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BEAMS from your President

Facets of Leadership

Leadership has many facets. When you become an ESA member, your leadership skills were recognized. Consider the following variety of leadership styles. Where do you fit in?

- A lot of members are like a wheelbarrow-no good unless pushed.
- Some are like kites-if a string isn’t on them, they’ll fly away.
- Some are like kittens-content when petted.
- Some are like footballs-can’t tell which way they’ll bounce next.
- Some are like balloons-full of wind and ready to blow up.
- Some are like trailers – they have to be pulled.

Most chapters have recently installed officers who will lead them this year. This is an important responsibility for those who have assumed chapter leadership. It is my hope that presidents, committee chairman leaders, and members have made plans to attend the “ESA Pow-Wow Leadership” to be held on August 19th at the Nigh Center on the campus of UCO in Edmond. Each of the state officers and board chairmen has prepared information about their responsibilities, and this information will make your chapter flourish.

A change of leaders is a change for the entire chapter. Each leader has her style of leading. Some of us are organizers. Some of us are procrastinators. Some of us work well as a team person; some of us would rather “do it” ourselves. Whatever the style, every president leads with caring, sharing, and exuberance for the chapter and the state organization. Experience has taught us that the leaders are only as strong as the entire chapter. Chapters that have had strong leaders who still are contributors do well. Some chapters need to be pulled up “by the bootstraps.” Whatever your chapter situation, it is up to you-each member to offer suggestions. Consider ESA to be “time out for you.”

If you missed the June State Council meeting you were missed! Seventy-four members and two DESA’s joined us for business and FUN. Barbara Stapleton and Cheryl LaMascus gave a program on “Membership.”

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Goodbye Spring, Hello Summer
By Bunnie Sullins – 1st Vice President/Nominating Chairman

Well, Ladies, summer is upon us, and before you turn around, you will be wondering where the year has gone. Saturday June 23 we had our first meetings of the new ESA year. The District Coordinators and Vice Coordinators have wonderful things planned for their Leaderships; mark your calendars NOW. We had a round table discussion about District meetings, membership and some other topics you will find out about later.

The nominating committee met Saturday morning, and I'm here to tell you it is not too early to start thinking about which office you would like to hold next year (elected or appointed). My plan is to have at least (2) running for each elected office, (think what fun you will have planning your skits for Friday night at convention), the more the merrier, and appointed offices filled by January. (I'm not a last minute girl). The nominating committee will be doing some fun things at the Council meetings, so make plans to be there, don't miss out. There are forms on the web site, and in this issue of the PJ. It will only take 5 minutes of your time to look it over and fill one out. They can be e-mailed or snail mailed to me or one of the other nominating committee members: Vivian Gibson, Linda Voss, Peggy Eversole and Nadine Moyer. **Remember ESA is only as good as YOU make it.** See you in August at Leadership.

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“INDULGE YOURSELF”

An Education Theme for 2007-2008 OK State Council
By Educational Chairman –Deb Hughes

The theme I have selected for our Oklahoma 2007-2008 educational programs is **“Indulge Yourself.”** I will admit that it sounds a bit unusual however I think this can be engaging and entertaining at the same time. “Indulge” is a verb, a word indicating action and that is exactly what I would personally like to see in our educational programs this year ... interactive programs and activity/action. Think outside of the box and beyond the oral reports of the past. Use other forms of presentation for your programs. The list is endless, you can take a tour, create a game, have a hands-on learning experience, visual and auditory aids, etc. The design is to involve everyone, share something new and at the same time create an enjoyable time with your chapter! If you are saying, “I cannot think of anything” just send me a quick email or phone call and I'll be glad to offer a few suggestions as I have an l-o-n-g list. Use this as an opportunity to permit yourself a treat. Allow yourself to have or do something enjoyable, spoil yourself and yes, even pamper yourself. This is the time to **“Indulge yourself”** and act upon something you have always wanted to do or study, personally or as a chapter, but didn't quite have the time to fit it in our busy chapter schedules and projects. I hope

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every chapter will take this opportunity to “indulge.”

A new feature this year will be a newsletter sent regularly to the chapter educational directors. If you are the chapter educational director and have not received the June or July issue of the newsletter, *please contact me immediately*. **I don’t want a single chapter to be left out.**

Our chapters all have extraordinary programs. and I think it is time for our members across the state to learn about them too. To that end, I would like to share how the chapters across the state are involving their members and what you are experiencing. Our organization was created because the women wanted more in their personal lives. I hope we can revive that energy of our founders.

I sincerely hope that each chapter will consider submitting six or more reports to qualify for the Gold Link Award. Even if you haven’t done this in a while, now is the time to start your planning. As you are developing your educational programs, consider creating a Gold Seal Entry. Sure it requires a little time and effort on your part, but it is also a wonderful tool to share with your prospective members about some of the programs you have completed. Wouldn’t it be grand if your guest speaker became your new member too!

It would be fantastic to have every chapter educational director to be eligible to be nominated by your chapter president for Distinguished Athenian, so please use this as an opportunity to permit yourself a treat. Allow yourself to have or do something enjoyable, spoil yourself, and yes, even pamper yourself. This is the time to “**Indulge yourself**” and act upon something you have always wanted to do or to study, personally or as a chapter, but didn’t quite have the time to fit it in our busy chapter schedules and projects. I hope every chapter will take this opportunity to “indulge.”

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I hope you had a GREAT summer. Some times it goes by so fast that we really didn’t get to enjoy it. As you start your new sorority year, there will be a lot of items to get done. On that “get done” list, don’t forget to pay your chapter and members dues. Encourage your chapter treasurer to send your chapter dues NOW so you won’t be caught up in all of those other things to do and forget. **REMEMBER** the members dues are **\$3.00** now, **NOT** \$2.00. Send your check to me: Gwynn Nell Swanson, Oklahoma State Council Treasurer, 2406 CR 1280, Blanchard, OK 73010.

I believe we can have 100% of chapter dues paid this year. Please don’t let me down! State and members dues have to be paid before January 1, 2008, to be eligible for voting rights at State convention. So if you pay them early, you don’t have to worry later whether they are paid or not.

Let's "get r done" this year and have a 100% chapter dues paid.
See you at the August Leadership. BE SURE TO BRING YOUR CHECK BOOK.
I WILL ACCEPT PAYMENT THEN and you can save that stamp!

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Project Director
By Jacque Edwards – Director

June Council News! Your generous donations to the State Project Fund in 2006-2007 totaled approximately \$3,879.84. You decided to spend the money as follows: OSD-95 students - \$1947.85 which included the following a 41" Hex Top Table s/6 bench chair seating plus freight; 10 Board Games; 5 Video Games for Play Station; 1 (10") Trike; 1 (12") Trike and 1 (14") Trike. **TOUR DATE – Oct. 13.** OSB – 83 students - \$1770.00 which included (7) Sony Play Station II's; (7) Controllers; (20) Various Games; (10) Pool Cues; and both Girls' and Boys' toys. **TOUR DATE – Feb. 23, 2008.** Thank you Sooner Seniorette Judi York for your donation to cover the overage above.

Now that we have spent all that money, it will be important for your chapter to consider a donation to replenish the State Project Fund for 2007-2008. Please consider increasing your contributions by 10-15 percent for those children less fortunate. So far, I have received donations from KA (Tulsa), ZG (Shawnee), and Jacque Edwards.

Remember the ADOPTION/RE-ADOPTION forms can be found on the website. Please return the forms to me no later than August 30. As soon as I have the names, I will contact each chapter and/or individual. **There is someone for everyone.**

I am on a mission to purchase a little gift for our adopted students when we tour for the chapters who are unable to attend. A love offering was taken at the June Council meeting, and another will be at the August meeting. \$212.00 was collected and should purchase 40 gifts. My first priority will be to purchase a gift for the adopted students, and if money permits, I will purchase something for the other children. This is an individual participation and open to anyone. Jennye Hickman has offered to print a name tag for our adopted students and the adopting chapter, so that we can identify our students a little easier.

At the August Leadership and the September District Leadership meeting, I will happily accept bags of Halloween candy for treat bags. If you wish to contribute money for gifts, please send it directly too me and not to the State Project Fund. Remember this is a voluntary thing that I wish to do, and my chapter will do the shopping for you. My email address:

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Petticoat Journal
By Donna Shook

Whew! To all the ladies who have done this job before, bless you! As many will be sending me articles in the future, please do not put them in columns. Just type them as you would like to have them entered, but do not be offended if I shorten the article or rearrange it. I will only do so if I need the space, etc. Judi York (IC State Membership Chair) sent this letter to all chapter presidents: Dear (Chapter President): At the March ESA State Council meeting, it was voted to take the Petticoat Journal in a new direction. This will enable it to be available to more members in the state.

The Petticoat Journal will be delivered free of charge in an electronic format to each member who provides their email address to the State President. This new service will begin with the August/September issue of the Petticoat Journal. If you have a member who would rather receive a printed copy via US Mail, the cost will be \$10.00 per subscription. However, this printed version will not be bound. It will be a copy and will be mailed First Class. Please email State President Ramona Paine with your members email info if they wish to receive the emailed version of the Petticoat Journal or have your members fill out the enclosed form with their email address for the free subscription and/or their mailing address and a check for the printed copy. We hope to hear from you and get your input about this electronic version of the newsletter. Hopefully, this answers many of your questions.

Donna Shook

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DISTRICT II

By Linda Southerland - Coordinator

Greetings to my ESA Sisters!

So far, being a district coordinator has been easy! The hard part is just beginning. I have made some plans for the District II Leadership that will be held in Clinton on September 15, 2007. The registration will start at 9:00 AM and the meeting will begin at 9:30. I am planning to serve rolls, coffee, and juice prior to the meeting. We (Beta Psi) will serve lunch at a cost of \$5 with the proceeds going to our District II Scholarship project. Aletha Bolt, my vice coordinator, will conduct a part of the leadership program, and I have another outstanding speaker to complete the leadership. I think it will be great. I plan to finish the day around 3:00.

I am looking forward to all my sisters across the state coming to Clinton in September.

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DISTRICT III

By Rita Hains - Coordinator

Ready for some fun, food, fellowship, and education? Then mark your calendar for **Saturday, September 29** and meet us in Owasso at the Owasso Community Center for the

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District III Leadership. Our theme this year is “ESA – The Living Tree,” and we would like all our branches to join us to make us complete. We are looking forward to having our wonderful! sisters from all over the state visit our hometown to enjoy the day together. Details and a map will be mailed and/or e-mailed to each chapter in August. If you have any questions or suggestions, please contact me at 918-760-4661 or Rita-Hains@ouhsc.edu. See you in September.

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DISTRICT III LEADERSHIP
ESA – The Living Tree

Come on over to Owasso
Saturday, September 29, 2007
Owasso Community Center

Registration 9:30 am ---- Leadership 10:00 am

We'll have the coffee fresh & hot for your arrival. Join us for good food, good fun, good fellowship, and some excellent educationals.

Maps and agenda details will be mailed & e-mailed to each chapter. Please contact Rita Hains, 918-760-4661, Rita-Hains@ouhsc.edu if you have any questions. We see you in September!!

DISTRICT IV
By Mary Toole – Coordinator

The District IV executive board will have met on Saturday, July 21st. at the home of District IV coordinator Mary Toole to plan for District IV fall meeting. District IV Leadership will be September 22, 10:00 a.m. at First Christian Church in Shawnee. All District members, State officers, Sooner Senioresses, and anyone else who is interested are cordially invited to attend. Guest speaker will be Gail Sams, who works for the American Cancer Society and is a Leadership teacher.

We are also hoping to get John Phillips, whose granddaughter is a cancer survivor and former patient at St. Jude's, to speak.

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DISTRICT V
By Mona Martin

The Ladies of District V are alive and well. This summer most of us are taking a much needed break from the busy year we had in 2007. On August 25, 2007, District V will be

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hosting our Leadership Meeting in McAlester. Registration for the meeting will be at 10:00 and a short informal business meeting until noon. The afternoon will be fun and energetic with Mona Martin, leading the Leadership Activities. "True Colors" will be the theme, with those attending discovering not only their True Colors, but ways to relax, to be calm, and discover how they are perceived by others.

The afternoon will promise energy and fun. Please plan to attend. Lunch will be provided by the *Wonderful Ladies of Beta Iota, McAlester #4283*. The location of the Leadership will be at the First Freewill Baptist Church Meeting Hall located behind the church itself. The address is 332 West Carl Albert Parkway. Please do not hesitate to call me at 918-465-2459 or 918-429-2343 for directions to the church... Hope to see you there...

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**To My Sisters throughout the State
By Joy Agan, State Chaplin**

I, as your state Chaplin, welcome any of your joys, concerns, or prayer requests regarding your chapter ESA sisters or their families. I will always do my best to promptly forward your messages throughout the state and the International Council Chaplain. When sending information, please include the person's name, the chapter to which the member belongs, and a mailing address for sending cards or letters. You may reach me at the following e-mail address: eaja1116@prodigy.net or mailing address: 1116 Sherwood Road, Clinton, Ok. 73061

Cards and letters sent since state convention: David Michaels, husband of Ann Michaels, Delta Epsilon, Del City, is in the Midwest Regional Medical Center, CCU-Cardiac Care in critical condition from a heart attack. Thinking of you card to Dr. Billye Peterson, Gamma Zeta, Edmond. Charlene Law, Gamma Delta-Tulsa: her brother-in-law has liver cancer. Charlene Harrell, Sigma Chi, Inola, is recovering from surgery. Pam Wasson, Beta Iota, McAlester: her husband Jim lost his mother. Cathy May, Beta Psi, Clinton: her husband Mike has terminal cancer, and Cathy is recovering from surgery. Emily Eller, Nu Delta, Muskogee: her husband Brent was involved in a boating accident. Bobbie Shaw, Eta Pi, Lawton, is recovering from brain surgery. Gladys Murphy, Gamma Delta, Tulsa, had triple-bypass surgery. Connie Bartlett, Beta Gamma, Tulsa, is recovering from surgery. Wilbur Gibson, husband of Vivian Gibson, Delta Kappa, Norman, was admitted to the hospital for tests.

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**Contest Rules Updated
By Mary Ann Jones-Contest Chair**

I encourage each chapter to plan to enter contests this year. There will be a summary of these rules printed on pages 22-24 in the PJ. Changes to Publicity, Diana and Outstanding Chapter contests were approved at the June State Council meeting. Please go in <http://members.cox.net/oklaesa/> or www.esaintl.com (IC and ESA Links to Oklahoma) to review the judging sheets for the contest.

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**DIANA Rules
By Dr. Billye Peterson**

Selecting a Distinguished International Academy of Noble Achievement (DIANA) honoree not only recognizes a very special person who has unselfishly given of themselves but also is an opportunity to publicize ESA. Please consider entering the state DIANA contest (all local DIANA award recipients will be displayed during IC, but no International DIANA winner will be selected). Here's a Plan for Success:

- By October 1 Select a DIANA Chair from your chapter
- By October 15 Distribute nomination forms either by person or via mail
- By October 15 Select 3-5 respected community non-ESA individuals to serve as judges
- By December 15 Nomination Forms should be returned; review nomination entries and choose best photos for publicity
- By February 15 Judging should be completed but winner not disclosed. Send thank you letter to judges and provide tickets to your Award Presentation
- Last full week in February Award presented during a special occasion; other finalists introduced and also honored
- By April 1 forward local winner information to me!
It's that simple! Can't wait to hear from your chapter!

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IDEAS FOR EASTER SEALS DONATIONS

By Peggy Eversole-Chairman

HAVE YOU HEARD? Easter Seals annually serves 1.3 million plus people with autism and other disabilities and their families. For 25 years the National Health Council has ranked Easter Seals first for “highest percentage (94%) spent on direct services.” For more than 25 years of the past 85 years, Easter Seals has been offering help and hope to the disabled, and ESA has been partnering with Easter Seals. ESA’s commitment to Easter Seals is creating solutions which change the lives of people with disabilities. As we prepare for this new chapter year, let’s make our commitment to support Easter Seals even stronger. Plan to include a donation to Easter Seals in the chapter budget. Or better yet, plan a special fund raiser to benefit Easter Seals. Let’s continue our participation in the Cartridges for Kids recycling program. CFK pays Easter Seals for used cell phones and empty inkjets, laser, fax and copier cartridges by giving ESA credit for money raised. You may bring these to me at State Meetings or register and receive mailing labels. Contact Cartridges for Kids directly at 800-420-0235 or CONTACT@CARTRIDGESFOR KIDS.COM. Be sure to always include your chapter information when you mail in your cartridges, etc. Yours in ESA friendship,

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ESA Foundation News

By Linda Voss-Foundation Counselor

Great day to each of you! Just like the rains have swollen the rivers, lakes, and streams, I hope that each of you is ready to add to the ESA Foundation a generous donation that will indeed swell the coffers of our great Foundation. Maybe you will plan to join the ESA Foundation this year at the bargain price of \$25.00. Or maybe you remember how great it is that you have a vote in the decision making of the board members of our fine ESA Foundation and plan to pay your dues early. March 1, 2008, is the deadline for dues, and they must be in to the ESA Foundation office by that time for you to be able to cast your vote. Oklahoma deserves to have every vote possible because we have always had the very best representation on the ESA Foundation Board that can be had. Or maybe this is the year to make your donation to one of our many scholarships. A donation makes the best of gifts for yourself or maybe a secret sister! (NO DUSTING) This gift is always the one that gets smiles! Or your might be thinking of just how satisfying it would be to give the ESA Foundation by way of a gift from you in your will.! There are so many opportunities to be a part of the education of our future! WOW! It makes you feel good all over, doesn't it?

Just ask one of our newest members – C.J. Stuart! Congratulations! What a great way to

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start off a new ESA year. Please don't hesitate to contact me with any questions that you may have. My address is: 17520 NE 164th Street, Luther, OK 73054. Or just call and leave me a message on my cell phone (405-694-0928). Thanks and have a great ESA Foundation day!

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Junior Membership
By Cheryl LaMascus - Chairman

Hello ESA Sisters! It is time to start thinking about rush parties for your chapter. Barbara Stapleton and I are available to help you and your chapter with anything you might need to have a successful rush. If your chapter comes up with a great idea for a rush party, please share it with your sisters. It might work for them as well. Barbara and I look forward to hearing all about your chapter's successful rush party. Share ESA.

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MEMBER STRATEGY
By Barbara Stapleton – Senior Membership Chair

Why did you join ESA? The answer is simple. You were asked. I encourage each of you to “Light the Path to ESA’s Future” by simply asking someone to join you and become your “sister.” What is our goal for Oklahoma ESA membership? Our Goal is **Net Membership Growth**. Simply put, **Net Growth** means we have to pledge and /or reinstate more members than we lose each year.

In April and May this year, we gained 24 new pledges. Sounds great, and I am so proud and thankful to all of you who sponsored and all of you who pledged ESA. However, during those same months, we lost 28 members. For each member who leaves ESA, for whatever reason, we need two or three new members to replace them. That is the only way we will attain our **GOAL OF NET MEMBERSHIP GROWTH**.

New members are the life and the future of ESA. Without new members and growth, ESA will cease to exist. We simply cannot allow this to happen! We may need to be more innovative and creative; we need to overcome our timidity toward approaching potential members. It is time to change our membership strategy and promote and sell our organization. We need to show as well as tell the public about all the good things we accomplish and of all the opportunities available to them by joining ESA.

At the June State Council meetings, when members were asked how they could visibly and

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verbally promote and sell ESA, these are just a few of their responses:

VISIBLY – ESA Business Cards are easy to carry, hand out and look professional; ESA clothing, jewelry; carry brochures; car tags; community cable; ESA flags at parades, fund raisers, special events; newspaper articles; newcomers clubs; join Chamber of Commerce; get on city events calendars; participate in community activities as a group.

VERBALLY – Make presentations to other organizations; invite local dignitaries; give ESA elevators talks; public service announcements; emphasize contributions to St. Jude and encourage former patients to assist; tell others how ESA helped you personally.

Net Growth is not a dream. It is a realistic, reachable, attainable goal and with your commitment to recruit new members while retaining and reinstating current members, we can achieve our goal. I have faith in you. You must believe in yourself. Remember, all things are possible for those who believe.

Barbara Stapleton
Senior Membership Chair

**PHILANTHROPIC
By Nancy Buck – Chair**

Welcome back! Here we go again. The main thought for this article will be to remind all chapters to please send in your Philanthropic reports to me either monthly, quarterly, or one time only by the final due date of April 1, 2008. Too, I would remind you when reporting mileage, only report actual mileage. I will do the conversion. Keep in mind there are TWO DIVISIONS: 15 members or less and 16 members or more. This is a new “Adventure” for me so be patient with me. If you have any questions, send them to me via e-mail OKNBUCH@AOL.COM or mail them to 107 South Rockwell, Blanchard, Oklahoma 73010. You may also call at 405-485-9707 or 405-627-0377. If I do not know the answer, I will find someone who can answer your question. Let’s “look for the lighthouse light together” and find our way through another very successful year in ESA and Have Fun doing it. Hope to see all of you at the August Leadership.

Nancy Buck – Philanthropic Chairman

**Scrapbook Reminders
By Nadine Weatherly- Chair**

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

My address is: Nadine Weatherly;
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ZETA GAMMA CHAPTER NEWS SHAWNEE

Eight members of Zeta Gamma had a great time attending Oklahoma ESA Convention. Gwen Beasley, Lola Jaegers, Michelle McKnight, Linda Voss, Lora Thompson, Shirley Wajda, and Mary Ann Jones were excited to see Mary Toole installed as District IV Coordinator.

President Linda Voss has Zeta Gamma well organized, and the calendar has been set for 2007-2008 year. Education Chair Mary Toole has already given autobiographies for Gwen Beasley, Lola Jaegers, Lora Thompson, and Mary Toole. We are finding out lots of information that we never knew about our members with expectations of more to come.

By Mary Ann Jones

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TULSA AREA COUNCIL

Happy Summertime! Tulsa Area Council has been very busy this year already. But first a quick recap of what our entertaining President, Barbara Childers and TAC members have been up to. February had members discussing upcoming events for 2007. We will continue supporting Hope for Heroes. Kappa Alpha hosted. Barbara Stapleton pleads to chapters to promote membership growth. District III Meeting/Installation took us to Parkview, where members enjoyed our visit with our adoptive children and performance by their Jazz Band. Rita Hains, Eta Mu, was installed as coordinator.

March meeting had Barbara Cordingley, Y-ME of National Breast Cancer Organization, discussed the organizations purpose and gave testimonial on how cancer has affected her and her family. Meeting was hosted by Beta Gamma. TAC hosted a St. Jude Radiothon on March 29/30. Thank you to all that participated and donated.

April had ALSAC Reps Chasity Satterfield and Annie Beecher present updates on Research and continuing strides St. Jude makes, including upcoming fund raising events. Barbara Stapleton asks for donations for Burn Camp #9 in August. Donations should focus on "Tie-die; Peace/Love/Flower Power". Eta Mu hostesses had Easter Eggstravaga. Rae McGuire's Anna Lee dolls were a hit. Oklahoma State Council Convention had all chapters of TAC represented. We are so proud of those that received awards and continue supporting their "special projects". We had a BLAST!!! Thank you to you and your board. Congrats to Ramona and hers.

May brought Nancy Schallner from Tulsa Historical Society. Nancy presented a slide show on History of Tulsa's Downtown Theaters. Many members rekindled their childhoods by looking at those buildings. It was a great insight on our past. Gamma Delta hosted. Our Founders Day Tea on May 6 brought many Oklahoma State Council Executive & General Board members. Thank you to Ramona Paine & Joyce Whitewing that helped present awards and those that traveled across the state. It was hosted by Jeanne Kindley and Beta Gamma.

By this edition of the PJ, TAC will have hosted a "Bunko Bash" on July 27 to help raise money for Tulsa Community College Achieves Scholarship Book Fund. We hope you enjoyed the event. August's first event will be hosted by Kappa Alpha to "Celebrate Oklahoma's 100 Years!"

Leslie Farabee, TAC Publicity Chair

DELTA KAPPA - NORMAN

Grrrreetings from Norman! Delta Kappa had a great time at convention this year, and we are well represented on the state board! Gwynn Swanson will be treasurer; Joyce Gibson-Madden will be parliamentarian, Vivian Gibson will serve as corresponding secretary, and Nancy Buck will be philanthropic chairman. We were delighted when Pat Langdon won the Distinguished Athenian Award! Her reaction was a delight to watch as she was caught completely by surprise. Ritchie Rodriguez was great fun at the banquet and watching Nancy Buck and Ritchie singing "Coal Miner's Daughter" was a real scream! We were all very touched to see former Delta Kappa member Kay McWain remembered at the Memorial Service on Sunday morning.

We have four members traveling to Seattle for IC convention: Vivian Gibson, Joyce Gibson-Madden, Nancy Buck and Gwynn Swanson. Sister Wilbur Gibson will also be making the trip. Vivian will be a candidate for the Foundation Board. Good luck to Vivian!

Before we adjourned for the summer, we had our chapter awards banquet. Wanda Morrow received her 35-year pin; Mary Rohr received her 5th Degree Pallas Athene; and Sharon McGuire received her First Pearl and Outstanding First Year Member. Nancy Buck received the President's Trophy and Mozelle Smith was elected Delta Kappa's Woman of the Year.

Kudos to Ramona Paine for a wonderful June Council Meeting!! Hope to see many of you at State Leadership in August!

Until Next Time

Karen Nix, Publicity Chairman

HELLO FROM BETA GAMMA - TULSA

Our year has started out great with President Deb Hughes announcing her theme "BELIEVE" with a shooting star. Her board is VP-Peggie Sprinkle, Sec-Cheryl LaMascus, Treas-Judi York, and Parl. Jeanne Kindley. We had a family event at Discoveryland which became rained out, but we had a good meal and enjoyed meeting some of the husbands while visiting with Barbara Stapleton and her husband.

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We are very much involved with the Tulsa Area Council Arts& Craft BUNKO fundraiser for Tulsa Community College Achieves Scholarship Book Fund. We will continue with Boxes for Heroes, Easter Seals, Emergency Infant Services of Tulsa, St. Jude's hospital fund raising (we have a Dream House coming up in April) and the Oklahoma School for the Blind.

The Oklahoma State Convention was great and we are looking forward to next year. Members attending the first State Council Meeting were impressed and enjoyed the educational given by Deb and all the great work done by Barbara and Cheryl. Seems Beta Gamma sisters love ESA and want to see it grow.

HAPPY SUMMER TO ALL OUR OKLAHOMA SISTERS!

Peggie Sprinkle, Publicity Chairperson

BETA ZETA #3158

Hello to all our ESA sisters. Hope your last few months have been as active and enjoyable as ours have been. In addition to our meetings we have had a Founder's Day luncheon, a garage sale and our annual breakfast.

Founder's Day was held at Northfork. We were honored to have Ramona Paine, Maxine Wheelan and Dana Terrell with us. Ramona conducted our installation and Maxine presented Billie Fitch with her 40 year pin and Lucy Abney with her 20 year pin. We are so proud of them both. Billie is our newly installed chapter president and Lucy is our secretary.

Many chapter members--and Joe Bussey-- helped with the successful garage sale. Thanks to the plentiful donations of several members, their efforts gave a welcome boost to our treasury.

Barbara Fairbairn ended the spring activities with another of her outstanding breakfast gatherings. The weather cooperated and we enjoyed her exceptionally well kept patio and garden and her delicious food. Thanks, Barbara, you are truly a domestic goddess.

We hope everyone survives the rains and flooding and enjoys their summer.

Vera Hefner, Publicity Chairman

OMEGA PI #3832 - TULSA

How proud we are of our Oklahoma ESA sisters for their accomplishments during the past year. It was wonderful to see the fruits of our labor highlighted at the convention in April and we were thrilled at the amount of money raised for the charities that are so dear to our hearts! We were especially delighted Omega Pi snared a couple of awards this year. A heartfelt thank-you goes to Aletha, her convention committee, and the hostess chapters for

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making the convention so enjoyable. Congratulations to Robbin and her board on a very successful year. We look forward to working with Ramona and her board this coming year.

Omega Pi members continue to support our local doctors and hospitals in the manner to which they have become accustomed. We buy get-well and thinking-of-you cards in bulk now. It's hard to understand how with all the illnesses and injuries our members endure, someone seems to always be flitting off to foreign lands or islands on exotic vacations.

We are busy rooting, digging, and potting plants for our seemingly annual plant sale fundraiser. I think we have inbred perennials in all of our yards. Melba's cannas have sprung up everywhere. Everyone has some of my Snow On The Mountain that originated with my grandmother. We all have some of Billie's wonderful groundcover that makes terrific filler for patio pots. It's so nice to look at a plant and associate it with a beloved relative or a good friend and sister. It seems to give a yard more character.

Jenny Lizama's mother was visiting from New York and attended our June business meeting. We were so pleased to meet her and are hoping to attract Jenny's sister as a new member when she moves here later this year. Jenny has been such a wonderful addition to our chapter; we wish every chapter in Oklahoma could have just one new member like Jenny.

Plans are in progress for an upcoming Tulsa Area Council fundraiser for the Tulsa Community College book fund. It looks like it's going to be a busy summer in Tulsa.

Donna Gibbs, Publicity Chairman

THETA TAU #4563 - KINGFISHER

Theta Tau installed new officers for 2007-2008 at the installation/social on May 16th at the home of Cynthia Eaton. The new officers are: Terri Stake, President; Cynthia Eaton, Vice President; Donna Shook, Secretary; Cathy Holsted, Treasurer; Delores Armstrong, Educational Director and Stormy Simmons, Parliamentarian. Cathy Holsted was the installing officer and Terrie's theme is "Theta Tau Oklahoma's Angels.

The members gathered on May 29th with Chef Cathy and her bakers to make approximately 90 dozen cinnamon rolls in one day.

Those serving as Honor Guard during the installation of Ramona Paine were Terri Stake, Misty Blundell, Stormy Simmons, Madell Henderson, Lavenia Boutwell, Delores Armstrong, Donna Shook, and Dana Terrell. Cathy Holsted was the installing officer.

Several members from the chapter are serving with State President Ramona as elected officers. Several members from the chapter are serving with State President Ramona as elected officers and Board Members: Donna Shook Petticoat Journal editor, Dana Terrell, Outstanding Youth and 2008 Convention Treasurer, Cathy Holsted, 2008 Convention Chairman and Delores Armstrong, Administrative Assistant.

Ramona Paine
Publicity Chairman

DELTA CHI

March was a busy month for Delta Chi as we were getting Maxine ready for the last state meeting before the State Convention. Laura and Fran were there to help her sell stuffed animals for Easter Seals. Maxine was Registration Chairman at State Convention at the Reed Center; everyone in Delta Chi was proud of her and the five members who attended the convention. The stuffed dolls for convention were a hit with state members.

After March, programs were presented on the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier and Oklahoma History from 1980 to the Present. Then several members attended District IV's meeting to see new officers installed including Mary Toole, the coordinator, whose theme is "Stepping Out With ESA." Other officers will be Vice Coordinator Lora Beth Bishop; Recording Secretary Judy Montgomery; Treasurer Nancy Baucom; Parliamentarian Gwen Beasley; Corresponding Secretary Mary Ann Jones; and Junior Past Coordinator and Chairman of the Nominating Committee Jenna Conner. The installation was conducted by Lola Jaegers and Lora Thompson, with the shoe as the logo.

During State Convention, Maxine's hard work paid off as 158 women registered along with many men and guests for a total of 216 people. Fran, Laura, and Maxine attended the entire convention and were kept very busy. Louise Watkins received her 15 year pin, and Laura received her 40 year pin.

To end the year, Delta Chi held their May meeting at Louise Watkins before everyone took a break for the summer. Thanks to everyone for all their help on Convention 2007: Delta Chi, the officers and chairwomen of Oklahoma State Council, (and particularly Aletha Bolt, our chair who did a really great job), and all the members. The convention was fantastic!

Maxine Wheelan, Publicity Chairman

KAPPA THETA #5414 - GUTHRIE

We had a good attendance from our members for State Convention. Those attending were Jacque Edwards, Marie Thomas, Sylvia Ochs, Toni Ward, Shelly Labus, Connie Johnson, Connie Sanders, and DESA's Brittany Labus, Jessica Ward, and Danielle Woodard. All members reported a great time. We congratulate Jacque on being elected State Project Director and congratulations to all our other wonderful new officers. Kappa Theta knows that you will all do a great job!

Members met on Thursday, May 23rd at the Italian Bistro in Guthrie for our officer installation for the 2007 - 2008 year. New slate of officers include Connie Johnson, President; Jane Garrard, Vice President; Marie Thomas, Secretary; Jacque Edwards, Treasurer; Shelly Labus, Parliamentarian; and Toni Ward, Educational Director. We were honored to have State President Ramona Paine as our installing officer. Thank you Ramona! Other guests attending were Rod Means, Ron Edwards, Doug Garrard, Cameron Johnson, Brittany Labus and Jessica Ward.

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ESA Foundation Past Chairman

Lola Jaegers

State Council Meeting was held on Saturday, June 23rd at Community Church in Guthrie with Kappa Theta members hosting the event. Ramona did an outstanding job hosting her first State Council Meeting. Tables were decorated with things that make our state great, and members had a wonderful time decorating for the event. It was great to see our ESA sisters, and we thank everyone for making the drive to Guthrie for our State Council meeting. Thank you to Ramona for choosing us to host the event in honor of this being our Centennial year.

Jacque Edwards is ready to attend International Convention in Seattle. I know she and all other Convention attendees will have a wonderful time and come home filled with excitement and wonderful new ideas that our chapters can use at home.

I hope that each of you had a wonderful and safe 4th of July! We send good wishes and happiness to each of you, our ESA sisters!

Connie Johnson, President and Publicity Chairman

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**EPSILON BETA
#5073 - ENID**

The members gathered in the home of Margaret Day on May 7th for social/installation of officers. Since all the officers will be serving for another term we just enjoyed a Mexican meal. Those serving for another term are: Lucille Teemley, President; Margaret Day, Secretary; Gerry Daniels, Treasurer; Ramona Paine, Educational Director and Joan O'Neill, Parliamentarian. Margaret Day, Roberta Roberts and Norma Roy served as Honor Guard for the installation of Ramona Paine as State President.

Epsilon Beta is enjoying socials and educationals this summer. Ramona Paine, Educational Director has selected the theme "Enid- Claiming Our Past, Inspiring Our Future." In June we toured the Museum of the Cherokee Strip" and saw pictures of early day Enid and the land run, and then we had ice cream at Braum's. July will see us having breakfast at the Barnstormer restaurant and the airport manager will give us a history of Woodring Airport and then we will see the War Memorial Wall at the entrance to the airport. Leonardo's Discovery and Adventure Quest will be our tour site for August with a surprise social.

Ramona Paine

Epsilon Sigma Alpha
INTERNATIONAL®

Mini-Educational: “What’s in your purse?”

To actively involve the members of your chapter and utilize the theme “**Indulge yourself**” here is an example of another way to present important information and engage your members in the process. The setting for this educational could be around a large table or at the very least, be sure everyone can see and hear each other. Be sure to bring your purses with you to the table.

I can hear your comments already wondering what is going to happen. Years ago a particular game show I remember from TV would give the ladies money for particular items in their purse. Well we can alter that a little today and charge a nickel, dime or quarter for each item selected and raise a few dollars at the same time for a particular cause important to your chapter. I have known some ladies that could live out of their purse for days. Let’s do a quick inspection. Tally points for:

- Identification in your wallet
- Each key on your key ring
- Each credit card in your wallet
- Each checkbook, count the checks
- Each photo of your children and/or grandchildren
- Your cell phone
- Each tube of lipstick

Where do you place your purse when you are dining at a restaurant; hopefully not on the back of a chair or on the floor beside you. Did you know your purse can disappear in mere seconds and the culprit is out the door before you even notice it is gone because you were busy chatting and laughing with your ESA friends. Local law enforcement officials suggest you place your purse in your lap or on the floor between your feet because you would definitely notice someone messing with your feet.

Now in all seriousness I would ask how many of you have your Social Security card in your wallet? While I would hate that any of my ESA friends would have their purse snatched, it can happen. Your Social Security card is the open door to the theft of your identity. When you get home, please remove your Social Security card from your wallet and place it in safekeeping where you place your “very important papers.”

Okay, remember above the number of credit cards? This is another area that can cause great distress in the unlikely event your purse is grabbed. Local law enforcement officials are suggesting that you only carry the credit card that you are planning to use on a particular shopping trip. Some would suggest only keeping one or two in your wallet at any given time.

Now, look for your checkbook in your purse. When it is time to re-order checks, don’t have the bank mail a box of checks to your home. Instead, go pick them up or have them mailed to a trusted friend’s business or get a P.O. box. Checks sitting in mailboxes at the curb or your front door are an easy target for identity thieves. Another useful tip is to not place your outgoing bill payments on your home mailbox. Take them to a post office or free standing postal mailbox. The raised flag, indicating your mail person to make a pick-up also signals unscrupulous people that you are sending a payment and they can just as easily pick up your mail and have access to your checking account and in some cases even your credit card information.

How many keys do you have on your key ring? Again, it is suggested to only have the ones you will need immediately. Perhaps you can keep your office keys or the keys to your kid’s home on another key ring. Do you know you can also use your keys as a weapon? If you have a long walk to/from your car in a parking lot, first safety measure is to ask the security guard to walk with you to your car. If that is not a possibility, thread your keys between your fingers so the key points out between your fingers. The key fob that has your alarm and unlocking mechanism is now in the palm of your hand and can easily be activated by your thumb. Practice it. By the way, I read an article last week that suggested that if you live alone to keep your car keys by your bed when you retire at night. If you hear a noise, you can easily activate the alarm on your car and that would be an alert to your neighbors to make an emergency call or check on you.

Speaking of your bedside, I hope that you have moved your cell phone there when you retire at night. Yes move the charging mechanism there too. In the event you need to place a quick emergency call, you have your cell right there beside you.

FUTURE MEETINGS

**Saturday,
August 1**
Committee
Meetings/
Membership
Workshop
the Nigh Center-
University of
Central
Oklahoma
(UCO)

**Sunday,
August 19**
State Leadership
Seminar at
the Nigh Center-
University of
Central
Oklahoma
(UCO)

**Saturday,
August 25**
District V
Leadership
McAlester

**Saturday,
September 15**
District II
Leadership
Clinton

**Saturday,
September 22**
District IV
Leadership
Shawnee

**Saturday,
September 29**
District III
Leadership
Owasso

It is now strongly suggested by law enforcement that you carry your cell phone in your pocket rather than your purse. Again, in the unfortunate event your purse is snatched you will be able to make an emergency call for assistance. By the way for those of you that do not have cell phones, you can now secure one for emergency purposes only. You may want to check with your police or sheriff's department for details. These special phones are customized to dial 9-1-1 and available specifically for seniors and women.

Another mistake many women make is to leave their purse in the top of the grocery cart as they shop. As seen on camera, law enforcement officials point out it is mere seconds and your purse is moving along the aisle with someone else while you are retrieving pickles on the bottom shelf. A good idea is to leave your purse at home and only carry your checkbook, credit card or cash for your purchase in your pocket or have your purse on your shoulder/arm as you move away from your cart.

One of the latest ploys to grab your attention is stopping to ask you for directions. While we all know, ESA members are helpful and friendly this is not the time. Just as we teach our children and grandchildren, don't give directions to strangers. Criminals often need us to stop for only a moment before they snatch a purse, put a gun in our face or try to kidnap us. They realize the one thing they can do to get us to stop, is to ask us for directions. Do not stop and do not help (even though it goes against our nice Oklahoma attitude). They can find directions from someone who works inside a nearby business where there are plenty of people.

When our Oklahoma weather turns nice, without the rains, it is tempting to roll down the car windows as we conduct our errands. Lock your car doors and roll up your windows. Take these simple steps to prevent someone from jumping into your car while you're stopped. Also, never leave your car running while you run in for a coffee or to warm it up in your drive-way. Car thieves are opportunists and work fast.

Remember those pictures of your children and/or grandchildren"? Just as you used to play the "what if" game with them enforcing and developing safety techniques, it is helpful to each of us to do the same. Develop a plan, just in case.

Now for the lipstick in your purse, get it out now. Grab your mirror and apply a fresh swipe of lipstick and smile, because you are aware of valuable tips for your personal safety and identify. By the way, how much money did you collect? If you need assistance preparing a special educational program for your chapter, please be sure to contact me.

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Resources & References:
<http://www.kotv.com>
<http://studentaffairs.tulane.edu/safety.htm>
<http://www.ou.edu/oupd/holtips.htm>
Tulsa Police Safety brochures
Cleveland County Sheriff Department



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Crowne Plaza – 2945 NW Expressway (405.848.4811) OKC, OK. 1.800.496.7621 .

April 25 – April 27, 2008 Registration Form

Member Name: _____ Member Number: _____

Address: _____ City, State, Zip: _____

Telephone Number: _____ FAX _____ E-Mail: _____

Chapter Name: _____ Chapter Number: _____

Check All That Apply: Chapter President Current/Previous IC Officer First Time Convention Goer
 Current/Previous ESAF Bd. Mbr. 2007-2008 Pledge Sooner Seniorette Special Diet Menu /Medical Reasons Only **

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

Men’s Registration

Name: _____ Husband/Escort of: _____

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

DESA Registration: Name: _____ Daughter of: _____

Check All That Apply:

- | | |
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| <input type="checkbox"/> Member’s Full Registration Fee
Cost: \$80.00
Includes:
Friday Night Mixer Party
Awards Luncheon
Installation Banquet
Sunday Brunch | <input type="checkbox"/> Men’s Registration Fee
Cost: \$40.00

<input type="checkbox"/> DESA Registration Fee
Cost: \$80.00 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Late Fee – Registration postmarked After April 15, 2008 Cost: \$25.00 | |

ENCLOSE CHECK PAYABLE TO: 2008 State Convention Fund
MAIL REGISTRATION FORM AND PAYMENT TO:Linda Southerland, 708 So 8th St., Clinton, OK 73601
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CANCELLATION: If you find it necessary to cancel this registration, the full amount less a \$15 processing fee will be refunded if your written cancellation is postmarked or faxed to 580.323.1804 no later than April 15, 2008. Seating at the Awards Luncheon and Installation Banquet will be assigned from registrations postmarked by the April 15, 2008, deadline. Registrations postmarked after April 15, 2008, will be assigned seating where vacancies exist....we cannot guarantee that late registrants will be seated with their chapters.

**Saturday,
November 10**

State Council
Meeting
Christmas Party/
Brunch
1st United Meth-
odist Church –
Hennessey

**Saturday,
March 15, 2008**

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

**Sunday,
March 16, 2008**

State Council
Meeting
Roman Nose
Resort –Watonga

April 25-27

**Oklahoma State
Convention
“Where in the
World is ESA?”
Crown Plaza
Oklahoma City**

GENERAL BOARD COMMITTEE CHAIRMAN 2008-2009

Please look over the openings that are available for next year. I may not know that you are interested in serving and this is my way of reaching out to those Members who would like to be a part of the Board. Please list your choice as 1, 2, and 3

General Contest Information and Guidelines

1. All entries are sent to the chairman of each respective contest
2. State dues must be paid on or before January 1 to be eligible for state contests and voting privileges
3. New chapters are not required to pay state dues until the May 1 following the 100th anniversary of their charter date
4. Contest entries and materials must be postmarked on or before March 1 to be eligible for DIANA, "What ESA Means to Me" and Outstanding Youth

ASSOCIATION OF THE ARTS

- a. Write short articles for PJ
- b. Promote & increase participation in....
- c. Host display room at convention
- d. Hold contest for judging & presenting awards
- e. Promote the different categories

AUDITOR

- a. Member of budget committee
- b. 1 article for PJ
- c. Auditing books
 1. OK State Council Treasurer
 2. Convention (after convention)
 3. Directory
 4. Petticoat Journal
 5. Project Director
 6. Optional: Districts

CHAPLAIN

- a. Invocation (Council meetings & Convention before meals)
- b. Flag Salute & Devotional
- c. Send cards/letters on illness, death, special occasions
- d. 5 articles to Petticoat Journal
- e. Memorial service

EASTER SEALS

- a. Work closely with State Easter Seals office
- b. Encourage chapters to sell candy or other fundraiser

DIANA

- a. Secure packet from ESA Headquarters for forms
- b. Article for Petticoat Journal
- c. Encourage chapters to nominate a DIANA
- d. After judging notify sponsoring chapters
- e. Order DIANA certificate and folder from Headquarters
- f. Check the Blue Book/Policy manual for further information

DIRECTORY

- a. Complete list of State Executive & General Board
- b. Complete membership list
- c. Meeting dates
- d. Compile a Directory of pertinent information
- e. Have ready by June State Council meeting

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

5. Scrapbook will be for display only at convention.

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

7. All contest IC guidelines will follow these guidelines.

Summary of Contests, Chairmen, Guidelines, and Deadlines are listed on pages 28-30

SCRAPBOOK

- a. Articles to Petticoat Journal
- b. Encourage ALL chapters to submit material to fill at least 1 pg
- c. Request chapters to mail pictures, name tags, invitations, newspaper articles for State scrapbook
- d. Prepare State Scrapbook to present to State President at Convention during the Executive Board Luncheon on Friday

JUNIOR MEMBERSHIP

- a. Assist the Senior Membership Chairman
- b. Give chairman report at Council meetings if the Senior Membership chairman is absent
- c. Assist Senior Membership chairman presenting awards at State Convention
- d. Process all information about member-at-large and recommend a friend
- e. Help with presentation and introduction of all pledges at State Convention

PUBLICITY

- a. Articles for Petticoat Journal
- b. Compile a list of editors and newspapers, etc.
- c. Submit news articles to area newspapers and etc. for coverage of any event
- d. Request chapters to send a clipping of ESA news articles
- e. Arrange news article in a folder and present to State President at 2' General Assembly

ESA Foundation

- a. Article to Petticoat Journal
- b. Present awards at State Convention
- c. Inform membership of all phases of the ESA Foundation
- d. Member of the Foundation

Contests

- a. 1 article to Petticoat Journal
- b. Conduct contest meeting at State Council Meetings
- c. Provide judging rules, composite sheets, etc.

Awards

- a. Chairman "What ESA Means to Me"
- b. Service Awards
- c. 1 article to Petticoat Journal

Outstanding Chapter Chairman

- a. 2 articles to Petticoat Journal
- b. Secure all information from other contest chairman
- c. Secure all information from District secretary of those chapters in attendance
- d. Secure all information from Recording Secretary of those chapters in attendance at State meetings

Outstanding Youth Chairman

- a. 2 articles to Petticoat Journal
- b. Secure all information from other contest chairman

- c. Secure all information from District secretary of those chapters in attendance
- d. Secure all information from Recording Secretary of those chapters in attendance at State meetings

Philanthropic Chairman _____

Care Connection _____

Care Connection Co – Chairman _____

Credentials Chairman _____

Junior Circle of Life _____

Secret Sister Coordinator _____

Administrative Assistant _____

WEB Master _____

Please return to: **First Vice President/Nominating Chairman**

2007-2008 New Officers General Elected Forms will be in the next issue of the PJ.

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CHAPLAIN'S REPORT FORM
2007-2008
Joy Agan, State Chaplain

Please use the following form to report any news that you wish to have acknowledged by the State Council and membership. Please use this to report births, weddings, illnesses, and deaths, as well as anything else that you wish acknowledged by a card. Thank you for your help.

Name of Person to be Remembered _____

Mailing Address _____

Chapter Name and City _____

Occasion for card (i.e., birth, wedding, illness, death, etc.) _____

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

Date of illness, death, wedding, birth, etc. _____
Chapter name and number of reporter _____

Thank you for sharing your joys and sorrows with the State Council and membership.

Please mail form to: Joy Agan
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**Oklahoma State Council of ESA
State Council Meeting
June 23, 2007
By Jennye Hickman – Recording Secretary**

The meeting was called to order by State Council Ramona Paine at 1:00 p.m. at the Community Church in Guthrie, Oklahoma. The members in attendance recited the opening ritual led by Robbin Brown. Chaplain Joy Agan gave a report of ESA concerns and the devotion for the day, and led in the salute to the United States of America Flag. Director of Fun Shirley Wajda led us in an exercise session. Sooner Senioettes, Senior State President Chairman Judi York, IC Helping Hands Deb Hughes, ESA Foundation Directors Jeanne Meyer and Vivian Gibson, and Dixie Palmer Founders Billie Fritch and Joyce Whitewing were recognized.

The committee to read the minutes of the June State Council Meeting are Joyce Whitewing, Chairman, Shelly Labus and Judy Montgomery. The committee to read the minutes of the 64th Annual Oklahoma State Convention was Peggy Sprinkle, Chairman, Ellen Clark, and Opal (Ruth) Thompson. Peggy Sprinkle reported that minutes will be placed on file as printed.

In attendance today were 74 members (2 of which are first-time attendees), 2 DESAs, 2 First-Time attendees, No Elans, No New Pledges, No MALs, and No MESAs. Bunnie Sullins, First Vice President/Nomination Chairman, explained the nomination process and asked for members to consider running for elected office or appointed office. Deb Hughes, 2nd Vice President/Educational Director, gave the educational, "Oklahoma Monopoly". Corresponding Secretary Vivian Gibson read a thank-you note from the 2007 Outstanding Youth, announced changes of e-mail and addresses for several Board members and read regrets.

Project Director Jacque Edwards gave the report for the Oklahoma School for the Blind and Oklahoma School for the Deaf. With 95 students, \$1,935.59 is allotted to OSD, and with 83 students, \$1,769.25 is allotted to OSB. She presented the list of items requested by each school. OSD requests one hex top table; ten board games for all ages; five video games for Play Station; one 10-inch trike; one 12-inch trike; and one 14-inch trike; total price of the items is \$1,947.85, \$13.26 above the allotted amount. OSB requests seven Sony Play Station II, seven Play Station controllers, twenty games, ten pool cues, girls toys, and boys toys; total price of the items is \$1,770.00, \$0.75 above the allotted amount. Jacque moved that, upon recommendation of the Executive and General Board, the items be purchased; after several members gave money to

Last year when I was in the hospital and at home during a lengthy stay, I received several cards and well-wishes from the women of ESA. I really appreciated those kind words and expressions of encouragement. So speaking from experience, send in those names of your sisters, so that all of us have the opportunity to let our sisters know that we are thinking of them.

Sincerely,
Donna Shook
PJ Editor

Members to read the minutes of the June Council Meeting are the following:

Joyce Whitewing,
Chairman

Shelly Labus

Judy Montgomery

(Other minute readers will be listed as their times come.)

cover the extra amounts, the motion carried.

The Oklahoma School for the Deaf tour is scheduled for October 13, 2007, and the Oklahoma School for the Blind tour is scheduled for February 23, 2008. Jacque reminded the membership that adoptions are still needed and ongoing at this time. Jacque announced that she would be taking monetary donations at the June, August, and November meetings, with the money to be used to purchase small gifts for the students who are adopted but who do not have chapter representatives at the tours to bring gifts. If sufficient funds are received, gifts will also be purchased for those students who are not adopted. Kappa Theta chapter will purchase the gifts. The amount collected at this meeting was \$212.75.

Contest Chairman Mary Ann Jones presented the following suggestions for contest changes: **Outstanding Chapter** – Points to be awarded for each chapter member, official DESA, and Elan attending a state meeting, a district meeting, and a State Project Tour. **Publicity** – 15 points to be awarded for each story or photograph published in the *Jonquil* or the ESA Website. **DIANA** – Recognized at IC but no longer an IC contest. Recommend to delete “What type of family involvement do they have with their activities” from the judging sheet. A motion and second was made to adopt the changes; the motion carried.

2008 Convention Registrar Linda Southerland moved that, upon recommendation of the Executive and General Board, registration for the 2008 Convention be \$80 for women and \$40 for men; the motion carried. 2007 Convention Chair Aletha Bolt reported that income for the 2007 Convention was \$20,978.20 and expenses were \$18,385.85, leaving a profit of \$2,592.37. Of that amount, \$885.29 was retained by the State Council, with \$1,707.08 returned to the hostess chapters.

Petticoat Journal Ad Hoc Committee Chair Patsy Timmons explained that the *Petticoat Journal* will be available at no cost by e-mail and online and that printed copies are available for \$10 per year. She also explained the reasons for the change to this format. Ramona Paine announced the resignation of *Petticoat Journal* editor Jenna Conner and the election of Donna Shook as the new editor by Executive Board vote.

Treasurer Gwynn Nell Swanson presented the proposed 2007-2008 budget and moved that, upon recommendation of the Executive and General Board, the proposed budget be adopted; the motion carried. Membership Chairs Barbara Stapleton and Cheryl LaMascus facilitated a discussion of how to increase membership.

The “2 Cents Worth” open forum topic was “Why I Stay in ESA.” Several members shared their reasons for joining and remaining active in ESA. Ramona Paine reminded the membership of August Leadership Directories will be available in August for \$6.00. Please see Linda Southerland. Convention Charms are on sale for \$4.00. 2008 Convention Committee is selling chances on a money jar. Kappa Theta provided door prizes for the meeting.

Jacque Edwards and Kappa Theta chapter presented an Oklahoma Centennial throw to Ramona Paine. Ramona Paine recognized Jacque Edwards with the “Point of Light” award. Nellrita Barrick gave the Guiding Light for the day, “Boomerang.” The closing ritual was recited by the membership.

Meeting adjourned at 3:30 P.M.

Jennye Hickman, Recording Secretary

SUMMARY OF CONTESTS, CHAIRMEN, GUIDELINES, AND DEADLINES

ASSOCIATION OF THE ARTS

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April 1

Entry forms for Divisions 1 through VI – Poetry/Literature and Music Entries submitted to chairman by April 1. Other items brought to convention.

AWARDS

Joyce Lacey-Kenney

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March 1

April 1

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

CIRCLE OF LIFE

CJ Stuart

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April 1

Total money donated, ALSAC Events, Radiothons, and total money donated for Special Events. Information from Service Report and ESA Headquarters.

DIANA

Dr. Billye Peterson

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March 1

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

DISASTER FUND

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April 1

Total money donated; 15 or less/16 or more members; information from Service Report and ESA Headquarters report.

DISTINGUISHED ATHENIAN

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April 1

Education Director nomination, submitted by chapter president. To be eligible, the Educational Director must have rendered some important educational service to the chapter, community, or to state ESA Council; submitted Gold Seal Entry, contributing value to state’s educational expansion.

EASTER SEALS

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April 1

Total money donated; from Service Report

ESA FOUNDATION

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April 1

Total money donated excluding Turn-Around Fund; total money through Turn-Around Fund only. Information from ESA Foundation monthly report.

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

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

GOLD LINK

Deb Hughes
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April 1

Six timely Educational Reports.

GOLD SEAL (Education Book)

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Compiled entry.

MEMBERSHIP

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Most New Members and Membership Growth awards.
Taken from ESA Headquarters reports.

OUTSTANDING CHAPTER

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

OUTSTANDING YOUTH

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March 1

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

PHILANTHROPIC

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Total donated monies, good, mile, and hours. 15 or less/16
more members; From Service Reports

PUBLICITY

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Compiled entry.

STATE PROJECT

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Total donated monies, goods, miles, and hours. 15 or less/
16 or more members; From Service Reports

SCRAPBOOK

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March 1

Scrapbook materials for one pages in State Scrapbook.

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