Autism Services: Easter Seals is the leading national organization providing help, hope and answers to families living with autism by delivering personalized services and treatments.

Medical Rehabilitation Services: Whether through a birth condition, injury, illness or the aging process, Easter Seals medical rehabilitative services - including physical therapy, occupational therapy, speech-hearing therapy and early intervention - are the first step toward helping people with disabilities gain greater independence.

Adult and Senior Day Services: Easter Seals adult day centers meet the daytime needs of adults with disabilities and older adults while promoting their dignity and independence.

Job Training and Employment: Adults with disabilities looking for meaningful employment and training and placement opportunities through Easter Seals.

Thank you to Zeta Gamma, Shawnee - \$100 and Epsilon Beta, Enid - \$25.00 and to all the individuals at the June State Council meeting who made our 50/50 drawing a success.

Remember, Do what you do for Easter Seals - this year lets do it Better!

**ESA Foundation Counselor
June Miller**

This year has really started off with a bang! The June State Council Meeting was fast, fun, and to the point! Great job, Bunnie!

My job as ESA Foundation Counselor is to give you information re the Foundation, remind you to pay your dues, encourage ESA members to join the Foundation, and coordinate applications for scholarships from the Foundation. I hope to be able to do this by attending the State Council meetings and making information available to you at the meetings, via phone, and e-mail.

The Foundation has awarded scholarships this year to many women and men to further their education. There were 161 winners, 116 of which were women and 45 were men. The average age of the applicants was 19. The **oldest** was 48 and the **youngest** was 17.

Listed below are the **Oklahoma Scholarships** and who received them. A total of **\$9,100** was awarded from Oklahoma Endowments, Memorials, and Scholarships. Most of them go to Oklahoma students.

Beta Zeta OKC/Robert Glenn Rapp Foundation Endowment

- 3 @ \$1,000 each to Summer James, April Wegner, and Patrick Luong

Hawkins-Tuma Memorial – 1 @ 500 to Cade Roberts

The “Doc” and Cathy Holsted Honorarium – 1 @ \$1,000 to Summer James

Joe Jaegers Family Endowment – 1 @ \$1,000 to Sydney Robertson

Norma L. Moore Endowment – 1 @ \$500 to Mary Guerrant

Oklahoma Council – District II- 1 @ \$500 to Tanner Mueggenborg

Oklahoma Council District IV Scholarship – 1 @ \$1,000 to Christopher Sanchez

Myre Starr Honorarium Endowment – 1 @ \$600 to Mary Guerrant

The Stormy Valley Scholarship Endowment – 1 @ \$500 to Amanda Jantz

Tulsa Area Council Endowment – 1 @ \$500 to Darcie Dieman

**Oscar and Joyce Whitewing Honorarium Endowment – 1 @ \$500 to Darcie Dieman
Lois Printz General Scholarship Honorarium – 1 @ \$1,000**

The deadline for submission of applications for scholarships is February 1st of each year.

There is so much information and so much more that the Foundation does. Go to the website and read www.esaintl.com/esaf.

***JOIN THE FOUNDATION (\$25), PAY YOUR DUES(\$15), USE THE TURN AROUND FUND,
CREATE A SCHOLARSHIP ENDOWMENT, CHECK OUT ADAPT GRANTS AND SERVICE
GRANTS, GET EDUCATIONAL MATERIAL AND SO MUCH MORE!***

Contact me at 918-426-5319 or 329-0010 or by e-mail at esafcounselor@oklaesa.org or my personal e-mail of rmiller91@sbcglobal.net, or by mail at 1107 E. Seminole, McAlester, OK 74501.

Love you all!

**Sr. Membership Chairman
Cheryl LaMascus**

Hello ESA Sisters! The summer months are a quiet time for most chapters, but it is time to start thinking about and planning for your chapters fall rush. If your chapter has summer socials, invite prospective members. It is a great way for a prospect to get to know your chapter members in a casual atmosphere.

I look forward to hearing from all of you and I hope to make some chapter visits. Please call if you have any questions - I am happy to help. You can contact me by email at membershipsr@oklaesa.org.

I will see you at Leadership in August.



**Philanthropic Chairman
Lora Thompson**

Welcome to the 2008-2009 Philanthropic Year. We have just completed the drawing for the two "Dream Homes" for St Jude and they were both a great success! St Jude has benefited from this project. Now, as soon as you receive the amount of money, hours and miles that your chapter is credited with, fill out the Philanthropic form and send it to me so your chapter will receive credit for the all your endeavors at the state and International level.

Please list the full names of any other organizations receiving aid thought ESA and a brief explanation of what was done in order to have hours, monies and monetary value counted. You may attach an additional sheet to the form that is printed elsewhere in this PJ. if more space is needed to provide the information. Be sure to include this information in your Chapter Minutes.

If your report form includes information regarding the Circle of Life, DIANA Award, Easter Seals, ESA Disaster Fund, ESA Foundation, Outstanding Youth, or State Project, please send a copy of this report to that respective chairman. Contest Chairman will not be exchanging information. If you need any questions just let me hear from you.

**Webmaster
Aletha Bolt**

Need a copy of the Service Report Form or the Educational Report Form? How about information on the upcoming State and District Leadership Seminars? All of this and more is available on the State Council's website at www.oklaesa.org

A new line of communication has been established for board members and chapters. Need to get in touch with a board member? Just go to the "Board" page on our website and click on the title of an officer or chairman and start typing up your email inquiry. Every board member and chapter now has an "oklaesa" email account that can be accessed through a link at the bottom of the home page of our website. These email accounts will be used to distribute state and district meeting notices, chaplain reports and more ! For more information on this new feature, contact me at webmaster@oklaesa.org



Chapter Chatter

**Delta Kappa #3358
Norman**

Grrrreetings from Norman! Hope everyone is enjoying their summer activities and are getting a little down time.

Before we adjourned for the summer, we had our chapter awards banquet. Vivian Gibson received this year's Women of the Year award, and Mary Rohr received the President's Trophy. Janice Shockley received her 40-year service pin while Gwynn Swanson and Karen Nix received their 25-year service pins. Sharon McGuire earned her First Degree Pallas Athene.

Delta Kappa's officers for next year will be Vivian Gibson, President; Pat Langdon, Vice-President; Joyce Gibson-Madden, Recording Secretary; Janice Shockley, Treasurer; Mozelle Smith and Betty McCallister, Ways and Means Chairmen; Helen Checorski, Philanthropic Chairman; Gwynn Swanson, Educational Chairman; and Karen Nix, Parliamentarian.

Kudos to State President Bunnie Sullins for a successful June Council Meeting!! Hope to see many of you at State Leadership in August!!

Until Next Time
Karen Nix, Publicity Chairman

**Gamma Delta #702
Tulsa**

April 5, our chapter met at the Whitlock Wish House in Muskogee for lunch and installation. Our food and service were superb, if you have never been to the Wish House, it is well worth the trip. Following lunch our new officers were installed, the ceremony was performed by Jeanne Kindley, Tulsa Area Council president; the following were installed, President Rosemary Benning, Vice-President Donna McCandless, Treasurer Gladys Murphy, Secretary Charlene Law, Educational Director Barbara Stapleton and Parliamentarian Carolyn Dyer. In May we had our planning meeting, we had great ideas and suggestions presented from the members in attendance. 2008-09 should prove to be a good year for Gamma Delta.

As you all know toward the end of May, our dear sister Barbara Stapleton, became very ill was taken to the hospital placed in ICU, we all prayed for her recovery. After a gallant fight on Monday July 21st the Lord called Barbara home to be with him. We will all miss her; she was a great lady, a hard worker, fun to be around, always with a smile on her face. She will be a loss to her family, friends, chapter and all ESA sisters. We appreciate all your cards and prayers.

Charlene Law



**Omega Pi #3832
Tulsa**

A big hello to our sisters across the state! Congratulations to all the new state officers and committee chairmen. Our new chapter president, Mitzi Joy, and two of our chapter members, Helen Stuart and Marge Goodno, had a wonderful time at the state convention and shared convention news with the rest of us. We're very proud of the achievements of our newest members. Toni Boyer received her Associates Degree from TCC and Jenny Lizama won a scholarship from NSU to work on her Masters in Accounting and Finance.

Omega Pi had a good representation at the Tulsa Area Council Founders' Day Tea. Several of our members received awards. Thanks to all the state officers who traveled to Tulsa to attend. Omega Pi hosted Tulsa Area Council in June.....the theme for the evening was "A Summer Picnic" and Anne Jones' German potato salad was a great hit.....she will share the recipe with any who call her.

Following our business meeting in May, Omega Pi members prepared Mother's Day tray favors for residents at our adopted nursing home. We were pleased to welcome a guest at our June business meeting. Marie DuCharme brought her friend Pat Caylor. She is a lovely lady....we hope we made a good impression and that she will want to join our group. Our educational in June was a tour of Philbrook followed by dinner at Utica Square's Olive Garden.

Mary Ann Emery is flitting off to Hawaii....vacation season is upon us and we hope all of our sisters across the state have a great summer celebrating with family and friends.

Donna Gibbs Crawford, Publicity Chairman



Zeta Gamma # 4253 Shawnee

Zeta Gamma Chapter held their Mother/Daughter Tea and Installation in the parlor of the United Presbyterian Church with Lora Thompson being installed as Chapter President by Ramona Paine. Other officers installed were; Mary Toole, Vice President; Lola Jaegers, Treasurer; Joanne Natoro, Parliamentarian; Gwen Beasley, Recording Secretary; Mary Ann Jones, Philanthropic Chairman; and Michelle McKnight, Educational Chairman.

Lola Jaegers was presented the 35 year service pin by Charter member, Mary Ann Jones. Selene Williams received her Jewel Pin and Michelle McKnight was elected as "Woman of Year" by the chapter members with Lola Jaegers performing the ceremony.

Michelle McKnight did not waste any time holding her 1st Educational program. All the members visited a Lavender Farm at Bethel Acres. We picked lavender from the fields, made lavender wands and enjoyed lavender cheese cake, lavender jelly and a lavender drink.

Several members attended the June State Council meeting; they also had a busy, enjoyable and profitable experience working the St Jude "Dream Home"

Everyone is looking forward to a great year.

Lora Thompson
President

Photo: ©Tom & Pat Leeson



Mature Bald Eagle

Eagle Facts

The world's 59 species of eagles are found on every continent except Antarctica. There are four major groups of eagles: fish eagles, booted eagles, snake eagles and giant forest eagles. America's eagles are the Bald Eagle, which is a fish eagle, and the Golden Eagle, which is a booted eagle. Golden and Bald Eagles both reside in the United States.

The Bald Eagle (*Haliaeetus Leucocephalus*) is the only eagle species living strictly in North America. It is a fish eagle that has a presence in every state in the U.S.A. except Hawaii. The Bald Eagle can have a wing span of up to eight feet and can weigh up to 15 pounds. It inhabits areas near large bodies of water where there are plenty of fish to eat and tall trees in which to nest and roost. Bald Eagles are monogamous and remain faithful to their mate until death. Females lay one to three eggs annually in the spring time, and the incubation period is approximately 35 days.



MINI EDUCATIONAL

by Jacque Edwards, Educational Chairman

“POPS”

One of a kind, over the top, out of this world. Pops is food, fuel & fzzzz!!! Pops is the newest, coolest landmark on the Historic Route 66. It's the effervescent essence of route 66: colorful, free-wheeling FUN!

The colossal bottle is a 66-foot soda pop bottle that makes POPS an instant Icon – a towering steel sculpture that illuminates Times Square-quality LED luminosity.

The landmark building was designed by Oklahoma City's nationally known architect Rand Elliott, FAIA, its one-of-a-kind ultramodern design alone makes POPS a must.

The restaurant serves all-day breakfast, lunch, dinner, desserts and everything in between. Best burgers, fries and all-day breakfasts anywhere.

POPS offers 400 plus kinds of sodas. The ice-cold collection is unmatched anywhere—including POPS own Round Barn Root Beer, available only in Arcadia, Oklahoma. You can choose from many colorful kinds of pop from root beer to cola's to cream sodas.

You will want to try one of POPS shakes. They serve 10 different flavors made with hand-dipped premium ice cream.

POPS offers gas, a gift shop and their convenient market. Don't forget to view the 66 scenic rebuds from the outback patio.

This is a have to visit place located on Route 66 in Arcadia, just east of I-35/Edmond.

All of their pop is ***“Made in Oklahoma.”*** ENJOY!!!!

ASSOCIATION OF THE ARTS ENTRY FORM

NAME _____ PHONE (____) _____

ADDRESS _____ CITY _____ ZIP _____

CHAPTER NAME _____ DESA _____ CHAPTER NO. _____

Indicate your area of participation and note the deadline dates for the particular area you are entering. Divisions I & II are contests while Divisions III, IV, V, and VI are for display purposes only.

DIVISION I - LITERATURE

_____ Poetry
_____ Short Story or Humorous Essay

DIVISION II - MUSIC

_____ Songs (The song must be accompanied by sheet music. A cassette tape may be substituted if sheet music is not available.)

Deadline: Entries must be postmarked by April 1, _____.

DIVISION III - FINE ARTS

_____ Oil painting or acrylics
_____ Drawings
_____ Pastel or Charcoal
_____ Watercolors
_____ Sculpture

DIVISION IV - VISUAL ARTS

_____ Calligraphy (mounted or framed for display)
_____ Photography (black & white or color, mounted or framed for display)

DIVISION V - FOLK ART

_____ Pottery
_____ Tole Painting
_____ Woodcarving
_____ Weaving
_____ Latch Hooking
_____ Metal smithing (Copper, Tin, Brass)
_____ Miscellaneous _____
(Please describe)

DIVISION VI - NEEDLEWORK (Hand)

_____ Crewel
_____ Embroidery
_____ Counted Cross Stitch
_____ Needlepoint
_____ Quilting
_____ Miscellaneous _____
(Please describe)

The rules for Division III, IV, V and VI are as follows:

1. All participants must be members of Epsilon Sigma Alpha International.
2. All interested individuals must file an entry form with the chairman by the deadline date in order to participate. (This will enable us to have sufficient space for display.)
3. Items must be brought to CONVENTION and picked up (between 10 & 11 p.m. – after Saturday night banquet) by each participant.
4. Items not claimed by the close of the convention become the property of the Oklahoma State Council and will not be returned to the participant.
5. Graphics, paintings, drawings, calligraphy, and photography must be framed or matted, ready for exhibit.

DEADLINE: Entry forms must be postmarked by April 1, _____ for DIVISION III, IV, V, and VI.

The following applies to DIVISION I through VI:

1. Only two (2) entries per member may be entered. Those two (2) entries may be from the same DIVISION or different DIVISIONS.
2. An item can be entered one time only; i.e., if an item is entered one year, it may not be entered in subsequent years.
3. Although security precautions will be enforced, please remember that we are not covered by casualty insurance should damages or theft occur.
4. The Clara Vaughan Association of the Arts "Dream Award" will be presented to the chapter having the highest percentage of member participation.

Send Form To: Virginia Taylor
7720 Maywood Lane
Oklahoma City, OK 73150
(405) 737-6959
assocofthearts@oklaesa.org



Oklahoma State Council
Chaplain's Report Form
2008-2009
Peggie Sprinkle, State Chaplain

If you know of someone who needs a card, please let me know. Whether the occasion is happy (retirement, new baby/grandbaby, marriage) or sad (illness, death), a card lets our sisters know we are thinking of them, and that means a lot.

You can send the information to me by e-mail or regular mail, or call if you prefer.

Name, Address, & Chapter (if applicable) of person to receive card

OCCASION and RELATIONSHIP TO MEMBER

Birth (boy/girl), Death, Illness (nature of), Thinking of You, Marriage, Other.

Name and Chapter Information received from _____

Peggie Sprinkle
State Chaplain
8201 East Norman St.
Broken Arrow, OK 74014
(918) 813-3382 cell
Email: chaplain@oklaesa.org

“ESA’S CASINO ROYALE”
Epsilon Sigma Alpha International
2009 Oklahoma State Council 66th Annual State Convention
Cherokee Resort & Casino—
PO Box 399—777 West Cherokee Street—Catoosa 74015-0399—1.800.760.6700
Reservations should be made using the group code EP5A0409
Deadline for making hotel reservations is March 23, 2009
April 24-26, 2009

Registration Form

Member Name: _____ **Member Number** _____

Address: _____ **City,** _____ **State,** _____ **Zip Code** _____ **Zip:** _____

Telephone Number _____ **Fax** _____ **E-Mail** _____

Chapter Name: _____ **Chapter Number:** _____

Check All That Apply:

- Current/Previous ESAF Bd Mbr General Bd Mbr 2008-2009 Pledge Guest
 Current/Previous IC Officer Sooner Seniorette 1st Time Convention Goer
 Executive Bd Mbr Chapter President Special Diet Menu/Medical Reasons Only**

** Contact Priscilla Drummond, Convention Chairman, at Priscilla.Drummond@att.net or 918-885-6633

Men’s Registration

Name _____ **Husband/Escort of** _____

DESA Registration

Name: _____ **Daughter of** _____

Check All That Apply

- Member’s Full Registration Fee Cost: \$85.00 Men’s Registration Fee Cost: \$40.00
Includes:
Friday Night Mixer/Skits DESA Registration Fee Cost: \$85.00
Awards Luncheon Friday Night Meal Function Cost: \$20.00
Installation Banquet
Sunday Brunch Late Fee: Cost \$25.00
Registration postmarked after April 13, 2009

Enclose Check Payable to: 2009 ESA State Convention Fund
Mail Registration Form and Payment to: Janette Murray, 206 East 14th, Pawhuska, OK 74056
Phone: 918-287-2412 E-Mail: janettemurray43@hotmail.com

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 no later than April 13, 2009. Seating at the Awards Luncheon and Installation Banquet will be assigned from registrations postmarked by the April 13, 2009 deadline. Registrations postmarked after April 13, 2009, will be assigned seating where vacancies exist. We cannot guarantee that late registrants will be seated with their chapters.



Hotel Information

**2009 ESA State Convention
April 24-26, 2009**

**Cherokee Casino Resort
777 West Cherokee Street
Catoosa, Ok 74015**

Phone: (800) 760-6700

Room Rate: \$99, plus tax

Group Code: EPSA0409

Reservation Deadline: March 23, 2009

EPSILON SIGMA ALPHA INTERNATIONAL
OKLAHOMA STATE COUNCIL

2009 Oklahoma State Council Convention
Program Advertising Order Form

Ad Purchaser's Name: _____

Mailing Address: _____

City: _____ Zip: _____

Telephone: _____ Cell: _____

FULL PAGE AD \$100.00 _____

Half Page AD\$ 50.00 _____

Quarter Page AD\$ 25.00 _____

Business Card AD ...\$ 15.00 _____

This form must accompany each AD ordered!

Total Amount Enclosed \$ _____
_____ cash _____ check# _____

Camera ready material enclosed: yes _____ no _____

I need help to prepare AD: yes _____ no _____
(Please send wording along with this form)

If AD was sold by your Chapter Hostess please fill in:

Name of member selling AD: _____

Name of Chapter: _____

Send orders to:

Ellen Mader
9608 S. 33rd West Ave.
Tulsa, OK 74132

tele # (918)299-7226

email address: ejm ranch@aol.com

DEADLINE FOR AD's April 5, 2009



**OKLAHOMA STATE COUNCIL
NOMINATION FORM
FOR 2009-2010 OFFICERS**

Please complete the nomination form and submit to the 1st Vice-President before March 1, 2009. All candidates must send their written consent, qualifications and a picture to the 1st Vice- President **BEFORE** March 1, 2009. 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*.

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: _____

Mail to: Deb Hughes
2817 S. Hudson Ave
Tulsa, OK 74114

Email: firstvp@oklaesa.org

**PUBLICITY CONTEST
ENTRY FORM**

Publicity Chairman: _____
Address: _____
City/State/Zip: _____
Email: _____
Chapter Name and Number _____

PUBLICATIONS:

- 1. 10 points for each story published in the *Petticoat Journal*. _____
- 2. 15 points for each story or photo published in the *JONQUIL/ESA Website* _____
- 3. 10 points for each newspaper announcement of ESA meeting. _____
- 4. 25 points for each news release, article or feature story published in newspaper. _____
- 5. 25 points for each photo published in newspaper. _____
- 6. 100 points for each feature story about ESA International or an ESA member published in a magazine/newspaper not ESA related. _____

RADIO & TELEVISION:

- 7. 40 points for each (different wording/message) public service announcement (PSA) broadcast on radio (not related to the number of times the spot is broadcast.) _____
- 8. 50 points for each (different wording/message) PSA broadcast on television (not related to the number of times the spot is broadcast.) _____
- 9. 75 points for each public affairs appearance or news event broadcast on radio or television. _____
- 10. 25 points for attending an ESA-sponsored workshop that includes a speaker from the print or broadcast media or a public relations specialist from a business or university/college. _____

ESA EVENTS (Internal/External):

- 11. 25 points for each different poster, certificate, billboard or T-shirt designed and used to promote ESA events. (Do not count multiple points for the number printed or produced.) _____
- 12. 35 points for attending outside public relations workshop or class. _____
- 13. 20 points for providing library subscription to the *JONQUIL*. _____
- 14. 20 points for presenting ESA award to outstanding community citizen. _____
- 15. 50 points for each speech, slide or film presentation given to a group outside of ESA. _____
- 16. 20 points for a short narrative report of your outstanding accomplishments in public relations during this ESA years. (Attach report to presentation book.) _____

TOTAL POINTS _____

To be eligible for judging, entries must be accompanied by a copy of EACH activity and submitted in a presentation book form (which will be returned to the chapter.) This form MUST be completed in its entirety and accompany the presentation book. All entries must be postmarked no later than April 1st and mailed to:

Joy Agan publicity@oklaesa.org
Publicity Chairman
1116 Sherwood
Clinton, OK 73601

STATE PROJECT SPONSORSHIP FORM

Mary Ann Jones 536 N Beard Shawnee, OK 74801

Home: (405) 273-3459

E-Mail: projectdirector@oklaesa.org

Please forward this request NO LATER THAN SEPTEMBER 1, 2008.

Chapter Name, Number, City: _____

Philanthropic Chairperson: _____

Chairperson Address: _____

Please circle one: **ADOPT** **RE-ADOPT**

State Projects	Student Name(s) (if known)
Parkview School for the Blind	_____
3300 Gibson	_____
Muskogee, OK 74403	_____

Oklahoma School for the Deaf	_____
1100 East Oklahoma Street	_____
Sulphur, OK 73086-3108	_____

If your Chapter does not have a specific named child to sponsor, please indicate your preferences below:

____ Very Needy ____ Moderately Needy ____ Small Needs
____ Male ____ Female ____ Under 10 ____ 10 or Older

Comments or special requests (perhaps sponsor a class, sponsor more than one student, school preferred):

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SPECIAL DONATION TO STATE PROJECT FUND
(To be detached and mailed as needed)

Chapter Name, Number, City

Donor Name, Address _____

____ Chapter Donation ____ Individual Donation ____ Amount

In Memory of (Name and Address) _____

In Honor of (Name and Address) _____



**65th ANNUAL OKLAHOMA STATE CONVENTION
FIRST GENERAL ASSEMBLY**

Saturday, April 26, 2008
Crowne Plaza Hotel, Oklahoma City, Oklahoma

Following a beautiful flag ceremony by Nellrita Barrick, Cathy Holsted presented Oklahoma State Council President Ramona Paine, who declared the 65th Annual State Convention into session. All present stood and joined in the Opening Ritual.

Chaplain Joy Agan gave the devotional and inspirational thought for the day.

Cathy Holsted welcomed the membership and guests to the convention. Alan Sims of the Oklahoma City Convention and Visitors Bureau welcomed the convention to Oklahoma City, and Lora Thompson, Sooner Seniorett 1997-1998, gave the response to the welcome. President Ramona Paine introduced the 2007-2008 Executive and General Board, our International Council Representative, Rose Pasillas, and IC officers and board members.

Parliamentarian Joyce Gibson-Madden read the convention rules and moved the rules be adopted. Billie Hansen seconded the motion, and the motion carried.

Lola Jaegers moved the convention program be adopted as printed and distributed to the paid registrants of the convention. Judi York seconded the motion, and the motion carried.

The committee to read the minutes for the 65th Oklahoma State Convention is Wanda Lucas, chair, Dana Terrell and Daleene Sumrall.

Maxine Wheelan reported the minutes of the March State Council Meeting were correct as printed.

Credentials Chair Virginia Taylor reported 39 chapters eligible to vote, 32 chapters in attendance eligible to vote, and a total of 61 eligible votes in attendance, and moved the report be adopted. Margaret Kramer seconded the motion, and the motion carried.

Corresponding Secretary Vivian Gibson read regrets from Sooner Senioresses Ardyce Briggs, Dana Chase, and Betty Wilmot, and District Coordinators Rita Haines and Mary Toole.

Recording Secretary Jennye Hickman reminded chapters to submit roll call registration cards following the session.

Treasurer Gwynn Nell Swanson reported \$4,276.10 transferred from 2006-2007, receipts of \$11,457.02, disbursements of \$9,523.52, and a balance of \$6,209.60 on April 26, 2008.

State Project Report Jacque Edwards reported \$3,717.85 transferred from 2006-2007, receipts of \$4,758.00, disbursements of \$3,717.85, and a balance of \$4,758.00 on April 23, 2008. Of the disbursements, \$2,776.76 was given to Oklahoma School for the Deaf, and \$1,986.24 was given to Oklahoma School for the Blind.

2003-2004 International Council President Rosalie Griffith introduced IC Representative, Recording Secretary Rose Pasillas, who gave the keynote address.

First Vice President Bunnie Sullins gave the report from the nominating committee, introducing the candidates for the 2008-2009 Oklahoma State Council: Petticoat Journal Editor, Charlene Law; Treasurer, Robyn Ryan; Recording Secretary, Joyce Gibson-Madden and Linda Southerland; Parliamentarian, Jennye Hickman; State Project Director, Mary Ann Jones; Second Vice President, Jacque Edwards and Gwynn Nell Swanson; First Vice President/Nomination Chairman, Deb Hughes; and President, Bunnie Sullins.

President Ramona Paine declared nominations closed as no notifications of intent to nominate from the floor had been received. Tellers for the State Officers Elections were June Miller, Head Teller, Margaret Cramer, Sue Warner, and Louise Maloy. The tellers collected the ballots, and Vivian Gibson escorted the tellers and Bunnie Sullins to the Derrick Room for ballot tallying. Delores Armstrong accompanied the group to serve as messenger. Vivian Gibson returned to the assembly room to indicate the tellers were installed.

Barbara Stapleton, Jacque Edwards, Patsy Timmons, Billie Hansen, and Gwen Beasley were nominated to serve on the 2008-2009 Nominating Committee. Shelly Labus moved nominations cease. Deb Hughes seconded the motion, and the motion carried. Tellers for the election of 2008-2009 Nominating Committee were Billie Fritch, Head Teller, Connie Johnson, Linda Douthit, and Betty McCallister. The tellers collected the ballots, and Vivian Gibson escorted the tellers to the Gusher Room. Barbara Eck accompanied the group to serve as messenger, and Vivian Gibson returned to the assembly room to indicate the tellers were installed.

2008 Convention Registration Chair Linda Southerland reported registration of 151 women, 24 men, 3 DESAs, 1 MAL, and 5 guests, for a total registration of 184.

Chassidy Satterfield of ALSAC introduced our St. Jude patient and his mother, who gave a report of their St. Jude experience.

There was no old business.

Project Director Jacque Edwards moved the re-adoption of Oklahoma School for the Deaf and Oklahoma School for the Blind as State Projects for the next three years. Virginia Taylor seconded the motion, and the motion carried.

Parliamentarian Joyce Gibson-Madden presented the following proposed By-Laws Changes:

1) Article IV - Officers, Section 1

The elected officers for the Council shall constitute the Executive Board which shall include the following: President, First Vice-President Second Vice-President, Parliamentarian, Recording Secretary, Treasurer, Project Director, Petticoat Journal Editor, Junior Past President, Senior Past President, and District Coordinators. The Corresponding Secretary shall be the choice of the President-Elect. She shall serve as a voting member of the Executive Board.

Joyce Gibson-Madden moved the Corresponding Secretary should have voting privileges on the Executive Board. Wanda Lucas seconded the motion, and the motion carried.

2) Article IX - General Board, Section 1

Composition - The standing committees of this Council shall be: Association of the Arts, Auditor, Awards, Chaplain, Senior Circle of Life, Junior Circle of Life, Contest, Convention, Credentials, DIANA, Directory, Easter Seals, ESA Foundation Counselor (2 years), Senior Membership, Junior membership, Outstanding Chapter, Outstanding Youth, Philanthropic, Publicity,

Scrapbook and Sooner Seniorette President, International Officers, Past International Council President(s), and past and current ESA Foundation Board Members.

Joyce Gibson-Madden moved the Corresponding Secretary be deleted from the standing committees. Lora Thompson seconded the motion, and the motion carried.

3) Article XV - Executive and General Board Meetings, Section 5

Each member of the Board shall be required to keep a written record of work done pertaining to her office or committee and deliver to her successor at the close of annual convention.

Joyce Gibson-Madden moved the annual report be eliminated and each member of the Board is required to keep a written record of work done pertaining to her successor. Linda Southerland seconded the motion, and the motion carried.

Second Vice President Deb Hughes moved the 2010 Convention be held at the Tulsa Radisson Hotel April 30-May 2, 2010. Darlene Cushenberry seconded the motion, and the motion carried.

President Ramona Paine recognized the 3 pledges, 2 DESAs, and all chapter presidents with a president's charm. Senior Membership Chair Barbara Stapleton introduced the 60 members of the Jonquil Society, who had pledged a total of 90 new members during the past year.

Awards Chair Joyce Lacey-Kenney recognized four First Pearl recipients, and gave service pints to those members with 25, 30, 35, 40, 45, 50, and 55+ years of service. Aletha Bolt was presented her 5th Degree Pallas Athene.

Rosalie Griffith gave the closing thought, and following announcements, President Ramona Paine declared the session in recess, to reconvene on Sunday morning at 9:15 a.m.



**65th ANNUAL OKLAHOMA STATE CONVENTION
SECOND GENERAL ASSEMBLY**

Sunday, April 27, 2008

Crowne Plaza Hotel, Oklahoma City, Oklahoma

President Ramona Paine declared the second general assembly into session and welcomed members and guests to the session.

Darielle Snipes, KOCO Television Anchor, spoke about "Women In Journalism".

Joy Agan gave the devotional thought for the day, "The Web".

The 2008-2009 Nominating Committee is First Vice President Deb Hughes, Chair, Gwen Beasley, Patsy Timmons, Barbara Stapleton, and Billye Hansen.

Auditor Ruth Jo Carnagey reported that all books had been audited and were found to be in good order.

Second Vice President Jacque Edwards announced her educational theme, "ESA - Made In Oklahoma".

2009 Convention Chair Priscilla Drummond announced the 2009 Convention, "ESA - Casino Royale", to be held April 24-26, 2009 at the Cherokee Casino in Catoosa.

President Ramona Paine was inducted into the Sooner Senioresses. Following her induction, she recognized the host chapters Theta Tau, Epsilon Beta, Beta Zeta, Beta Psi, and Kappa Theta, and the Hospitality Hostesses, Delta Kappa.

President Ramona Paine gave her farewell message.

Aletha Bolt gave the Sooner Senioress report, announcing Linda Voss is President, Robbin Brown as Secretary/Treasurer, and Ramona Paine as Historian.

IC Representative, Recording Secretary Rose Pasillas, gave her farewell message and gave special recognition to Jacque Edwards, Billye Hansen, Judy Montgomery, Peggie Sprinkle, and Ellen Clark. She announced the St. Jude Special Event, "Walk The Line" and was joined in a line dancing demonstration by Mona Quaid Martin, Jacque Edwards, Billye Hansen, Vivian Gibson, Karen Nix, and Gwynn Nell Swanson.

Joyce Whitewing made Rose Pasillas an honorary member of Oklahoma ESA.

Ramona Paine's gavel was lowered by Dana Terrell, and Bunnie Sullins' gavel was raised by Joyce Whitewing.

President Bunnie Sullins gave her presidential message, challenging the membership to "Soar for ESA". She presented the 2008-2009 officers and chairs. Ramona presented an Oklahoma basket to Rose Pasillas. Gifts were presented to Ramona, including twin quilts from the 2007-2008 Executive and General Board and Sooner Senioresses, bound copies of the *Petticoat Journal* from Editor Donna Shook, a publicity book from Publicity Chair Sue Patterson, and a scrapbook from Scrapbook Chair Nadine Weatherly.

Recording Secretary Jennye Hickman gave the roll call update.

Maxine Wheelan gave the closing thought, and Ramona Paine presented the gavel to Bunnie Sullins.

Nellrita Barrick presented the ceremony to retire the flags, and President Bunnie Sullins adjourned the session.

All members present recited the closing ritual.

Dates to Remember 2008

Saturday, May 17	Executive and General Board Meeting Hominy
Saturday, June 21	Committee Meetings State Council Meeting Freddie's Restaurant - Sapulpa MAP AGENDA
July 6-13	International Council Convention "Down Home in Tennessee" Marriott at the Convention Center Chattanooga, TN
Saturday, August 9	State Leadership Seminar Freddie's Restaurant - Sapulpa MAP
Saturday, September 6	District III Leadership Seminar Tulsa
Saturday, September 13	District II Leadership Seminar Rose Rock Bank Kingfisher
Saturday, September 20	District IV Leadership Seminar Greiner School Lawton
Saturday, September 27	District V Leadership Seminar Kelly B. Todd Cerebral Palsy Center Muskogee
Saturday, October 4	Oklahoma School for the Deaf - Tour Sulphur
October 23-25	St. Jude Children's Research Hospital - Bus Trip/Tour Memphis, TN
Saturday, November 8	Committee Meetings Christmas Party State Council Meeting Freddie's Restaurant - Sapulpa

2009

Saturday, February 28	Oklahoma School for the Blind - Tour District III Spring Meeting & Installation District V Spring Meeting & Installation Muskogee
Saturday, March 14	District II Spring Meeting & Installation Holy Trinity Lutheran Church Edmond
Saturday, March 21	Committee Meetings State Council Meeting Freddie's Restaurant - Sapulpa
April 24-26	Oklahoma State Convention "ESA-Royale" Cherokee Casino Resort Catoosa

Majestic Dreams

Last night, once again, I had a dream
About an eagle in the blue,
And just like all the other dreams,
Right above my head it flew.
In every dream of it I had,
It landed somewhere close by,
And each time, I was so excited
For the beauty that caught my eye.

Our national emblem gracing the sky
For so long I yearned to see,
And envied those fortunate enough
To see him on the wing, being free.
When I awoke from the glorious dreams,
Some disappointment I did feel.
But then I overcame with happiness,
For the dreams had seemed so real.

Stacy Smith