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Petticoat Journal



Gwynn Nell Swanson
President

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My Journey as Oklahoma State President Gwynn Nell Swanson



April 29 - May 1, 2011 – 2011 State Convention: As I start my journey as Oklahoma State President, it all began at the 2011 State Convention at the Clarion hotel in Oklahoma City. It was really fun to see each candidate do their own skits this year on Friday night and it was refreshing and funny. Just to see all of them performing for us was a treat! After the skits there was a surprise guest. ELVIS was there!!!! Boy does he still look young!

The biggest highlight of the Convention was my installation given by Ramona Paine-Means and Wanda Morrow. The installation stage was beautifully decorated with lights, greenery and each officer's chair was covered in cream chair cover. My Delta Kappa sisters were my Honor Guards and wore white dresses. My two granddaughters, Abbey and Carley Swanson escorted Dan and I to the stage. It was a real pleasure to have my whole family there for me and my brother and sister-in-law from El Reno. I want to thank all of the officers who honored me by dressing in long, white dresses to accent my Royal Blue dress. These were my angels in their white gowns! With my theme "Come Dance with Me in ESA", I gave each officer a Dancing Couple figurine as a token of my appreciation for serving on the board this year. I honored all the Sooner Senioresses (past state Presidents) that attended the State Convention with a figurine also.

May 2 – Attended Delta Kappa's last business meeting for this year. I was co-hostess and took pineapple cake for dessert.

May 16 – Delta Kappa Founders Day & Installation: Attended Delta Kappa's Founders Day & Installation at Red Lobster in Norman. Joyce Gibson was installed as our chapter President, again.

May 21 – Board Meeting: My first meeting. I'm still confused as what is really the need for this board meeting! We met at my church, Woodland Hills Baptist Church. It was a pleasant surprise to have 25 attending. I wanted to meet with all of the board members and get to know them better as one on one. There are three new members on the board this year and I am hoping this meeting will help them get to know all of the other members of the board. It was a really relaxing time and everyone enjoyed the day. I expressed some ideas that I have for the year and had the members tell me what they wanted for the year.

May 23 – Kappa Theta Installation: Enjoyed traveling to Guthrie for their Chapter installation. Libby Zaage contacted me and asked me if I would do her installation. Her theme for the year will be "Come What May in ESA" with the Maypole her logo. I wrote her installation and installed their chapter officers. Thank you for allowing me to do this. It is an honor to be able to travel to each chapter's events and enjoy their company.

May 26 – St. Jude's Dream Home Sneak Peek: It is always a thrill to see the St. Jude's Dream home each year. It was in Edmond again. Wow! There were so many people that attended this event. I was beginning to believe that they not only came to see the house but just to eat!!! The home is a beautiful two story home with many extras for the family. The drive for me was 99.5 miles round trip from my house to the Dream Home!

June 17- 18 – June State Council Meeting: June 17, left home Friday evening to go to Norman to the Holiday Inn to attend the Contest Committee meeting, the 2012 State Convention meeting and the Budget Committee meeting. After attending these meetings, went to the church to help set-up for the Saturday meeting.

June 18 – Couldn't sleep well, keep waking up throughout the night. Finally got up Saturday morning and left the hotel for the Goodrich Methodist Church to preside over my first Executive & General Board and the State Council meeting. Oh my gosh! I hope I haven't forgotten anything. I am so nervous!! Billye Peterson

and Sue Patterson presented some items that needed to be clarified from last year's revisions for Contest. We voted to raise the members' dues from \$3 to \$5 to help with State Council budget and approved the Proposed Budget. If it had not been for the profit money from the 2011 State Convention, our State Council budget would have been in the whole \$400. Thank you members for helping out the State Council budget. Close the meeting at 1:25 pm. Whew! That wasn't so bad. The meeting went well, lunch was good, accomplished a lot and everyone got home early.

June 18 – Daughter's 25th Wedding Anniversary: Got the ESA State council meeting over with and headed home. When I got home, changed clothes, set down to rest for a few minutes, called my daughter and went with her to get the food and cake for her 25th Wedding Anniversary celebration at the new Library family center in Blanchard. After eating, Sherri and Ted renewed their vows in front of about 75 people. During the evening, a video of their life was shown. What a happy event. Can't believe that my daughter has been married 25 years. Does that make me old???

June 21 – St. Jude Dream Home: Had a doctor appointment this morning for my regular monogram testing. After that, I drove to Edmond to work the Dream home from 1 pm to 9 pm. The attendance was fairly steady. I keep busy all day with selling tickets and visiting with the people that came to see the Dream home.

June 23 – St. Jude Dream Home: Got up early and drove to Edmond to work the Dream home again from 9 am to 9 pm. The traffic was pretty consistent throughout the day. Jamie Cerreta from Fox 25 came by to film the home and ask me to do an interview. Of course I said NO!! But she convinced me to do it anyway. Boy! Was I nervous!!!! I think the interview went fairly well.

June 24-25 – Class Reunion: It wasn't my class reunion but was invited to attend the 1961 class reunion. Paul Morton hosted the 1961 Class Reunion and invited the class before and the class after 1961. Friday night we all gathered at the center in Blanchard for a get acquainted. Saturday evening we all gathered at Paul's home for the reunion. There were about 55 classmates and spouses attended.

June 26 – St. Jude Dream Home Give-a-way: Up Sunday morning, got ready for Sunday school and church and then off to the Dream Home give-away on Fox 25 TV station. All of the ESA ladies did a super job of answering the phones. WE SOLD OUT OF TICKETS!!! Can you believe it? Thank you ESA volunteers for helping making this another great year for the St. Jude Dream Home Give-a-way. The couple that won the home had not seen the home. They stated that they come by and see the home each year but they did not get to this year. They were very over-whelmed when they came to the home and were greeted by everyone.

That's about it for now. Got to get ready to attend the IC Convention in Overland Park, Kansas. I am so excited to represent the State of Oklahoma at IC and am very proud to be able to carry the Oklahoma Flag in the Flag ceremony along with all of the other states that are represented there. I will do my best to represent our State and our ESA Council well.

Don't forget the August Leadership is August 13th with committee meetings at the hotel on August 12th that evening. I think you will enjoy this leadership. I have planned several workshops that will be different then we have had in the past. We will also have "Shopping on the ESA Mall" again this year. So get your items ready and bring them to the "Mall". The tables will be \$10 each and you can reserve as many as you want! Let me know how many tables you will need.

Stay cool and I will see you in August.

*ESA love to all,
Gwynn Nell*

**1st Vice President
Joyce Gibson**

Welcome back!! I hope the summer was all you wished for it to be with the wonderful trips, yummy cookouts and just good times with family and friends. The heat can sneak upon you. Please continue to take care of each other and check on your neighbors.

I have had several inquiries regarding the information for the 2013 Oklahoma State Council's 70th Annual Convention. The theme is "ESA Treasures of the Sea". It will be held April 26-28, 2013 at the Holiday Inn in Norman. The room rate will be \$79.00. The fax number was accidentally printed on the business cards that were handed out at State Convention this past April. The correct phone number for the Holiday Inn in Norman is 405-364-2882 or 1-800-465-4329. I apologize for any inconvenience this may have caused those that have already tried to reach the hotel.

Please try to attend the District Leaderships and meetings this year. The Coordinators have worked hard to provide you with a fun and informative time. They would love to have your support. The upcoming District Leadership/meeting dates are: August 27 – District II, September 10 – District IV, September 17 – District V, September 24 – District III and October 8 - OK School for the Deaf Tour & District IV meeting. These dates are also located on the Oklahoma State website at <http://www.oklaesa.org/meetings.htm>.

It is time for nominations and appointments to the board!! If you enjoy meeting new people, having a good time, building relationships and travelling now is the time to join the Oklahoma State Board! We do all of this and more all while making the Oklahoma State Council better and better!! We are looking for those wonderful ideas just waiting to be unleashed on the country!! May be you need help unleashing that wild side? We can definitely use you!! So whether you are the adorably shy wallflower or the enthusiastic extrovert or anywhere in between...WE NEED YOU!! It may seem to be a bit early but this year is going to fly by and March 1 will be here before we know it.

The Nominating Committee for this year consists of Nellrita Barrick, Peggie Sprinkle, Lola Jaegers, Peggy Pate, Jacque Edwards and Joyce Gibson. If you have a particular position that you are interested in and need clarification, if you need help making a decision on a position, or if you know exactly what position you would like to hold, please contact any one of us. The qualifications are easy to meet and we would be ecstatic to help! Nomination forms are available on line at http://www.oklaesa.org/forms_reports.htm. Or if you contact me, I will mail you a form.

I am looking forward to hearing from each of you.

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**2nd Vice President/Educational Chairman
Tina Davenport McKamie**

The theme I have chosen for our Oklahoma State 2011~2012 Educational Program is “**GET FIT, GET HEALTHY**”. As ESA’ers, we are so busy planning or working on the next project that we don’t make our own physical well-being a priority. Incorporating exercise and proper nutrition in our daily routines will empower us with greater energy to serve our communities. The core purpose behind the existence of ESA is to support those in need within our population. Cinch up those workout shoes and lets “**GET FIT, GET HEALTHY**” together!!

Below are several topics we will explore this year. At each Chapter, District or State meeting, I will lead an educational program on one of the topics presented below. Be prepared to get your heart a pumping -- I will also plan an activity in conjunction with the topic in order to get members up and moving.

The educational topics are as follows:

June.....	Cardio Exercise	December.....	Metabolism
July	Cholesterol	January.....	Music
August.....	Laughter	February.....	Positive Attitude
September	Exercise for Immobile	March	Resistance\Weight Training
October	Women’s Heart Health	April	Osteoporosis
November.....	Walking		

Each chapter educational director is encouraged to submit six or more educational reports to qualify for the Gold Link Award. As you are developing your educational programs, please consider compiling and submitting a Gold Seal Entry at the end of the year. Wouldn’t it be wonderful to have every chapter educational director eligible to be nominated by your chapter president for Distinguished Athenian? Chapter Presidents, remember to nominate your Educational Director for the Distinguished Athenian Award. As in years past, a special award will be presented to each educational report submitted on my theme.

I am really looking forward to receiving your educational reports. You can find all the forms that you will need on our state website: www.oklaesa.org. Copies of my educational reports as well as additional information will be posted on our state website. If you have questions or need a report form mailed, please contact me. I will be glad to assist you in anyway. I am also willing to travel to your hometown to present an educational at one of your chapter meetings or to participate in a chapter activity.

So many ladies have set such great examples for us to follow. We must maintain good physical, as well as mental, health to carry on the mission of ESA. So, to be able to participate in the next project, to reach the next goal, and to continue to serve our community and state ~~~ We must “**GET FIT, GET HEALTHY**”.

Health Tip:

Drinking low-fat chocolate milk after a workout helps endurance, build muscle, reduces fat, and seems to improve performance, according to new research. The drink seems to have the right combination of carbohydrates and protein, says researcher John L. Ivy, PhD. Department chair of kinesiology and health education at the University of Texas at Austin. “When recovering from exercise, two things you want to do

is replenish sugar stores in the muscle and turn on protein synthesis and stop protein breakdown,” says Ivy. “The combination of carbohydrate and protein [found in chocolate milk] work synergistically to do those two things.” The low-fat chocolate milk beat out two other drinks tested – a no-calorie beverage and a carbohydrate drink with no protein.

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EDUCATIONAL: Healthy Snacking Tina Davenport-McKamie

Between work, laundry, and chasing the kids, it feels like there is no time for healthy eating. And when you do stop to eat, it’s tempting to go the quick and easy route by grabbing a burger and fries, potato chips, or candy. But it is possible to treat yourself to a healthy snack. In fact, if you have a hectic schedule, it’s even more important to eat healthy foods that give you the fuel you need to keep going. Even if you take time to eat three meals a day, you may still feel hungry at times. Snacking on nutritious food can keep your energy level high and your mind alert.

You need to pay attention to what you eat. Stuffing your face with a large order of cheese fries after a stressful meeting may give you a temporary boost, but a snack this high in fat and calories will only slow you down in the long run. To keep energy levels going (and to avoid weight gain) stay clear of foods with lots of simple carbohydrates (sugars) like candy bars and soda. Look for foods that contain complex carbohydrates like whole-grain breads and cereals and combine them with protein-rich snacks such as peanut butter or yogurt.

Choosing healthy snacks means shopping smart. Be cautious of the health claims on food packages. Listed are a few things to watch out for:

1. Just because something is “all natural” or “pure” doesn’t necessarily mean that it’s nutritious. For example, “all natural” juice drinks or sodas can be filled with sugar but all that sugar means they will be high in calories and give you little nutrition.
2. A granola bar is a good example of a snack that seems healthy. Although granola bars can be a good source of certain vitamins and nutrients, many also contain a great deal of fat, including a particularly harmful type of fat called trans-fat. On average, about 35% of the calories in a regular granola bar come from fat. And, there can be a lot of sugar in granola cereals and bars.
3. Be skeptical of low-fat food claims. If the fat has been eliminated or cut back, the amount of sugar in the food may have increased to keep that food tasting good. Many low-fat foods have nearly as many calories as their full-fat versions.

Whatever claims a food’s manufacturer writes on the front of the package, you can judge whether a food is healthy for you by reading the ingredients and the nutrition information on the food label. And, be sure to read the serving information. What looks like a small package of cookies may contain 2 or more servings which means double or even triple the amounts of fat, calories, and sugar shown on the label.

What is the best low calorie snack to have during the day? A great low calorie snack should have a lot of fiber, some healthy fats, some protein and no added sugar. How about an apple or other piece of fresh fruit and a dozen roasted almonds (about one ounce)? This would give you about 150 to 170 calories, some protein, healthy fats from the almonds, and over five grams of fiber to fill you up and keep your digestive system healthy.

Almonds have been shown to be good for our hearts and apples contain quercetin and other anti-oxidants to keep you healthy.

As with everything, moderation is the key to smart snacking. People who eat regular meals and healthy snacks are less likely to overeat than people who skip meals or go for long periods without eating and then scarf down a large order of fries.



Treasurer's Report

Hello ESA Sisters!

I hope everyone is doing OK in this blistering Oklahoma heat. Try to keep cool and stay well.

At the June State Council Meeting, the 2011-2012 budget was approved and will be printed in this issue of the PJ. Please note the following changes: Item 2, of the Standing Rules now reads:

2) The state dues shall be thirty dollars (\$30.00) per chapter plus **five dollars (\$5.00) per member**. New chapters shall not be required to pay state, chapter/member dues until May 1, following the first anniversary of their charter date. New chapter members joining between May 1, and the following April 1, should submit **five dollars (\$5.00) per person** to the State Treasurer by April 1, in order to be considered for, additional voting privileges. Chapter dues shall be divided as follows:

- State Council Treasury shall receive twenty-seven dollars and fifty cents (\$27.50), of the thirty dollars (\$30.00) per paid chapter; the remaining \$2.50 per paid chapter may be loaned to the Convention Hostess to help defray convention planning expenses. State Council Treasury shall also receive the **five dollars (\$5.00) per member** component of the state dues.
- Dues are to be used to defray expenses incurred by State Officers and Chairpersons such as: postage, photocopying, supplies, gift for the Outgoing State President, State Awards, web site hosting fees and other items approved by the Executive and General Board.
- Dues shall include the travel expenses of the State President and First Vice President to one (1) meeting in each district during the year.
- Dues shall include the registration fee and hotel accommodations plus travel to the President's Leadership conference, not to exceed airline coach fare round-trip.

The budget committee, board, and members present at the State Council Meeting, voted to increase member's dues from **\$3.00 TO \$5.00** beginning with the 2011-2012 year.

Please adjust your dues to reflect this increase.

*Linda Southerland,
2011-2012 Treasurer*



**Project Director
Margaret Kramer**

Oklahoma School for the Blind

*Gift items for Student Store to be purchased with Panther Bucks
2010-2011*

Wal-Mart or similar Gift Cards which we will use to purchase soft drinks and other snack items

Combs and brushes
Toothpaste and tooth brushes
Deodorant, (men's and women's type)
Acne treatments or soaps,
Gold Bond or other medicated powder
Body Wash (for men, and for women)
Shower gel
Body Spray
Body lotion)
Shampoo
Conditioner
Feminine Hygiene pads and tampons
Batteries, double A, C, and D size,
Tube Socks,
Flip Flops, (all sizes)

*Additional Gift Items Needed
Ink Cartridges (All are for HP)*

#23 Color	#15 Black Ink DeskJet
#45 Black Inkjet	#78 Color
#96 Black	#97 Color
#02 Black HP Photosmart	#02 Cyan
#02 Magenta	#02 Yellow
#02 Lt. Cyan Photosmart	#02 Lt. Magenta Photosmart
920XL Cyan Officejet	920XL Magenta Officejet
920XL Yellow Officejet	920XL Black Officejet Ink

Oklahoma School for the Deaf

Gift Items for 2010-2011

#1 Request – Expo Multi-colored Dry Erase markers (chiseled tip)
Computer Ink Cartridges
#98 HP #95 HP #78 HP #45 HP
Batteries AA, C, D, 9V
Vis-à-vis colored permanent markers
Compasses
Scientific calculators
Protractors

Rulers (plastic)
Pipe cleaners
Pompoms
Beads
Styrofoam balls (all shapes, sizes & colors)
Craft scissors w/pattern edge (upper elem)
Ink stamps
Hole punches w/different shapes
Styrofoam holiday stickers
Colored paper (scrapbook type)
Prizes used for Accelerated Reader: \$1.00 packs of cars



District V
Ruth Thompson

District V meeting – September 17, 2011

Bridgeport Dunes Eufaula
Registration - 9:30
Business meeting - 10:00
Program - *Save our Water* - 11:00
Rick Smenner and Pennie Embry
Lunch - Provided by Gamma Kappa and Chi Epsilon



Ruth



Care Connection Counselor
Peggie Sprinkle



ESA's **Hope for Heroes** program provides an opportunity to show appreciation for military men and women as they guarantee freedom here in the USA and around the world. This freedom comes at a very high price, and Epsilon Sigma Alpha is fortunate to take part in showing the troops gratitude and honor.

This year I would like to recognize all OK chapters who provide services and support to military personnel, their families and veterans. I will publish chapter accomplishments in the *Petticoat Journal*. I would like to

compile a notebook showcasing chapter/individual activities - so I will be talking with chapters to send me this information.

You don't need a lot of time or a lot of people to make a difference. Do what you can with what you have. Be creative and intentional in your support. Your efforts will not be overlooked.

Please contact me if you want a list of suggestions. It is easy to make a difference-whether you are working alone, with friends or looking to involve your whole community.
God Bless the USA and our military!

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Chaplain
Linda Leveridge

WHAT DO YOUR FRIENDS REALLY MEAN TO YOU?

This little verse, of unknown origin, expresses exactly what mine mean to me.

My friends are little lamps to me
Their radiance warms and cheers my ways,
And all the pathways, dark and lone,
Is brightened by their rays.
I try to keep them bright by faith
And never let them dim with doubt,
For every time I lose a friend,
A little lamp goes out.

As you plan your new year, may you rekindle old friendships and start a bunch of new ones.

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Convention Janice Shockley

Have you heard the latest news? The word is there are plans brewing for a great, fun, entertaining, and delightful convention in the country for 2012. Gwynn Nell has been “dancing” around the countryside inviting all of our ESA sisters to join the hosting chapters, Sigma Chi, Zeta Gamma, Beta Mu, and Delta Kappa for a weekend in the country at the Holiday Inn, Norman.

Robbin the Robin wants to remind everyone to pay their \$85.00 registration by November 1, 2011 to be eligible for the drawing for one person to win a free registration. The very latest to register is April 13, 2012 to avoid that nasty \$25.00 late fee. (Registration form is included in this PJ issue)

Lola the Lamb states that all of you joining us in the country on April 27, 28 and 29, 2012 must make your room reservation by April 13, 2012 and be sure to mention ESA to get the low rate of \$79.00 + tax per night.

I wonder how Linda the barn builder is coming along with the ESA barn so we can have that barn raising she promised us. I guess we will find out at our next State Council meeting.

Sue the Siamese Cat told me she will have all of the events, which you will want to participate, listed in the program and ready for you to pick up when you register on Friday. Siamese Sue will also be accepting your ads to be printed in the program. The rates are the same as in the past. They are \$100.00 full page, \$50 one-half page, \$25.00 one-fourth page, and \$12.50 business card. Siamese Sue is anticipating state wide support on the sale of the program ads.

Wanda the Whippoorwill will have the beautiful convention charms for sale at a mere cost of \$7.00 at all of the ESA meetings. Be sure to get your charm early before she is sold out. We all need a little convention bling.

Let’s all meet for a fun weekend in the country – that’s “ESA IN THE COUNTRY”.
I will keep you posted as the events unfold.

Have a great summer!!!!

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**Epsilon Sigma Alpha International
Oklahoma State Council
2011 State Convention Fund Final Financial Report**

INCOME

Loan from District II	475.00
Full Registrations (141 @ \$85)	11,985.00
Men/Guest Banquet Registrations (28 @ \$40)	1,120.00
Child Registration (1 @ \$31.00)	31.00
Child Registration Banquet Only (4 @ 15.54)	62.16
Awards Lunch - Guests (13 @ \$20.00)	260.00
Board Dinner - SS, Guests, No Show (10 @ \$20.00)	200.00
Decoration Sales	525.00
Advertising (16 pages @ \$100 each)	1,600.00
Ways & Means Projects	
Grocery Raffle	1,078.00
50/50 Raffle	640.00
Hospitality Room	301.00
Charm Sales (117 @ \$6)	708.00
Late Fees	50.00
Printed Check Charge Reimbursement	15.12
Registration Overpayment	10.00
TOTAL INCOME	19060.28

EXPENSES

District II Loan Repayment	475.00
Hotel Expenses	
Board Dinner (52 @ \$20.74)	1,078.63
Awards Luncheon (155 @ \$19.44)	3,013.58
Banquet (163 @ \$27.18)	4,430.41
Banquet - Child (5 @ \$15.54)	77.71
Brunch (142 @ \$13.98)	1,985.21
Audio/Visual	309.00
Cash Bar	266.00
Coke for Toast @ Banquet (22 @ \$4.55)	100.14
Registration Refunds (2 @ \$40)	80.00
Ways & Means Projects	
Grocery Raffle	250.00
50/50 Raffle	320.00
Decorations, Favors, Etc.	
Board Dinner	222.36
Awards Luncheon	94.43
Banquet	296.93
Charms	430.15
Hospitality Room	231.22
Entertainment	100.00
Gratuities	300.00
Programs - Printing, Etc.	465.00
Candidates Reception	26.00
Chairman/President's Gift	50.00
Printed Check Charges	15.12
Registration overpayment	10.00
Postage	9.93
Welcome Baskets	47.75
Oklahoma State Council - 1/2 Profit after \$1,000	1,687.85
Hostess Chapters - Profit	2,687.86
TOTAL EXPENSES	19,060.28



**Easter Seals
Jo Ann Rott**

Gift Items
2010-2011

Adult Day Health Care suggestions

Gift cards: Wal-Mart, Dollar Tree, Hobby Lobby
Movie gift cards (North Park and Tinseltown)
Bowling gift certificates
Necklace and bracelets
Hand lotion
Scarf, mittens
(anything that can be used in their Bingo Prize cabinet for both
men and women of all ages)

Child Development Center

Gift Cards: Wal-Mart, Lake Shore, Target
Soccer Balls
Balls for outdoors
Bubbles
Board games for Pre-K Class
Baby dolls or any type of "Home Center" toy
Any type of art supplies
Children's CD's
Bi-Lingual Books
Stamp Pad Sets
Moon Sand Sets
Front door rugs
Baby stroller



**ESA Foundation Counselor
Ramona Paine**

It is time to start thinking about new budgets and a time to include a chapter membership for the ESA Foundation if you aren't already a member, or pay dues if you are. It is very important that your chapter is a voting member of the Foundation.

The Foundation is truly our legacy for the future that ties directly to the foundation of our sorority.

It is our purpose to see that the importance we place on education ourselves is always available to our young people seeking to continue their education.

DUES: New member \$25, Chapter \$25

ANNUAL DUES: Member \$15, Chapter \$15

LIFE ACTIVE DUES: \$500, maybe paid in two payments of \$250 increments

Dues must be paid by March 1, 2012 in order to vote at the annual meeting, July 2012.

Please consider this and make it a priority!

The applications for the ESA Foundation Scholarships for the 2012-2013 academic year will be available September 15, 2011. If you need any information, forms or help in any way, please don't hesitate to contact me. That is what I am here for is to assist **you!** It is OUR Foundation and it deserves our support!

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**Philanthropic
Darla Barton**

Hello Sisters!!!

My name is Darla Barton and I am from Beta Psi, Clinton. I am the new 2011-2012 Philanthropic Chair. And I am so excited to get started.

I want you know that I have logged into my state Philanthropic e-mail account. I have cleared out the old and I am ready for the new. I want to assure you that when you send me an e-mail with your philanthropic info, I will confirm receipt by return e-mail. So if you don't get a response from me, please follow up.

My preference would be if you would send to my state e-mail address, philanthropic@oklaesa.org. I also have a personal e-mail you may send to, darla_barton@sbcglobal.net. If you choose to send to my personal e-mail, please fill in the subject line, because if I don't recognize the sender, I may delete it without opening. There are so many scams out right now, dealing with "no subject" subject lines. You may also send to my home address, 135 Rawlings, Clinton, OK 73601.

I am looking forward to receiving your philanthropic "good deeds" reports. Our service year actually began April 1. Record keeping would be so much easier if I could receive it monthly.

If you have any questions, please ask away. If I don't the answer, I will find it out. My home phone number is 580-323-3493. If I could help you at all, I am here.

Summer is also here, so let's get to work!

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Chapter Chatter



Alpha Sigma #3085 Vinita

Alpha Sigma Chapter will celebrate its 49th Founder's Day in May, launching activities for its 50th year of charter. The dinner will be held in Vinita's historic Clanton's Cafe on Route 66. With only eight members, the chapter this year has donated over \$1200 to community organizations including Red Feather, Meals on Wheels and a Food Pantry. Funds are raised via candy sales and serving at Fairview Cemetery on Memorial Day 'weekend. A portion of funds go back into maintenance at the cemetery including the grouping of military service flags donated by Alpha Sigma.

But all is not work; the group also included two Christmas events, one dinner for husbands and the other party for grandchildren and other young relatives of members. Sarah Bruce, president, chose as her theme, "Every Sister is an Angel," and the group has had an assortment of programs featuring everything from "Angels with Dirty Faces" to "Angels Among Us."

Two charter members, Linda Clanton and Carolyn Simmons, remain active and both will serve as officers in the coming year. Other members are Shirley Turner, Toni Moore, Sharon Moore, Sarah Bruce, Patti Schoech and Barbara Wiles.

*Barbara Wiles
503 S. Brewer
Vinita, Ok. 74301*



Beta Iota #4283 McAlester

Hello Everyone from Beta Iota.

We have had a very busy summer beginning with installing our new officers. After that, Jennifer Stewart and Lori Few spent a week at the Miss Oklahoma Pageant where our Miss McAlester, Jenna Partain, was competing. Next came the Miss McAlester Scholarship Pageant on June 25. We crowned a new Miss McAlester, Alexis Banks, a McAlester Outstanding Teen, Taylor Burmeier, and McAlester Pageant Princess, Ashton Hackler. It was a huge success with our own Jennifer Stewart and Lori Few directing the Miss McAlester and Outstanding Teen Pageant respectively, Tina McKamie, Producer, and Loise Washington as our illustrious Mistress of Ceremonies. Of course, there were 14 Beta Iota gals behind the scenes and up front selling tickets and programs and entertaining and providing the Judges with all the information they

needed in order to make the right decisions on who the winners would be. Now, we are just catching our breath and making plans for another exciting sorority year!

OH, BY THE WAY, WE HAVE ANOTHER BETA IOTA COOK BOOK IN THE WORKS. WE WOULD LOVE TO HAVE RECIPE CONTRIBUTIONS FROM ANY OF YOU. PLEASE E-MAIL THEM TO ME AT rmiller91@sbcglobal.net.

June Miller



**Beta Zeta #3158
Oklahoma City**

Beta Zeta chapter keeps working for ESA despite our small membership. Some of us work harder than others. Aletha Bold and Billie Fritch are our inspiration and constant over-the-top dedicated workers. After spending many hours on the 2011 Dream Home in Edmond and the Oklahoma State Convention, they should be exhausted, but they show no lack of interest in a variety of ESA meetings. They keep the rest of us posted and on track. We do the best we can because they are such good examples.

Jeanie Williams did a great job on some of the convention table decorations and has been asked to do some for next year's convention. She is our chapter artist!

Barbara Fairbairn hosted another of her delicious early morning breakfasts in June. We are all fond of her delicious food and her beautiful garden. Her garden becomes more attractive each year and nourishes us as much as the food!

In mid-June we were saddened by the death of a former ESA and Beta Zeta supporter, Don Taggart. He and his wife, Mary Ann, were devoted to ESA. When Mary Ann was State President and Chapter President, Don was always at her side helping in so many ways. We miss them both.

Vera Hefner



**Gamma Pi #5091
Inola**

Gamma Pi members had a busy April. Our spring yard sale was April 8th and 9th and for once we had good weather. Our annual Easter Egg Hunt for the elementary school students was April 21st. Members placed 6000 eggs on the school grounds and after each class was given the start signal the eggs disappeared in less than 5 minutes.

May was also a busy month as we had our Annual Senior Tea May 1st for the Inola High School Senior Girls. Our annual installation and awards banquet was May 2nd. The following were installed as officers for 2011/12.

President	Bobbie Martin
Vice President	Betty Mell
Secretary	Mary Adams

Treasurer
Educational

Gertrude Riddle
Karla Applegate

Although Gamma Pi does not have meetings during the summer our members are keeping busy with activities throughout the summer. Members are providing refreshments for the Inola Library summer reading program. There are 75/90 children participating in the program which runs each Tuesday and Thursday during the month of July.

We have our annual Bunco coming up in August 27th. Committee assignments have been made and members will be meeting July 11th for the first planning meeting. Mark the date on your calendar and plan to join us for an evening of fun.

Carol Applegate
Publicity Chairman



Omega Pi #3832
Tulsa

Our new year was started off with Installation Dinner at The Local Table, which is a wonderful restaurant that says they try to have all their menu items locally grown. It was really great. Marie DuCharme is our new president and ready to start our busy year.

State Convention was attended by Marie DuCharme, Helen Stuart, Marge Goodno and Melba Spain. Our chapter had the responsibility to set up for the Awards Luncheon and Marge Goodno did a wonderful job on the decorations. There was a nice flag ceremony and a ceremony to honor veterans of all branches of the service. The banquet was very nice and excellent food. Toni Boyer received an award for her educationals for the year. All in all it was a very successful convention.

We attended the Founder's Day Tea on May 15th at Clare House. A lot of awards and a lot of good food.

Mother's Day and Father's Day gifts were made and delivered to our nursing home residents by Anne and Betty. They really liked the baskets of goodies.

Omega Pi was hostess for June TAC meeting at Clare House with a theme of "The American Flag". Everyone was talking about the Tulsa Dream Home drawing come up soon. We all signed up to work showing the house on the Saturdays and Sundays before the big drawing and every day the week of the drawing.

We decided our social on June 23rd would be handling the selling of tickets and showing people the house, so we met there and everyone brought food and we had a great social from 5:00 to 9:00 P.M. On Sunday June 26th Marge Goodno helped with the telephon and I am happy to say that all 9000 tickets were sold and we started taking donations. It was a very successful fund raiser for St. Jude.

That's all for now – stay cool.

Joan Nightingale
Publicity Chairman



Zeta Gamma #4253
Shawnee

The sisters of Zeta Gamma had a busy year and look forward to the summer for a much needed break. Before we break for summer, though, we had a big garage sale at the home of Robbin Brown and it was a big success. It was three long days but we had a lot of fun with fellowship and meeting a lot of interesting people. We also did a lot of planning for the year. The new officers for the coming year 2011-2012 is Gwen Beasley, President; Patty Heer, Vice president; Lola Jaegers, Treasurer; Peggy Campbell, Recording Secretary; MaryAnn Jones, Philanthropic; Lora Thompson, Educational Director, and Robbin Brown, Parliamentarian. We wish all of our Oklahoma sisters a restful and safe summer break.

Robbin Brown
Publicity Chairman

**EPSILON SIGMA ALPHA INTERNATIONAL
OKLAHOMA STATE COUNCIL
2011 - 2012**

	<i>Approved Budget</i>
GENERAL FUND	
Beginning Balance - Checking Account	\$3,374.50
INCOME	
Chapter Dues (\$30.00 / 38 Chapters)	\$1,140.00
Chapter Members (\$5.00 / 617 members)	\$3,085.00
Convention Profit	\$1,687.66
Convention Loan Fund	\$1,097.50
Directories *88@\$8.00 each)	\$704.00
Interest	\$10.00
Miscellaneous (Fundraisers, etc.)	
Ways & Means	
Silent Auction & Raffle	---
Shopping on the Mall (6 tables @ \$10.00 ea)	\$60.00
TOTAL INCOME	\$7,784.16
GRAND TOTAL	\$11,158.66
EXPENSES	
ELECTED OFFICERS	
President	
IC Convention Registration	\$220.00
IC Convention Transportation	\$458.00
IC Convention Hotel (6 nights)	\$910.61
PICPA Lunch	\$38.00
Flag Pole Rental	\$25.00
State Convention Registration	\$85.00
State Convention Hotel	\$0.00
State Convention Transportation	\$0.00
Engraving Gavel & Charm	\$30.00
State Leadership Supplies	\$50.00
Gifts	\$15.00
President's Trophy	\$0.00
President's Trophy (engraving)	\$30.00
Travel District Meetings (4)	\$150.00
Postage, Paper, Supplies	\$100.00
Copies / Printing	\$100.00
Miscellaneous	\$40.00
Total President Expenses	\$2,251.61

<i>First Vice President</i>	
Travel District Meetings (4)	\$150.00
Postage & Supplies & Ballots	\$30.00
Convention Leadership	\$40.00
ESA Headquarters Leadership	
Registration	\$575.00
Transportation	\$300.00
<i>Total First Vice President Expenses</i>	\$1,095.00
<i>Second Vice President</i>	
Transportation & Miscellaneous	\$150.00
Postage for Educationals	\$30.00
ESA Headquarters Leadership (Partial) Registration	\$300.00
Miscellaneous (Copies & Postage)	\$20.00
<i>Total Second Vice President Expenses</i>	\$500.00
<i>Corresponding Secretary</i>	
Meetings Notices & Postage	\$50.00
Chapter President's Packets	\$50.00
Supplies	\$200.00
<i>Total Corresponding Secretary Expenses</i>	\$300.00
<i>Other Elected Officers</i>	
Parliamentarian	\$25.00
Recording Secretary	\$25.00
Treasurer	\$50.00
Petticoat Journal Editor	\$5.00
Project Director	\$75.00
Jr. Past President/Disaster Fund	\$25.00
Sr. Past President/Workshops	\$10.00
<i>Total Other Elected Officers Expenses</i>	\$215.00
<i>Total All Elected Officers Expenses</i>	\$4,361.61
<i>Appointed Chair Expenses</i>	
Association of the Arts	\$5.00
Auditor	\$5.00
Awards	\$5.00
Care Connection	\$5.00
Chaplain	\$150.00
Circle of Life	\$25.00
Contest	\$5.00

Credentials	\$5.00
DIANA (plaque & charity donation)	\$225.00
Directory	\$500.00
Easter Seals	\$5.00
ESA Foundations Counselor	\$25.00
Membership (Pledge Recognition)	\$50.00
Outstanding Chapter	\$5.00
Outstanding Sr. Youth Scholarship (Cashier's Check)	\$400.00
Outstanding Jr. Youth (Bond)	\$200.00
Philanthropic	\$25.00
Publicity	\$5.00
Scrapbook	\$200.00
Secret Sister	\$0.00
<i>Total Appointed Chair Expenses</i>	\$1,845.00
<i>Convention Expenses</i>	
<i>State Convention Expenses</i>	
Convention City (\$2.50/ 38 chapters)	\$95.00
Convention Awards	\$40.00
DIANA & Outstanding Youth Meals	\$75.00
Installation of Officers	\$75.00
Retiring President's Gift	\$55.00
Flowers (arm bouquet for Incoming President)	\$50.00
Flowers (corsages for President & IC Rep.)	\$35.00
Convention IC Rep Gift	\$35.00
IC/HQ Representative Registration	\$85.00
IC/HQ Representative Hotel (\$110.00 x 2 nights)	\$220.00
Incoming State President's Gavel (if she doesn't have one)	\$25.00
State Convention Loan Fund	\$1,000.00
<i>International Convention Expenses</i>	
Caucus	\$40.00
Flowers	\$40.00
<i>Total Convention Expenses</i>	\$1,870.00
<i>Other Expenses</i>	
Bond Insurance (3yrs) prepaid to 2011 (2011-2014)	\$250.00
International Council Dues	\$40.00
FDIC Insurance Fee	\$10.00
Postage Permit & Proced. Files	\$185.00
Revising Blue Book - Copy revised pages only	\$50.00
State Council Meeting Rooms	\$500.00
State of Oklahoma Registration	\$15.00
Web Master	\$250.00

Contingency Fund	\$1,782.05
Total Other Expenses	\$3,082.05
TOTAL ALL EXPENSES	\$11,158.66
<i>Additional needed to increase budget</i>	

Additional Accounts	Beg Bal
Speakers Fund Balance (CD)	\$1,214.19
IC Campaign Fund Balance	\$219.36
DOER's Balance	\$322.25
Certificate of Deposit Balance	\$4,010.94

**Epsilon Sigma Alpha International
Oklahoma State Council
68th Annual Oklahoma State Convention
1st General Assembly
Saturday, April 30, 2011**

The first General Assembly was called to seating at 8:55 am by Ramona Paine, Convention Chairman, who requested that the pages secure the door for the Opening Flag Ceremony.

Rosalie Griffith, Sooner Seniorette; President, ESA Membership Corp and Past IC President conducted the flag ceremony. Following the presentation of the chapter chartering and banner acknowledgement, she gave a moving salute to our Armed Services.

The call to order was given by Jacque Edwards and asked those present to stand and join in the opening ritual.

Thought for the Day, "The Beginning of a New Day" was given by Vivian Gibson, Chaplain.

Ramona Paine, welcomed everyone to the convention and announced the hostess Chapters as follows: Zeta Gamma-Shawnee, Sigma Chi-Inola, Omega Pi-Tulsa, Gamma Zeta-Edmond, Beta Psi-Clinton, Beta Zeta-Oklahoma City, Theta Tau-Kingfisher, and Kappa Theta, Guthrie.

Guest speaker, Jason Murphey-State Representative District 31, relayed some of the problems that arise for budgeting State Funds and congratulated the group on the good works that ESA does. Following his speech, he presented an Oklahoma State Flag that flew over the capitol building on April 7, 2011 to Jacque.

President Jacque then made introductions of the head table and introduced the following: Judi York-IC Representative, IC Parliamentarian and Sooner Seniorette; Deb Hughes-IC Auditing Committee member and Sooner Seniorette; Rosalie Griffith- President, ESA Membership Corp, Past IC President and Sooner Seniorette; Cathy Holsted-Past IC President, Past ESA Foundation Chairman, 2012 IC Convention Chair, 2011 OK State Convention Co-Chair and Sooner Seniorette; Lola Jaegers-Past ESA Foundation Chairman and Sooner Seniorette; Jeanne Meyer and Vivian Gibson-Past ESA Foundation Directors and Sooner Senioresses; Billie Fritch, Joyce Whitewing-Slate, Priscilla Drummond and Vivian Gibson-Dixie Palmer Founders and Sooner Senioresses; and all the wonderful mentors also known as the Sooner Senioresses.

She then introduced special guests from the sister state of Texas, the Texas State President Pat Polk, and her sister known as the Texas Corresponding Secretary and also a Director Candidate for the ESA Foundation Board, Barbara Price.

Peggie Sprinkle, Parliamentarian made a motion, seconded by Maxine Wheelan, Delta Chi that the convention rules on page 22 of the convention program be adopted as printed. MOTION CARRIED.

Cathy Holsted, convention co-chair moved that the convention program be adopted as printed and distributed to the paid registrants of this convention. It was seconded by June Miller, Beta Iota. MOTION PASSED.

The committee to read the minutes of the 68th Oklahoma State Convention is: Linda Voss, Chairman, Robbin Brown and Donna McCandless.

The committee to read the minutes of the March 19, 2011 State Council meeting is: Judi York, chairman, Mary Johnson and Mary Adams. Judi York reported that the minutes were correct as printed and will be placed on file.

Sue Patterson, Credentials Chair, reported that Oklahoma has 39 chapters with 31 chapters in attendance, total votes 70. She then made a motion, seconded by Virginia Taylor, Beta Rho that this report be adopted. MOTION PASSED.

Shelly Labus read regrets and letters of support from Dora Dill, IC President; ESA Executive Director, B. J. Clark; and Ardyce Brigg, past State President.

President Jacque reported that roll will be taken from the attendance sheets distributed to chapters.

Mary Ann Jones, Registration Chair, gave the convention registration report as follows: Women-127; Men-11; DESA's-1; Guests-41; with a total of 180 registrations.

Tina Davenport-McKamie, Treasurer, presented the Treasurer's Report as of April 30, 2011

Balance forward	\$ 3,850.52
Income	\$ 8,882.10
Disbursements	\$ 9,308.12
Balance on hand	\$ 3,374.50
Speakers Fund Balance (CD)	\$1,207.33
IC Campaign Fund Balance	\$ 219.36
DOER's Balance	\$ 172.25
Certificate of Deposit	\$4,006.54

State Project chair, Charlene Law reported that balance as of April 30, 2011 was \$4,489.00. Allocations for OSB were \$1,877.00 and for OSD was \$2,612.00.

Judi York, IC Representative, reported on the new ESA Website, collegiate chapters and the buddy system. The buddy system can be a fantastic way of creating excitement of mutual support through the sharing of ideas.

Gwynn Nell Swanson, 1st vice president/nominating committee reported the slate of officers for 2011-2012. They are as follows:

PJ Editor	Rita Hains, Eta Mu, Owasso
Project Director	Margaret Kramer, Gamma Kappa, Checotah
Parliamentarian	Connie Johnson, Kappa Theta, Guthrie
Treasurer	Linda Southerland, Beta Psi, Clinton
Recording Secretary	Billye Peterson, Gamma Zeta, Edmond
Corresponding Secretary	Sue Knight, Sigma Chi, Inola
2 nd Vice President	Tina Davenport-McKamie, Beta Iota, McAlester
1 st Vice President	Joyce Gibson, Delta Kappa, Norman
President	Gwynn Nell Swanson, Delta Kappa, Norman

A motion was made by Rosalie Griffith that these candidates be elected by acclamation. Seconded by Peggy Hughes-MOTION CARRIED.

President Jacque announced that Joyce Gibson, 1st vice president would be chair of the 2011-2012 nominating committee and that we need to elect four (4) other members.

Nominees were: Lola Jaegers, District IV; Nellrita Barrick, District II; Peggie Sprinkle, District III; and Peggy Pate, District V. Joyce Gibson made a motion, seconded by Lora Thompson, Zeta Gamma that the nominations cease and these nominees be accepted by acclamation. MOTION PASSED.

Charlene Law, Project Director, made the following statement:

“Upon recommendation of the Board, I move that we re-adopt the Oklahoma School for the Deaf and the Oklahoma School for the Blind as our State Projects for 2011-2014”. Coming from a committee, no second is required. MOTION PASSED.

Peggie Sprinkle, Parliamentarian presented the following by law changes:

ARTICLE V - QUALIFICATIONS OF ELECTED OFFICERS - currently reads:

Section 1. An active chapter may nominate any member for an elected office, except Corresponding Secretary. She must be an active member of her chapter in good standing and have been an ESA member for at least two years. A candidate for elected office must have held the office of Chapter or City Area Council President and give her consent in writing. She must have attended at least one (1) previous State convention. Consent of the candidate and her qualifications shall be sent to the Nominating Committee by March 1.

CHANGE TO READ: ARTICLE V - QUALIFICATIONS OF ELECTED OFFICERS

Section 1. An active chapter may nominate any member for an elected office, except Corresponding Secretary. She must be an active member of her chapter in good standing and have been an ESA member for at least two years. A candidate for the elected office of President, First Vice President, Second Vice President, Treasurer and Parliamentarian must have held the office of Chapter or City Area Council President and give her consent in writing. A candidate for the elected office of Recording Secretary, Project Director and Petticoat Journal Editor must give her consent in writing. She must have attended at least one (1) previous State convention. Consent of the candidate and her qualifications shall be sent to the Nominating Committee by March 1.

Reason for change:

It has become harder and harder to fill these elected offices. By allowing the Recording Secretary, Project Director and Petticoat Journal Editor to run for an elected office without having to serve as Chapter President will open the possibility of new members on the board and help fill those positions.

Peggie Sprinkle stated, “Upon recommendation of the Executive and General Board, I move that Article V, Section 1 be accepted as changed.” Coming from a committee, no second is required. MOTION CARRIED.

She read the following proposed change:

ARTICLE IX - GENERAL BOARD - currently reads:

Section 2. DUTIES OF CHAIRPERSONS - The standing committees shall be appointed by the President except Budget, Convention, Nominating and Sooner Seniorette President. Chairpersons may not serve more than one (1) consecutive term as chairperson of the same committee nor serve as chairperson of more than one (1) committee at the same time. Chairpersons shall attend Board meetings or submit a written report. Shall submit any contest changes to for presentation and vote at the June State Council meeting.

CHANGE TO READ:

ARTICLE IX - GENERAL BOARD

Section 2. DUTIES OF CHAIRPERSONS - The standing committees shall be appointed by the President except Budget, Convention, Nominating and Sooner Seniorette President. Chairpersons may serve more than one (1) consecutive term as chairperson of the same committee, at the discretion of the current incoming President, but may not serve as chairperson of more than one (1) committee at the same time. Chairpersons shall attend Board meetings or submit a written report. Shall submit any contest changes for presentation and vote at the June State Council meeting.

Reason for change:

With our membership declining, it is getting harder to fill the General Board positions. If a member would like to continue as chairperson for the same committee the following year, it would be up to the incoming President to decide if they should continue for another year, but not to serve for more than 2 consecutive years.

Peggie then stated, “Upon recommendation of the Executive and General Board I move that Article IX, Section 2 be accepted as changed.” Coming from a committee, no second is required. MOTION CARRIED.

Gwynn Nell, 1st Vice President, presented the information on the 2012 convention. It will be April 27, 28, 29, 2012, at the Holiday Inn in Norman. The theme will be “ESA in the Country. Janice Shockley will be convention chair.

Special recognition was given to 1st time convention attendees and new pledges.

Carrie Willingham, Outstanding Youth chairman presented the Jr. and Sr. High Youth and Chapter Recognition awards to Chandler Lindsey, Jr. High Youth, nominated by Beta Psi-Clinton and Sr. High Youth, Kenneth Patrick Ramsey, nominated by Beta Iota-McAlester.

The State DIANA award was presented by Joy Agan, Nellrita Barrick and Joyce Lacey to Betty Finnell, nominated by Beta Psi-Clinton.

Door prizes were presented and closing thoughts were given by Vivian Gibson, Chaplain.

Announcements were made by President, Jacque Edwards.

There being no other business to come before this assembly, the 1st general assembly is now recessed at 11:26 am to be reconvened on Sunday morning, May 1, 2011 at 9:20 am.

*Linda Southerland
State Recording Secretary
2010-2011*

**Epsilon Sigma Alpha International
Oklahoma State Council
68th Annual Oklahoma State Convention
2nd General Assembly
Sunday May 1, 2011**

The second General Assembly was called to seating at 9:15 am by Cathy Holsted, Convention Co-Chairman.

The call to order was given by Jacque Edwards and she declared the 2nd General Assembly to be in session at 9:20 am. She welcomed members and guest to the final session of the 68th Annual State Convention.

Vivian Gibson, chaplain gave the opening devotional “God Speak to Me”. Vivian stressed the idea that you shouldn’t miss out the blessings God gives because of the way it is packaged. She relayed thanks for all the help and all the prayers during her year as chaplain and then blessed the meal before the Brunch was served.

President Jacque made the following introductions:

Head Table: Rosalie Griffith- President, ESA Membership Corp, Past IC President and Sooner Seniorette; Judi York-IC Representative, IC Parliamentarian and Sooner Seniorette; Judy Craven, Awards Chairman; Tina Davenport-McKamie, Treasurer; Shelly Labus, Corresponding Secretary; Gwynn Nell Swanson, 1st Vice President/Nom. Committee Chair; Joyce Gibson, 2nd Vice President/Educ. Chair; Linda Southerland, Recording Secretary; Peggie Sprinkle, Parliamentarian; Vivian Gibson, Chaplain; and Ramona Paine, Convention Chair. Special Seating: Margaret Kramer, Auditor; Marcia Ellington, Easter Seals; Sue Knight, Sooner Seniorette President; Cathy Holsted-Past IC President, Past ESA Foundation Chairman, 2012 IC Convention Chair, 2011 OK State Convention Co-Chair and Sooner Seniorette; Charlene Law, Project Director; Joyce Lacey-Kenney, Publicity; Kay Brader, Scrapbook; Connie Johnson, AA Chair; Mary Adams, PJ Editor; and Brittany Labus, granddaughter of President Jacque.

Special Introductions: Deb Hughes-IC Auditing Committee member and Sooner Seniorette; Dixie Palmer Founders and Sooner Senioresses, Billie Fritch, Joyce Whitewing-Slate, Priscilla Drummond and Vivian

Gibson; Lola Jaegers-Past ESA Foundation Chairman and Sooner Seniorette; Jeanne Meyer and Vivian Gibson-Past ESA Foundation Directors and Sooner Senioresses and all the Sooner Senioresses.

Jacque Edwards, President asked that the 2010-2011 Board please stand one last time and she thanked them for the time they devoted to their office the past year and gave a special thanks to Nancy Buck for being the Music Entertainer for the year.

Linda Southerland, Recording Secretary called the roll and reported that 138 were listed in attendance at the 1st General Assembly and 126 answered the call at the 2nd General Assembly. She then read the minutes of the 1st General Assembly.

Judy Cravens, Awards Chairman, presented Pallas Athene recognition and service awards.

President Jacque announced the nominating committee for 2011-2012 as follows: Joyce Gibson, Chair; Lola Jaegers, District IV; Nellrita Barrick, District II; Peggie Sprinkle, District III; and Peggy Pate, District V.

The auditor's report was given by Margaret Kramer. She audited the books of the Treasurer, Directory, 2011 Convention, P. J. and State Project and found all to be in good order.

The order of business was interrupted by the Sooner Senioresses for Jacque's induction into the Sooner Senioresses.

2nd Vice President, Tina Davenport-McKamie announced her educational theme for 2011-2012 will be "Get Fit-Get Healthy".

Joyce Gibson, 1st Vice President gave information concerning the 2013 Convention bid. Joyce then made a motion that the 2013 convention be held on April 26, 27, 28, 2013 at the Holiday Inn in Norman. The theme will be "ESA, Treasures of the Sea" and the Convention Chair will be Cathy Holsted. Motion was seconded by Connie Johnson, Kappa Theta, Guthrie. MOTION CARRIED.

Sue Knight presented the new Sooner Senioresses officers for 2011-2012. They will be as follows: Robbin Brown, President; Deb Hughes, Secretary/Treasurer; and Jacque Edwards, Historian.

A special presentation of wooden cars, painted by ESA members was given to Sue Cole, OSD; Jeanne Meyer, OSB; and Marcie Ellington, Easter Seals by President Jacque.

Marcie Ellington, Easter Seals Chair reported that \$3,754.99 had been donated to Easter Seals this year.

President Jacque gave thanks and recognition to her convention host chapters and the convention committees and presented a gift to Ramona Paine and Cathy Holsted.

Ramona then presented a gift to Jacque. A gift to Cathy and Ramona was presented by Aletha Bolt from the convention committee.

A farewell message was given by Judi York, IC representative. In the message, she recognized Ramona Paine and Cathy Holsted, and recalled IC President Dora Dill's, theme, "One Dream – One Vision". Following the message, she presented a gift to Jacque Edwards and Gwynn Nell Swanson.

Special presentations were given to those chapters who contributed more than one page to Jacque's scrapbook.

Joyce Whitewing-Slate and Jacque Edwards gave a special recognition to IC Representative Judi York for wearing many hats throughout this convention and presented her with a gift and the Oklahoma special recognition of the red feather given to all IC Reps.

Special gifts were given to Jacque by Mary Adams, PJ Editor, Joyce Lacey-Kenney, Publicity Chair, and Kay Brader, Scrapbook Chair.

Gwynn Nell Swanson, 1st Vice President, presented to Jacque a quilt designed and sewn by Gwynn Nell and a full Jewel Crown Pin as the president's gift.

Connie Johnson and Brittany Labus made a very special presentation to President Jacque. "A Walk Down Memory Lane" began with Jacque first becoming a member and ending with Connie asking Shelly Labus to present Jacque a gift from her late husband and Shelly's father earning Jacque recognition as a Robert and Dixie Palmer Award recipient. Connie then presented Jacque with a gift basket from Kappa Theta.

The president's 2010-2011 farewell message was given by Jacque Edwards followed by raffle drawing winners and door prizes.

Lora Thompson, Zeta Gamma, lowered the gavel of 2010-2011 president Jacque Edwards. Mozelle Smith, Delta Kappa raised the gavel of 2011-2012 President Gwynn Nell Swanson. This was followed by the presentation of the gavel to Gwynn Nell and the 2011-2012 President's speech and the introduction of the 2011-2012 Executive and General Board.

President Gwynn Nell asked that Rosalie Griffith, Sooner Seniorette; President, ESA Membership Corp and Past IC President retire the flags.

Gwynn Nell Swanson adjourned the 68th Annual Oklahoma State Convention with the closing ritual at 1:46 p.m.

*Linda Southerland
State Recording Secretary
2010-2011*

**Oklahoma State Council of ESA
Executive/General Board Meeting Minutes
June 18, 2011**

The Executive and General meeting of the Board of Oklahoma State Council of ESA was called to order by the president, Gwynn Nell Swanson, at 9:34 a.m. on Saturday, June 28, 2011, at the Goodrich Methodist Church, Norman, Oklahoma. Dr. Billye Peterson, recording secretary, was present.

Linda Voss, Chair to read the minutes of the 68th annual Oklahoma State Convention, reported the minutes will be placed on file as printed.

Gwynn Nell announced the following appointments: Committee to approve minutes of this meeting: Bunnie Sullins, Chair; Maxine Wheelan, Billie Fritch

First Vice President/Nominating Chair, Joyce Gibson, had no report.

Second Vice President/Educational Director, Tina McKamie, announced the educational theme for this year will be "Get Fit, Get Healthy." A mini-history of ballroom dancing was handed out by Dance Director, Carrie Willingham. Tina then gave a short educational on cardio workouts.

Linda Southerland gave the treasurer's report. Balance transferred from 2010-2011 was \$3,374.50. Income was \$2,158.35; expenses \$18.56, leaving a balance as of June 15, 2011, of \$5,414.29. Also in the Speaker's Fund is \$1,207.33; the IC Campaign Fund has \$219.36; and the Doer's Fund has \$172.25. The CD as of 6-1-11 is \$4,013.24. The treasurer's report was placed on file.

Linda then explained that the Council won't have any ways & means project this year. She moved member's dues be raised from \$3 to \$4 as outlined in Standing Rule #2 of the Oklahoma State Council Standing Rules. Motion passed.

Linda presented the proposed budget. She moved upon recommendation of the budget committee the proposed budget for 2011-2012 be presented for approval by the membership attending the State Council meeting later today. Motion passed.

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Billye explained that the State Project Award Judging Sheets needed additional wording in the mathematical equations so that answers would not be skewed. She suggested in all the mathematical formulas that no rounding be done, and that answers be carried to at least 2 decimal places. After discussion, Sue moved that no rounding be done in any equation, but all answers be carried to 4 decimal places. Motion passed.

Sue will correct all aforementioned forms and get them to Aletha Bolt for the website and all changes will be published in the PJ.

In the absence of 2012 State Convention Chair, Janice Shockley, Robbin Brown moved the 2012 convention registration remain at \$85 for members and \$40 for guests. Motion carried.

Gwynn Nell made the following announcements: Mary Adams had the new Directories for sale for \$8; if you want your PJ mailed, see Rita Hains; 2012 convention charms are \$7; if you have not received a secret sister, see Amber Alexander; Jo Ann Rott has cookies for sale for Easter Seals.

Gwynn Nell announced the Oklahoma State Council meeting would begin soon, and declared the meeting adjourned at 10:30 a.m.

Dr. Billye Peterson
Recording Secretary

Oklahoma State Council of ESA
State Council Meeting Minutes
June 18, 2011

The State Council meeting was called to order by president, Gwynn Nell Swanson, at 10:47 a.m. on Saturday, June 28, 2011, at the Goodrich Methodist Church, Norman, Oklahoma. Dr. Billye Peterson, recording secretary, was present.

Members stood for the opening ritual led by Maxine Wheelan. Gwynn Nell welcomed all members.

Chaplain Linda Leveridge gave a Thought for the Day. She announced the following: Mary Ann Jones father passed away; Joyce Lacey-Kenney had fallen; Haley Hughes Simmons had lost her baby daughter who lived for 3 hours; and Marcie Ellington had fallen and broken her back. She asked that all our sisters be remembered with prayers and cards.

Gwynn Nell recognized Delta Kappa members for being hostesses for today's meeting.

Joyce Whitewing-Slate led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Gwynn Nell recognized the following: Sooner Senioretttes; Cathy Holsted, Past IC Council President/ESA Foundation Chair & Sooner Seniorettte; Vivian Gibson, Past ESA Foundation Director & Sooner Seniorettte; Joyce Whitewing-Slate and Billie Fritch, Dixie Palmer Founder and Sooner Senioretttes. There was 1 guest, 0 New Pledges, 0 DESA's, 0 Élan's, and 0 MESA's.

Gwynn Nell announced the following appointments: Committee to approve minutes of this meeting: Bunnie Sullins, Chair; Maxine Wheelan, Billie Fritch

Linda Voss, Chair of the committee to read the 68th Annual Oklahoma State Convention minutes reported the minutes will be placed on file as corrected.

Linda Southerland gave the treasurer's report. Beginning Balance on May 1, 2011, was \$3,374.50. Income was \$2,158.35; disbursements \$18.56, leaving a balance as of June 17, 2011, of \$5,414.29. The treasurer's report will be placed on file.

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Chaplain Linda Leveridge gave a devotional. Gwynn Nell suspended business at 11:30 so lunch could be served.

After lunch, Gwynn Nell called the meeting back to order at 12:30 p.m.

First Vice President/Nominating Chair/District Coordinator Advisor, Joyce Gibson, announced she needed members to step forward to fill chairmanships for next year's board.

Second Vice President/Educational Director, Tina McKamie, announced the educational theme for this year will be "Get Fit, Get Healthy."

The District Coordinators gave the following reports: District III Peggy Hughes announced her Leadership Seminar would be in Hominy on September 24; District V Ruth Thompson announced the Bridgeport Dunes in Eufaula would be the site of her Leadership Seminar on September 17; District II Sylvia Ochs announced her Leadership would be at the Noble Avenue Baptist Church in Guthrie on August 27; District IV Ellen Clark announced her leadership would begin with registration at 9:30 a.m. at Spencer's Event Center in Midwest City on September 10, and there would be an educational on the district project and surprises.

Care-Connection Coordinator, Peggie Sprinkle, announced she would like to recognize all Oklahoma chapters who provide services and support to our military personnel, their families, and veterans and will publish chapter accomplishments in the PJ. She is compiling a notebook showcasing chapter/individual activities, so send her information. She had a list of suggestions at each table.

Delta Kappa members performed a skit to invite everyone to the 2012 Oklahoma State Convention ESA in the Country at the famous Holiday Inn, Norman, on April 27-29, 2012.

ESA Foundation Counselor, Ramona Paine-Means, asked if anyone could help Kathy Loyd, IC Endowment/Scholarship Chair who is updating the Myre Starr Honorarium Endowment. She needs documentation to support the judging criteria "A" which is now being used. Also the Hawkins Tuma Endowment has no documentation. Contact Ramona if you have knowledge about these 2 scholarships.

Membership Chair, Mary Johnson, asked that every function a chapter does include something to promote membership. Her theme this year has been expanded; it is now "Hallelujah brothers and sisters, we are ESA proud!"

Directory Chair Mary Adams reported new directories are printed and available. There were 105 printed and as of today 83 directories had been sold for an income of \$670.00. The cost to print was \$450.07.

ESA for St. Jude Chair, Judi York, sent a written report. She encouraged members to let her know if they wished to help with the Give Thanks Walk in either Tulsa or Oklahoma City to be held on Saturday, November 19, 2011.

Corresponding Secretary Sue Knight received regrets from the following: Patsy Timmons, Rosalie Griffith, Judi York, Deb Hughes, and Hali Hughes Simmons. The following corrections need to be made in the new directory: p. 30 Linda Leveridge's address should be 228 Atterberry St.; p. 14 Linda Voss's home phone should be 405.277.3290; p 26 Billye Peterson's address should be 19513 Fieldshire Dr, Edmond 73012.; p. 5 Jacque Edward's email should be jerac09@hotmail.com; p. 3 Sept 24 Dist III meeting should be Hominy. Sue encouraged everyone to register for State Convention, to buy a convention charm, and to sign up if you are attending IC convention in Overland Park, Kansas. She announced the next State Council & Leadership meeting would be August 13, 2011.

Cathy Holsted, 2012 IC Convention Chair, announced she will attend a planning meeting in August to get all decorations and events OK'd; and that at the State Leadership meeting, there will be an IC Convention planning meeting. She also encouraged those members attending next month's IC convention to wear the Oklahoma Red Dirt attire and attend the welcome party.

Peggie Sprinkle moved that members working the Dream Homes in Tulsa and Oklahoma City be counted as attending today's meeting. Motion carried.

Gwynn Nell asked for announcements. The following were made: Jacque Edwards asked for 9 more volunteers for the Dream Home giveaway on June 26 on Fox 25. She asked if anyone is going to IC and is receiving a longevity pin to turn your name into her today as they must be given to IC within 48 hours; Robbin Brown announced the following winners for 2012 state convention registration: 1st place Jacque Edwards, 2nd place Peggie Sprinkle, and 3rd place Peggy Hughes.

Door prizes were won by the following: Sylvia Ochs, Judy Cravens, Billye Peterson, Donna Shook, Joyce Whitewing-Slate, Billie Fritch, and Vivian Gibson.

Cathy Holsted announced Donna Shook won the raffle drawing at her 50/50 booth.

Gwynn Nell announced the August 13 Leadership at the Holiday Inn in Norman would have Shopping on the Mall. Tables will be \$10.

Gwynn Nell declared the meeting adjourned at 1:47 p.m. Lora Thompson led everyone in the closing ritual.

Dr. Billye Peterson
Recording Secretary

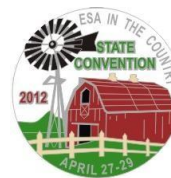
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2011-2012 Calendar of Events

2011

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Saturday, September 10	District IV Leadership Meeting Midwest City
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Saturday, September 24	District III Leadership Meeting Hominy
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2012

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