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### Outgoing President's Farewell by Kim Kummer



I cannot begin to tell you what this year has meant to me. It has been a privilege and an honor to serve as your State President. A year ago, I stood before you and shared with you that at one time I had no desire to run for state president, but here I am, and as they say "been there / done that". I was blessed that Steve encouraged me from the beginning not to have any regrets and to go as much as I wanted too...so I did. I loved every District meeting and special event I attended. I have kept a journal of my year and will cherish the memories. I encouraged you, at state board weekends, to "Let Your Life Speak" by doing hands on projects – a chance to "do good" for others while spending time together. You all out-did yourselves, and we had great hands-on activities, but most importantly, we laughed and had fun.

I have had non-ESA friends say to me, "now that you are done being president, are you going to quit and do nothing?" I just smile because as we know, once it is in your blood – you are hooked. I am ready for a slower year, but I will continue to stay actively involved in my chapter, district, and the state level so that I can give back to all of you that made this year so wonderful for me. I thank each of you that served on the State Council, attended board meetings, and came to Great Bend for State Convention. This year may almost be a wrap, but Marsha continues to need your support for the coming year and Phyllis the year after that. It is time for you to think, I can do it and take the next step as a committee member, chairman, or run for elective office.

I appreciate each of you in this room, but ladies we must get serious about increas-

ing our membership. We have a LOT of experience in this room, which is wonderful, but what we are missing is the inexperienced to share it with. Let's grow ESA! so that our future conventions are twice this size.

Last year I posed the question, "How will you let your life speak today, tomorrow, next year?" I encourage you to continue to live your life in a way that positively impacts those around you. A smile to a stranger may be all that it requires some days but take time to smile. We do not always know the path we are destined, but with life there are often peaks and valleys, dead ends and straight shots. This path often takes us through many different seasons...hope, despair, love, fall, spring – the one constant though is that in ESA we always have friendship.

Marsha, thank you for the friendship and support you have given me. You will guide us to great things this coming year with your organization, leadership, and compassion. I am excited to serve on your board as we begin to discover the Seasons of ESA.

In closing I will leave you with this organic commandment from Frank Lloyd Wright:

Love is the virtue of the Heart  
 Sincerity the virtue of the mind  
 Courage the virtue of the spirit  
 Decision the virtue of the will

Thank you and continue to "Let Your Life Speak"!

Kim Kummer  
 2010-2011 State President



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# ACCEPTANCE SPEECH

## Incoming President's Acceptance Speech by Marsha Barnes



Good evening ladies and gentlemen, honored guests, family, and friends. I would like to introduce my family who are here this evening. If you would please stand, my daughter, Dana Neal and my two favorite granddaughters, Abigail and Megan Neal; my son, David, and his wife, my daughter in-law, Kate. Thank you all so much for sharing this with me this evening.

Kim, you are leaving some pretty big shoes to fill. Thank you for your leadership and for just being you. You've been there for me so many times. I cherish our friendship that has grown over these past few years. Steve, thank you so much for believing in Kim and encouraging her to continue on this journey and for sharing her with ESA.

To all of the District H members, thank you so much for all of your hard work. It has been a wonderful weekend.

Vicky, we are so glad you were able to travel all the way from Kentucky to share in our convention. It has been a pleasure getting to know you. ESA is fortunate to have you as one of our leaders.

Pat and Clara, the installation was beautiful. Thank you for such a special evening. I know you put a lot of thought and love into the planning, and I will always remember it.

Barb, thank you for being a part of this wonderful evening. You've been a special person in my life for many years, and I appreciate you sharing the special gift God has given you.

Anna Kitchen, you can do more with Gossamer and a glue gun than anyone I know. Thank you for agreeing to do the decorating for the installation. As usual, you've done a fantastic job.

Will my Delta Chi sisters, and Marshall Love, please stand? Thank you for not only being here tonight, but for your friendship, encouragement, and support. It means so much to me that so many of you were able to be here this weekend. Marshall, thanks for standing in for Elbert over the past several years. I know you two talked about many things, and I am sure this was one of them. Thank you again for everything from both of us.

Will my District C sisters please stand also? Thank you all for being a part of the honor guard tonight. Each and every one of you is very special to me, and I am so glad you could be a part of this evening.

It is very overwhelming and humbling to be standing here tonight. Being President of the Kansas State Council of  
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Epsilon Sigma Alpha was never a goal that I set for myself. This is something you do not do alone, and each of you has been a part of this journey. Every one of you, in one way or another, has guided, directed, or encouraged me to continue along this path. I do not remember the first board position I held, but I do remember that years ago Clara Ginn and I attended our first State Council meeting in Pratt. We didn't know anyone, but we decided to go see what actually happened at a State Council meeting. And, as they say, the rest is history. We've both been encouraged over the years to run for State President, but we were both content to just help out where we were needed.

Clara's answer to being state president was always "When Hell Freezes Over" and I replied that I would run a couple of years after Clara was President so as to not put any extra burden on our chapter. Well, she hasn't officially been president, but she had enough responsibilities as corresponding secretary for Phyllis Wheaton that she knows what all is involved, and here I am, right behind her.

So Clara I have a little gift for you. And I just want to say: Bundle up Sister, I think it's getting cold down there. This morning, I asked the candidates to choose one word for this year, a word that would help them focus on what they want to accomplish or something that was meaningful to them and to tell why. The words they chose were very interesting.

**My** word for the year will be EXTRODINARY. I think this word describes ESA and all that it stands for: An EXTRODINARY group of men and women, accomplishing EXTRODINARY things, with EXTRODINARY talents, developing EXTRODINARY friendships through an EXTRODINARY organization.

Every year ESA raises millions of dollars for St. Jude, supports Easter Seals, Goodwill, and Heartspring not only monetarily, but also with time, gifts, and talents. But we don't stop there. We give children and adults the opportunity to better their selves with scholarships thru the ESA Foundation. We support our individual communities with our donations of time, money, and good works. We are always there for our own members whether it is to help financially after a disaster or just giving a hug for encouragement.

What an EXTRODINARY bunch of men and women. I challenge each of you to also choose a word for the year and we will see the effect it has at the end of the year.

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# ACCEPTANCE SPEECH

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In addition to this challenge, my president's challenge this coming year is the Hospice programs. Many communities have a local Hospice, usually not for profit. I challenge you to get involved with these programs. Volunteers are needed as well as donations. Some have waiting areas in hospitals or clinics, and cookies or other refreshments are always welcome. Check with the Hospice in your area to see what they might benefit from the most.

My theme for next year is "*Seasons of ESA*". Season is defined as *A Period Of Time*. We have gone thru many seasons in ESA together, not just winter, spring, summer, and fall. Not all of our seasons were ones we would have chosen for ourselves, but we got through them together. I look forward to sharing with you all of the different seasons that lay ahead of us.

Ecclesiastes 3: 1-8 says:

There is a time for everything,  
and everything on earth has it's special season.  
There is a time to be born  
and a time to die.  
There is a time to plant  
and a time to pull up plants.  
There is a time to kill  
and a time to heal.  
There is a time to destroy  
and a time to build.  
There is a time to cry  
and a time to laugh.  
There is a time to be sad  
and a time to dance.



There is a time to throw away stones  
and a time to gather them.  
There is a time to hug  
and a time not to hug.  
There is a time to look for something  
and a time to stop looking for it.  
There is a time to keep things  
and a time to throw things away.  
There is a time to tear apart  
and a time to sew together.  
There is a time to be silent  
and a time to speak.  
There is a time to love  
and a time to hate.  
There is a time for war  
and a time for peace.

Season: a period of time. Time spent holding bake sales, working in concession stands, putting smiles on faces, creating opportunities, donating money, helping strangers, supporting our troops, or just making a difference. There are many seasons in ESA and like winter, spring, summer, and fall none are predictable and they are never the same.

I received a lot of advice when I started writing this acceptance speech, but I think the best advice for a good speech comes from a quote by Franklin D. Roosevelt who said: "Be sincere; Be brief; Be seated."

Thank you all for the seasons we have shared in the past, and I look forward to those that lay ahead of us in the future.

Have a great evening.



I would like to thank each of you for your contribution to ESA in 2010-2011. It was a wonderful year, and I appreciate all that you did to make it memorable for me. Thank you for the lovely, silver key necklace with diamonds. It is a perfect keepsake from my year, and reminder that I hold the key to your hearts with me each and everyday.

Sincerely, Kim Kummer  
2010-2011 Kansas State Council President

# OFFICER REPORTS

## Membership, Angie Fairbanks

Summer is here, whether we like it or not. As you go about your summer, take a moment to look around and see who you are spending your time with. As you sit in the bleachers at the kid's ball game, who are you sitting next to that is shouting just as loud as you are? As you lounge by the pool, look to see who shares your enthusiasm for snazzy flip flops, wide brimmed hats, stylish sun glasses, and SPF 1000 sunscreen? Who do you see every time you go running out of the house when you hear the music on the ice cream truck, or when you visit your local Dairy Queen? Don't you think that these people would benefit from being in the best organization in the world that you are keeping a secret?

Maybe you have someone in mind, but you do not know how to approach the subject. Well, if you have not checked out the new ESA International website, I strongly recommend that you do. If you login to the Member Center, look

under the "Chapter and Council Management" heading and click on Recruitment Ideas and Supplies. After that, look under "Adults – Community" and click on Event Ideas. There are six Recruiting Party Ideas that are currently listed, including Hope for Heroes, Bunco for St. Jude, the Purse Party, the Football Party and the Seedling Exchange Party (which I think could be modified for Fall by using flower bulbs instead of seedlings).

The newest recruiting idea on the list is called Armed and Dangerous, which sounds like a LOT of FUN! It could be a great one to have this summer with WATER GUNS! All of the details that you need are on-line, and it can always be modified so that you can put your own twist on it. So, check out the new website at [www.epsilonsigmaalpha.org](http://www.epsilonsigmaalpha.org).

And always remember, our quest for new members should NEVER take a vacation.



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<b>Births:</b>	Rachel Sieker, Delta Tau	Birth of son
	DeAndra McHenry, Epsilon Pi	Birth of daughter
	Kathy Pauly, Eta Theta	New grandson
	Evelyn Penland, Gamma Lambda	New great-grandson
	Vi Fry, Alpha Zeta	New great-grandson
<b>Birthdays:</b>	Evelyn Penland, Gamma Lambda	80th birthday
	Nedra Sylvis, Gamma Lambda	Birthday
<b>Retirement:</b>	Sid Rowe, Chi Omega	
<b>Concerns:</b>	Laurie Hertel, Epsilon Eta	Motorcycle accident
	Betty Adams, Chi Omega	Dealing with tornado in Joplin, MO
<b>Illnesses/</b>	Vi Fry, Alpha Zeta	New great-grandson - health issues
<b>Surgeries:</b>	Jonna Roberts, Gamma Kappa	Double knee surgery
	Coleen Cape, Delta Tau	Son - health issues
	Janice Parks, Alpha Zeta	Mother-in-law - health issues and husband traveling
	Dawn Scheuerman, Zeta Gamma	Niece - health issues
	Carol Campbell, Zeta Epsilon	Health issues
	Shirley Keener, Delta Delta	Husband, John, heart surgery
	Angie Fairbanks, Epsilon Eta	Husband, Mark, foot surgery and Friend's father w/ cancer
	Linda Bocox, Delta Chi	Mother-in-law and mother - health issues
	Melody Wade, Eta Rho	Health issues
	Suzi Fletcher, Alpha Zeta	Health issues
	Joyce Sharp, Chi Epsilon	Sister - health issues
	Ann Smith, Gamma Lambda	Husband - health issues
	Dessie Scott, Delta Chi	Biopsy of thyroid
	Paula Leatherman, Beta Beta	Knee surgery
	Coleen Cape, Delta Tau	Breast cancer
	Ella Pennington, Eta Beta	Son - health issues
<b>Deaths:</b>	Laurie Hertel, Epsilon Eta	Death of Brother-in-law
	Barbara Henderson, Zeta Phi	Death of Brother
	Karen Deda, Gamma Kappa	Death of Mother
	Carolyn Downey, Eta Theta	Death of Brother
	Cheryl Voss, Eta Theta	Death of Mother
	Kathy Pauly, Eta Theta	Death of Mother
	Linda Bottom, Gamma Omicron	Death of Mother-in-law
	Charlotte Combs, Eta Phi	Death of Mother-in-law
	Suzi Fletcher, Alpha Zeta	Death of Grandfather
	Jeanie Fraser, Delta Delta	Death of Brother
	Janie Hamby, Chi Omega	Death of Mother-in-law
	Sandie White, Zeta Epsilon	Death of ex Father-in-law
	Shelah Goyer, Zeta Epsilon	Death of Brother
	Sue Brubaker, Beta Zeta	Death of Husband, Gene

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# STATE HAPPENINGS

## 2nd Vice-President/Philanthropic Chair, Phyllis Simmons

What a fantastic year we had for our Philanthropic projects. Thanks to all of you for all your support this year. Your contributions to the Murder Mystery, HCI Fundraising, and purchase of the Heartspring Charms and Tote Bags along with the Raffle tables made it possible for us to donate a total of \$11,919.65 towards the Treehouse Project this year.

Thanks, also, to all of you for your generous donations of time, items, and monies this year. As a state, the total hours donated was 33,340 and total monetary value which included cash, Gifts in Kind, and mileage totaled over \$375,000. Fantastic Job Kansas Sisters! (A listing of Chapters receiving recognition awards may be seen elsewhere in the *News & Views*.) Many of you heard an update on the Treehouse Project at convention from Suzanne Walenta-Bauman, Heartspring Development Associate, and were able to view an updated drawing of the project. Everyone at Heartspring is getting excited about the project and the funds that have been raised by all of you. It will be exciting to hear about the progress of the project.

I just returned from the Prom/Parents Weekend at Heartspring which was a wonderful event as usual. The parents are so appreciative of the event, and extended many thanks to those Kansas Sisters in attendance. This year we provided a Luau Theme and the students were given Leis to wear at the dance. They were a big hit but as always the biggest hit of the evening were the "cookies". Our prom DJ this year was Debbie Koch, Delta Chi, who donated her time and provided music for the kids. Thank you again, Debbie. Thanks, also, to everyone who decorated, cleaned up, and donated cookies. Because of all of you, the kids and the parents, at Heartspring, will have some special memories of the evening.

Thank you again for the opportunity to serve as your 2<sup>nd</sup> VP/Philanthropic Chairman this year. It has been a fantastic year and one of the most rewarding. You all dig deep in your pockets and come through each year to help the kids. Now I know what the "heart" in Heartspring is all about - giving from the heart. ESA has given me a new meaning this year - Extra Special Angels.



## Thank You!!!

One day in 1949, Iota Kappa brought to the Kansas sisters of ESA, the story of the Institute of Logopedics (Heartspring). Since that day, Kansas ESA has been a major partner in helping those with developmental disabilities succeed on a path to independence.

Heartspring and its programs would not be the same without your past, present, and future involvement.

Thank you to each and everyone one of you for offering your time, talents, and treasures to make a difference for a child at Heartspring.

Staff is excited to begin work on the tree house and corresponding play areas. As an organization, we know how special it is that

you choose to give to Heartspring, and we want to be good stewards of your gift. Please do not hesitate to contact me if you have any questions on how this project is progressing.

I cannot forget about prom; I am writing this a few days after prom. Once again, your planning and dedication received rave reviews. I wish I could bottle up ever compliment I hear and pass them on to each of you.

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# STATE HAPPENINGS

## Recording Secretary, Janene Radke “Speak Up & Celebrate”

The Sixty-Sixth Annual Kansas State Convention was held April 28 thru May 1, 2011 at the Highland Hotel & Convention Center in Great Bend. A wonderful convention was provided by the sisters in District H. Thank you, District H, for your generosity and hospitality!

The Executive Board met for supper on Thursday evening and socialized.

The convention kicked off Friday morning with the Kansas State Council Meeting. Reports were presented by the various committees. Denise Masterson, Parliamentarian, provided the explanation of voting. Convention appointments and the printed program were approved. The August state board meeting plans, to be held in Seneca, were presented.

The first general assembly was called to order by Kim Kummer, President, on Friday at 12:30 p.m., with the “Welcome to Convention” by Colleen Cape. In a new style, Colleen Noll, Awards Chair, and her committee presented awards throughout the weekend which worked wonderfully and was enjoyed by all. Leadership workshops included “Thinking Inside the Box” presented by our IC Rep, Vicky Jones, IC Treasurer; “What Happens if Mommy Isn’t Happy?” presented by Suzi Fletcher, State Workshop Coordinator; and a Fun and Games activity hosted by the Leadership Committee. At 5:30 p.m., Pat Upham, Circle of Life Director, announced the St. Jude Children’s Hospital “Kitty Beauty Contest” where District teams competed in a kitty beauty contest. Following the race, the “Boot Scootin’ Boogie” Welcome BBQ and Mixer was held. Those in attendance were entertained by the Kansas State Council candidates with “A Minute To Win It” contests. Melody Wade and Sherry Marlow, State Ways & Means, along with their committee provided the live auction.

Saturday morning, the second general assembly started with the Flag Ceremony presented by Charlotte Combs, Lamplighter President. Other activities of the morning included the International Council Report by Vicky Jones, IC Treasurer and the IC Liaison Report by Susan Winters, IC 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice-President. Registration report and Heartspring awards along with many other awards were presented. Election rules and nominating report followed by the candidate’s

speeches and voting was held. Ann Lamon, Diana and Youth Award Chair, presented awards to the Junior and Senior High Youth awards winners. Luncheon workshops were held for Chapter Presidents, District Chairs and Lamplighters. Saturday evening, Pat Josey and Clara Ginn installed the new 2011-2012 Kansas State Council Officers. The banquet followed and Marsha Barnes, President-Elect, gave her acceptance speech. Entertainment for the evening was presented by keynote speaker, Yo Yo Collins, who spoke about “Good as Grape Juice-Growing Better Not Bitter Through Adversity”. Following the entertainment, the Incoming President’s reception was held.



We started the day on Sunday with the Celebration of Life Service provided by Jill Mattingly, Chaplain and her committee. Sunday brunch was enjoyed by the membership, and newly elected and appointed officers were introduced. The third general assembly was called to order at 10:00 a.m. followed by the final registration report. Colleen Noll presented years of service recognition, 5th degree Pallas Athene awards, and recognition of anniversary chapters. Peggy Harrison recognized the top 10 chapters in Kansas with Chi Epsilon, Wichita, receiving the top honor. Maureen Wells and Clara Ginn held the honor of the lowering and raising of the gavel guards for Kim Kummer and Marsha Barnes respectively. Charlotte Combs, Lamplighter President, provided the lamplighter installation for Kim Kummer. Marsha Barnes, 2011-2012 President, announced the 2011-2012 board appointments and announcements. Members were encouraged to attend the IC Convention in July to support our own Susan Winters. IC Convention will be held in Overland Park, Kansas this year.

Complete reports on the 66<sup>th</sup> annual convention activities can be found elsewhere in this edition of the *News & Views*. The complete minutes from the Kansas State Convention are available upon request from Janene Radke, Recording Secretary.

Thank you, District H, for providing “Let Your Life Speak” in Great Bend with a wonderful convention. It was a wonderful weekend! The Kansas State Council looks forward to their first meeting in August at Seneca. All members are invited to attend so mark your calendars and plan to come to Seneca.



# Kansas State Council Summer Meeting Registration

## August 27, 28, 29, 2011

<b>Mail Registration to:</b> Susan Winters 705 N. Kansas Avenue Frankfort, KS 66427 785-292-4830	<b>Registration Deadline:</b> August 15, 2011 Make checks payable to: Beta Epsilon If postmarked after August 15, a late fee of \$5.00 will be added.
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*If you complete your registration information online by August 15 at the following web address,  
 then you may bring your money to the board meeting on August 27;  
<http://www.esaks.org/sect2.html>  
 otherwise money is due on August 15 with this printed registration form:*

Member Name _____	Member # _____	Phone _____
Street Address _____	City _____	Zip _____
Chapter Name _____	Chapter # _____	District _____
Position on the Kansas State Council _____		email address _____

First time serving on Kansas State Council?	___ Yes	___ No
First time attending Kansas State Council Meeting?	___ Yes	___ No
I am a pledge.	___ Yes	___ No
I will be attending the Disaster Fund / Kansas Care & Share Event (\$20). <i>(Check the related articles in the <u>News &amp; Views</u> for more information.)</i>	___ Yes	___ No

Registration Fee	Number _____ x \$5.00 \$ _____
<i>(Required for ALL in attendance, including men eating a meal and Sunday only attendees.)</i>	
Saturday Evening Dinner	Number _____ x \$15.00 \$ _____
Sunday Brunch	Number _____ x \$10.00 \$ _____
TOTAL Enclosed \$ _____	



### HOTEL RESERVATIONS MUST BE MADE BY JULY 26, 2011

*(Space is limited—I would recommend making reservations early)*

SETTLE INN & SUITES AT SPRING CREEK  
 1615 North Street (Hwy 36), Seneca, KS 66538  
 (785) 336-3663

<http://www.settleinn.com/hotels/seneca>

Rates: \$80.99 D/T/Q



Most meals and all meetings will be held at  
 Valentino's Restaurant & Party Room, 604 N 11th Street, Seneca, KS 66538

All ESA members are invited to attend the Kansas State Council meetings. *Please Join Us!*

# STATE HAPPENINGS

## Golf for the Guys!

**KS State Council Board Meeting**  
**August 26, 27, 28, 2011**

I can get you tee times for:

Friday: \$35 for 18 holes w/ cart, all day

Saturday: \$40 for 18 holes w/ cart,  
 afternoon only

Sunday: \$40 for 18 holes w/ cart,  
 morning

If interested call:

Suzy Winters  
 785-292-4830

[jswinters@bluevalley.net](mailto:jswinters@bluevalley.net)



We want to say **THANK YOU** for volunteering at Goodwill Industries. We are holding an ice cream social on July 15<sup>th</sup> at 2:00 p.m. to celebrate the Americans With Disabilities Act, our accomplishments throughout the years, and to thank our volunteers for their dedication to our agency **and YOU ARE INVITED!!!**

**Annual ADA Celebration/Ice Cream Social**  
**ICE CREAM BAR! TOPPINGS GALORE!**  
**CHILL OUT AND BEAT THE HEAT!**

**3636 N. Oliver, Wichita, KS 67220 316-744-9291**  
**RSVP To Tina ([tjones@goodwillks.org](mailto:tjones@goodwillks.org)) or call 316-744-9291**

## FOR YOUR 2011-2012 CALENDAR DATES TO REMEMBER

July 18—24, 2011	IC Convention	Sunflower Serenade—Kansas 2011	Overland Park
August 27, 2011	Mini Leadership	Disaster Fund / KS Care and Share Project	Seneca
August 28, 2011	Summer State Council Meeting		Seneca
November 5, 2011	Mini Leadership	Officer's Reception / Heartspring Project	Wichita
November 6, 2011	Fall State Council Meeting		Wichita
January 28, 2012	Mini Leadership	Capper Foundation Tour / ESA Foundation Project	Topeka
January 29, 2012	Winter State Council Meeting		Topeka
May 3—6, 2012	Kansas State Council Meeting	State Convention / Circle of Life Project	Hutchinson

## IC CONVENTION PLANS

Is your registration sent in? Have you reserved your room? Are your bags packed? Are you ready to go? It will not be long now. Our "Sunflower Serenade" will begin soon. We are going to have an EXTRODINARY IC Convention July 18-24, 2011, at the Sheraton Overland Park Hotel and Convention Center in Overland Park, Kansas. If you have not sent in your reservations for the convention or for a hotel room, you can find these forms on the Kansas website:

([www.esaks.org](http://www.esaks.org)) or IC website:

([www.epsilonsigmaalpha.org](http://www.epsilonsigmaalpha.org)). I have listed below a few times and dates and some meetings/events of interest for Kansas members but a complete agenda for the week can be found on the IC website.

**Vests:** The black sequined vests are to be worn whenever you are working during the convention. The vests are to be worn with black, white, or yellow shirts and black, white, or khaki slacks or skirts. Be sure to pick up your sunflower pin, after you arrive at convention, to put on your vest.

**Wednesday Night Mixer:** "Dancing In The Streets" will be the theme for the mixer. The first Annual ESA Idol will be held at this time, also.

**State Caucus:** The State Caucus for Kansas is scheduled for 4:30 –5:30 p.m. on Thursday in Cottonwood 1. We will caucus and then meet the men on the outdoor patio for cocktails for our State's Night Out from 5:30 – 6:30 p.m.

**Kansas State's Night Out:** Our State's Night Out is scheduled for Thursday evening at the hotel. Arrangements have been made for us to gather on the new outdoor patio area. A cash bar will be available. We will have this area from 5:30 – 6:30 p.m. I will contact all of the attendees later with more information. Please make sure you have gotten your name, email address, phone number, and your spouse's name (if they are attending) to Susan Winters.

**Mystery Night Event:** The Mystery Night will begin at 8 p.m. and is always a fun event. Be sure to get your tickets at convention.

**Recognition Luncheon:** Everyone is encouraged to wear a poodle skirt or 60's attire to the Recognition Luncheon on Friday.

**Regional Council Meetings:** I am still trying to make connections with Oklahoma and Texas so we can continue our Central States Meeting. This meeting is scheduled for 3:00 to 4:00 p.m. Friday. Several of our Past State Presidents have worked very hard to keep this connection with all of the states in our region. Please plan on attending this meeting. I will send you more information when plans are finalized.

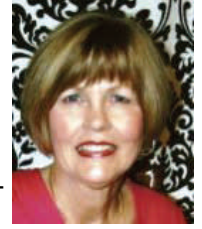
**St. Jude IC Challenge:** "Munchkin March"- The St. Jude Challenge event will be held from 5:00 to 7:00pm Friday afternoon. Do not forget to wear your Ruby Red Slippers and/or a Wizard of Oz character outfit.

# STATE HAPPENINGS



**Disaster Fund Chair, 2011-2012, Kim Kummer**

**Kansas Care and Share Chair, 2011-2012, Peggy Harrison**



President Marsha has again designated the Summer State Council Weekend as a time to support the Disaster Fund and Kansas Care and Share. We are planning two great events to help raise money for these worthy philanthropies:

1. SHOPPING RALLY – We are adding a new twist to the poker run as we partner with businesses in Seneca for a fun-filled afternoon of shopping and fellowship. The cost to participate is \$20 and each location will offer discounts or specials designed just for ESA Members. Winners will be announced Saturday evening. Do not forget your shopping list!
2. “FANCY DUDS – SUCCESS OR DISASTER” FASHION SHOW – Saturday evening the fashion runway will leave Milan and come to Seneca, KS as our models from

across Kansas will either glamour and glide or amuse and bemuse the audience. Each District is asked to enter a representative showcasing a favorite formal or party dress or a less than stellar one – you decide. So dig in your closet and dust off that “favorite dress” or use your imagination and create a “disastrous dress” for the Disaster Fund and Kansas Care and Share. Please come with a prepared description of your clothing for the show. Models may collect monetary votes before and during the August weekend to help support these two philanthropies. There will be prizes awarded for the most monies collected as well as other categories. We will be contacting the District Chairs early in August for the name of each District representative.

We challenge you to dress up and join us in Seneca to show how much you care for our ESA Sisters in need.

## COMMITTEE REPORTS

**Circle of Life Director, Pat Upham**

Another year has come and gone for us and what a year it has been. Kim encouraged us to *Let Our Life Speak*, which is a sign of a great leader, and boy did you ever. It has been my honor to serve as your Circle of Life director this year. I am so humbled by the generosity of my sisters. You came through for the kiddies time after time at each board meeting, and you supported the Kitty Beauty Contest and Cat Litter Contest. My deepest thanks to the ladies that participated in the contest; you are all priceless.

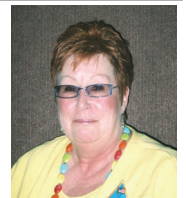
The success of any event depends on the committee members, participants, and most especially the audience and donors. The final tally for the beauty contest and cat litter contest was \$3,783.74. That is not all; you also donated \$368.00 at the raffle table so the total amount earned convention weekend for the Kiddies was \$4,151.74. WOW, you are all AWESOME! It could not have been done without you. The winners of the contests were: Most Beautiful Kitty, “Cleocatra” portrayed by Peggy Harrison, District C; Most Creative Kitty, “Fat Cat” portrayed by Laura Williamson, District E; Most Money Collected Kitty, Sondra Messenger, District J; “Sassiest Kitty” and

the Kitty Litter contest was won by Dawn Scheuerman, District H.

Our St. Jude family joined us for dinner and afterwards told us how life was for them after Andrew was diagnosed with leukemia. Andrew was an infant when he was diagnosed, however today he is a very active six year-old. Andrew has sight problems, and he has been going to school in Kansas City to learn how to deal with this issue. I believe Andrew stole all of our hearts, and he does have beautiful red hair.

At the other board meetings, we earned a total of \$531.46 for the raffle items. Our total earnings this year for just the raffle table and kitty contests were \$4,683.00.

I also want to thank all of you who sponsored and participated in radio-thons, math-a-thons, and other projects throughout the year to earn money for St. Jude. What a great state we are! Thank you from the bottom of my heart for all the support you have given my committee and me this year. See you in Olathe.



**Disaster Fund Chair, Pat Josey**

**We Did It!**

My heartfelt thanks to each of you for making my goal a reality! We did collect more than we submitted in claims for 2010-2011. Thank you for embracing the new idea of fundraising for the Disaster Fund and Kansas Care and Share at our August meeting. Approximately one third of

the monies collected came from our Poker Run and What Not to Wear Fashion Show. Your generous donations for this year totaled \$6,527.94. You are the best!

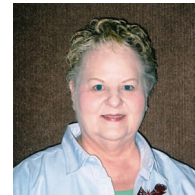


# COMMITTEE REPORTS

## Care Connection Chair, Karen Knorp-Brown

WOW—we did it! We donated enough money to send two World War II Veterans on the Honor Flight trips to Washington D.C. These veterans will enjoy the monument built to remember the sacrifice they made for our nation. What an honor it has been to serve in this capacity. President, Kim Kummer met with Dan Curtis at the Prairie RC&D office in Great Bend last week to deliver the checks, from the Kansas State Council of Epsilon Sigma Alpha, for a total of \$1,300. That amount sent two

WWII vets on the trip, the first in April from Harper County, my hometown, and the second will go in June; he is also from South Central Kansas. Thanks so much to all of you who contributed to this project. The men who served to protect America and our freedoms during WWII will remember us and this trip the rest of their days.



## Easter Seals Sr. Director, Pam McElvain



**'LET YOUR LIFE CHANGE THE WORLD!'**

What a great time we all had at Convention. If you were not able to make it, you missed a wonderful party that Kim, Coleen, and the ladies of District H put on for us. Thank you, ladies, for a great weekend.

Easter Seals has had a good year thanks to all of you. We had a total of \$3294 in cash and in-kind donations. We raised enough money to send one student to summer camp at Camp Hope. Thank you again for all your work and donations. We had 21 chapters make donations plus all of the ladies that made donations through the raffle tables at convention and our board meetings.

Please keep Easter Seals Capper Foundation and Camp Hope in your mind for donations as you plan your upcoming year. They need our help, and we are changing the lives of children and families with each dollar donated. Thank you, again, from the bottom of our hearts. Thank you, also, to my terrific committee. Easter Seals had a successful year because of all of you. Have a fantastic summer, and we will see you in Overland Park at IC!!! Your Easter Seals Committee: Cheryl Pucket-Vice Chair, Delores Currier, Rachel Livermore, and Pam McElvain, Chair.



## Goodwill Sr. Director, Terri Clark

This has been an incredible year for me as your Goodwill Chair. I have made many new friends throughout the year. I have learned so much about what Goodwill Industries does for our communities. But most of all I have learned so much about your ESA Chapters generosity to help others in spite of our slow economy.

The numbers are awesome. Monies donated, either gift in kind, actual cash, or donated goods, totaled \$65,591.15. This includes Festival of Trees, the Birthday Bash, and end-of-year cash donations. Chapter awards for monies/hours donated can be found elsewhere in this issue of *News & Views*.



## Kansas Care and Share Chair, Diney Uhlig

Thank you for your contributions this past year to the Kansas Care and Share Fund. Your financial support has made the difference in the lives of three families this past year. \$3700 was paid out on claims this past year due to massive medical expenses, and also due to expenses in-

curred while on medical leaves from work or expenses caused by unemployment. This year, we were fortunate that our contributions of \$8300 were greater than our expenditures of \$3700. I tip my hat to all of you and look forward to another fun year. Thank you!

## Outstanding Chapter Chair, Peggy Harrison

The 2011 ESA Kansas State Convention was a fabulous, inspirational, fun-filled, and memorable weekend. We had 22 chapters submit forms for the outstanding chapter contest. Thank you all for participating. The accomplishments of our Kansas sisters throughout the year are remarkable beyond words; it was wonderful to see all you have done. As I said at convention, "It swells my heart with love and admiration and makes me so proud to be a part of the ESA organization."

congratulations to our Outstanding Chapter. These are listed in the awards section of this issue of *News & Views*.

Thank you to my committee, Ruth Archambault and Vi Fry for your help calculating and assisting at convention.



Congratulations to all of the Top Ten chapters and huge

Hats off to all Kansas sisters of ESA. I leave you with this quote by Helen Crabtree, "We may create a feeble flame or a glorious blaze, but until we dare to try....who knows?"

# COMMITTEE REPORTS

## State Committee Chairpersons (2011-12) 2nd VP (Heartspring & Philanthropic Forms)

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## Lamplighter News

The Lamplighters meet, at Convention, on Saturday and had a great time catching up on everyone's lives and news. President, Charlotte Combs called the meeting to order and shared the treasurer's report for the 2010-2011 year. She informed the Lamplighters that \$931 had been donated to the Lamplighter scholarship from the 2010-2011 proceeds. A new scholarship was endowed with a total of \$1,100 raised at convention this year. Linda Schmidt, Joy Thornbrugh, and Verneene Forssberg will work on the scholarship criteria. Everyone is encouraged to donate to the new scholarship. The lamplighters will be having a raffle again at the next state convention.

Verneene Forssberg updated the group on the Lamplighter's duties for the 2012 State Convention that the group is hosting. Verneene and Coleen Cape are the convention chairs. Karen Knorp-Brown and Susan White will be in charge of registration. Joy Thornbrugh will be helping with credentials.

Joan Bourn discussed Susan Winter's Installation at the 2012 IC Convention. Everyone in the honor guard will be dressed in black. Everyone is hoping that lots of Kansas sisters plan to attend convention again next year and be in Susan's honor guard.

Pam McElvain and Joy Thornbrugh are the new President and Secretary, respectfully,

## Outstanding Members Co-Chairs,

### Jacque Bolinger and Anna Kitchen

We had a great time at State Convention in Great Bend. We want to thank everyone involved. It is a huge job and it was a great success! We would also like to thank Verneene for all her time and effort in getting these beautiful ladies updated on the Kansas website throughout the year.

### Recognition for 2010-2011 Outstanding Members "Above & Beyond"

It is said that "The service we render to others is really the rent we pay for our room on this earth". Those of you that we honored and celebrated at convention as "Outstanding" truly fulfilled the meaning of these words. You have given much of yourself, and have served your sorority, your friends, your family, and your community well. What are some of the qualities that made you chosen for one going "Above & Beyond"?

First of all, you are "Leaders." You serve or have served your chapter in one of the offices or committees. You are all active members, often participating in several of your chapter projects; often expanding your services to include District, State, and International Council affairs.

As you ladies have "Traveled" through your sorority years, you have often extended a hand to those who needed assistance through ESA's philanthropic endeavors. You have expanded your intellect, and that of your sister's, through the educational programs of your chapter; and knowing that life's work must have the spice of fun and

association with others. You have shared and celebrated the joy of the social life offered in our sorority.

You all have still found time to fulfill the many other life roles – that of wife, mother, grandmother, great-grandmother, teacher, homemaker, professional woman, or other role model that makes you your own special individual.

When we Speak Up & Celebrate your special honor of being selected as an Outstanding Member, you often modestly remark, "But I'm not outstanding; I really have not done much, and not all of these 'roles' fit me." Please allow your sisters to honor you in this manner; it is our way of saying "thank you" for being such worthy sisters in our sorority family. Perhaps the words of Edward Everett Hale fit you: "I am only one, but still I am one. I cannot do everything, but still I can do something; and because I cannot do everything, I will not refuse to do the something that I can do."

Yes, you all have done your "something, you are "many things" and have done them well. We all want to say "thank you" for going Above & Beyond, and for being the outstanding sisters that you are!

The list of the 2010-2011 Outstanding Members is elsewhere in this issue of *News & Views*.



# AWARDS

## Association of the Arts

Linda Bocox, Delta Chi,  
Photography: 1 photo - White  
Group 3 or 4 of same - Red  
Group of framed - Red

Judy Burnette, Delta Tau,  
Needlework: Machine Quilting - Blue

Sharon Capansky, Alpha Iota  
Two dimensional Visual Art:  
Oil Painting - Blue Also TOP BLUE  
Other: Decorated puzzle - Blue  
Photography: One photo - Red

Bev Garten, Alpha Iota,  
Literature: Short Story - Blue

Ann Gilmore, Alpha Iota,  
Needlework: Counted Cross Stitch - Blue  
Quilting, hand pieced and hand quilted -  
Blue

Charlene Hanson, Beta Theta  
Needlework: Knitting - 2 Blues

Ann Hatfield, Alpha Iota  
Needlework: Quilting - Blue Also TOP  
BLUE

Gayle Hayter, Chi Epsilon,  
Two Dimensional Visual Art: Acrylic -  
Blue

Terri Horner, Zeta Gamma  
Photography: Group - Blue Also TOP  
BLUE  
Three Dimensional Visual Art:  
Sculpture - Blue Woodcraft - Blue

Sondra Messenger, Zeta Phi  
Needlework: Machine Quilting - Blue  
Three Dimensional visual Art:  
Other Straw Art - Blue

Joyce Noland, Alpha Iota  
Needlework: Crocheted afghan - Blue  
Hand Quilting - Red Machine Quilting -  
Red

Sandy Price, Delta Epsilon  
Photography: One photo - Blue and Red

Bonnie Templeton, Zeta Phi  
Two Dimensional Visual Art:  
First Project: Acrylic and decoupage -  
Blue  
Photography: One photo - White  
Group of 3 or 4 - White

Joy Thornbrugh, Epsilon Eta  
Needlework: Machine Quilting - White  
Photography: One Photo - Red  
Group - Blue

Karen Osborne, Beta Beta,  
Photography: One photo - Red  
Scrapbook: Value \$250 - Blue

Barbara Smith, Zeta Phi,  
Photography: Group - Blue

Eileen Strong, Alpha Iota  
Folkart: Ceramics - Blue

Melody Wade and Lisa West, Eta Rho  
Three Dimensional Visual Art:  
Other: Wizard of OZ Shoe - Blue  
Also TOP BLUE

Epsilon Eta  
Chapter Lesson  
Ceramics - Blue  
Also TOP BLUE

Chi Epsilon  
Chapter Lesson  
Jewelry - Blue

## Circle of Life

### **Chapter Donations over \$1000.00**

Alpha Delta, Winfield, \$1,100.00  
Eta Theta, Cheney, \$1,770.00

### **Chapter Projects and Donations \$1000.00-\$10,000.00**

Delta Epsilon, Wichita, \$1,330.00

Beta Beta, Andover, \$2,047.79  
Eta Phi, Wichita, \$3,557.71  
Delta Chi, Caldwell, \$3,580.27  
Chi Omega, Wichita, \$4,162.71  
Chi Epsilon, Wichita, \$4,169.71  
Delta Delta, Ulysses, \$6,010.00

### **Chapter Projects and Donations \$10,000.00 - \$20,000.00**

Delta Beta, Wichita, \$10,767.40  
Epsilon Eta, Topeka, \$10,305.55  
Zeta Epsilon, Overland Park, \$18,668.50

## Diana and Youth

**Diana winner:** Julia Strnad  
Wellington, KS  
Delta Chi, Caldwell

**Senior High Youth:** Cori Jones  
Cheney, KS  
Eta Theta, Cheney

**Junior High Youth:** Ben Studer  
Frankfort, KS  
Beta Epsilon, Frankfort

## Disaster Fund

### **Chapters less than 15 members**

1st, Zeta Epsilon, Overland Park, \$370.00  
2nd, Alpha Delta, Winfield, \$250.00  
3rd, Gamma Omicron,  
Manhattan, \$180.00

### **Chapters 15 members or more**

1st, Eta Theta, Cheney, \$350.00  
2nd, Delta Tau, Great Bend, \$315.00  
3rd, Alpha Omega, Scott City, \$300.00

### **Districts**

1st District D, \$100.00  
District H, \$100.00  
District J, \$100.00  
2nd District A, \$50.00

## Easter Seals

### **Capper Foundation Donations**

1st, Epsilon Eta, Topeka  
2nd, Zeta Epsilon, Overland Park  
3rd, Eta Theta, Cheney

### **Camp Hope Donations**

1st, Eta Theta, Cheney  
2nd, Eta Phi, Wichita  
3rd, Delta Chi, Caldwell

### **Special Recognition**

1. Epsilon Eta for over 100  
volunteer hours
2. Beta Epsilon for purchasing  
a Therapy Vest

# AWARDS

## Educational

### Gold Link Awards

Alpha Delta, Winfield, Beth Glantz  
Beta Beta, Andover, Margaret Herrick  
Delta Chi, Caldwell, Melinda Neal  
Chi Epsilon, Wichita, Barb Orsi  
Eta Rho, Derby, Melody Wade

Delta Epsilon, Wichita, Kay Grissom  
Zeta Phi, Junction City, Pat Upham  
Beta Epsilon, Frankfort,  
Sue Peckham/Susan Winters  
Beta Zeta, Topeka, Nancy Schaeffert

Epsilon Eta, Topeka, Jackie Fraenza  
Zeta Epsilon, Overland Park,  
Judy Christiansen  
Eta Theta, Cheney, Charlyn Lewis

### Program Awards

1st, Alpha Delta, Winfield, Beth Glantz  
2nd, Delta Chi, Caldwell, Melinda Neal  
2nd, Beta Beta, Andover,  
Margaret Herrick  
3rd, Zeta Epsilon, Overland Park,  
Judy Christianson

### Outreach Program Awards

1st, Alpha Delta, Winfield, Beth Glantz  
2nd, Beta Beta, Andover,  
Margaret Herrick  
2nd, Delta Chi, Caldwell, Melinda Neal  
3rd, Chi Epsilon, Wichita, Barb Orsi

### Notebook Awards

1st, Chi Epsilon, Wichita, Barb Orsi  
2nd, Delta Chi, Caldwell, Melinda Neal  
3rd, Beta Epsilon, Frankfort,  
Sue Peckham/Susan Winters

### Distinguished Athenian Award

Delta Chi, Caldwell

Melinda Neal

## Goodwill

### Monies donated

Top 3 Chapters- 15 members or less  
1st, Eta Phi, Wichita \$33,300.00  
(\$2775 per person)  
2nd, Delta Beta, Wichita \$10,038.00  
(\$2,510 per person)  
3rd, Eta Rho, Derby \$2,811.00  
(\$468 Per person)

Top 3 Chapters- 16 members or more  
1st, Chi Epsilon, Wichita \$6,563.00  
(\$298 per person)  
2nd, Beta Epsilon, Frankfort \$2,692.00  
(\$164 per person)  
3rd, Eta Theta, Cheney \$2,203.00  
(\$85 per person)

### Total Hours worked

Top 3 Chapters- 15 members or less  
1st, Eta Phi, Wichita 875 Hours  
2nd, Gamma Omicron,  
Manhattan 167 Hours  
3rd, Eta Rho, Derby 59 Hours  
Top 3 Chapters- 16 members or more  
1st, Chi Epsilon, Wichita 245 Hours  
2nd, Beta Epsilon, Frankfort 24 Hours  
3rd, Eta Theta, Cheney 20 Hours

## Heartspring/Philanthropic

### Adopt-a-Child Recognitions

District A: Epsilon Eta, Topeka  
Zeta Epsilon, Overland Park  
District C: Beta Beta, Andover  
District D: Chi Epsilon, Wichita  
Eta Phi, Wichita  
Eta Rho, Derby

District E: Eta Theta, Cheney  
District G: Alpha Zeta, Garden City  
Eta Beta, Liberal  
District J: Beta Epsilon, Frankfort  
Gamma Lambda, Manhattan  
Gamma Omicron, Manhattan

Zeta Phi, Junction City

District J: The only district to participate in the adopt-a-child program as a district. Thank you, District J!

### Heartspring Top Awards

Chapters with 15 members or less  
Total Heartspring Hours:  
1st, Eta Phi, Wichita 452 Hours  
2nd, Delta Chi, Caldwell 260 Hours  
3rd, Zeta Epsilon, O.Park 149 Hours  
Total Monetary Donations:  
1st, Eta Phi, Wichita \$580.00  
2nd, Eta Rho, Derby \$408.10  
3rd, Zeta Epsilon, O.Park \$366.10

Chapters with 16 members or more  
Total Heartspring Hours:  
1st, Chi Epsilon, Wichita 293 Hours  
2nd, Beta Beta, Andover 158 Hours  
3rd, Delta Epsilon, Rose Hill 147 Hours  
Total Monetary Donations:  
1st, Eta Theta, Cheney \$1,517.00  
2nd, Alpha Zeta, Garden City \$1,351.80  
3rd, Beta Beta, Andover \$1,300.00

### District Monetary Donations:

1st, District J  
2nd, District D  
3rd, District C

### Top Philanthropic Awards

Chapters with 15 members or less  
Philanthropic Hours Per Member:  
1st, Beta Theta, Horton, 268 hrs/member  
2nd, Delta Beta, Wichita, 242 hrs/member  
3rd, Delta Delta, Ulysses, 213 hrs/member  
Philanthropic Monetary Value/Member:  
1st, Delta Beta, Wichita, \$7,446.00/  
member  
2nd, Eta Phi, Wichita, \$3,607.00/member  
3rd, Eta Rho, Derby, \$2,602.14/member

Chapters with 16 members or more  
Philanthropic Hours Per Member:  
1st, Gamma Lambda, Manhattan, 229 hrs/  
member  
2nd, Chi Epsilon, Wichita, 111.2 hrs/  
member  
3rd, Beta Beta, Andover, 89 hrs/member

### Philanthropic Monetary Value/Member:

1st, Chi Epsilon, Wichita, \$2,044.85/  
member  
2nd, Beta Epsilon, Frankfort, \$1,144.38/  
member  
3rd, Alpha Omega, Scott City, \$1,006.50/  
member

# AWARDS

## Membership

### Sponsors

Pauline Littlestar: Delta Delta, Ulysses  
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Marlene Kilgore: Chi Epsilon, Wichita  
Kay Grissom, Cheryl Wahlenmaier: Delta Epsilon, Rose Hill  
Lisa Quirke: Lambda Pi, Salina

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### Reinstatements

Betty McMillan: Alpha Omicron, Wellington  
Jeannie Schriener: Theta Pi, Jetmore  
Amy Brillhart: Delta Eta, Elkhart  
Nancy Farmer: Zeta Gamma, Great Bend  
Pat Hood: Delta Tau, Great Bend  
Terry Dean: Chi Omega, Wichita  
Joyce Morgan: Alpha Iota, Medicine Lodge  
Wendy Brown: Eta Theta, Cheney  
Marcy Aycock: Eta Phi, Wichita  
Maxine Atkinson: Alpha Zeta, Garden City  
Rhonda Boone: Alpha Phi, Elkhart

### Net Growth Awards

1st, Alpha Phi, Elkhart, 30% net growth  
2nd, Epsilon Pi, Pratt, 25% net growth  
3rd, Epsilon Eta, Topeka, 22% net growth

## Outstanding Chapters

### Top Ten Chapters (Random Order)

Eta Rho, Derby  
Delta Chi, Caldwell  
Eta Phi, Wichita  
Epsilon Pi, Pratt  
Chi Epsilon, Wichita  
Epsilon Eta, Topeka  
Delta Delta, Ulysses  
Gamma Omicron, Manhattan  
Beta Epsilon, Frankfort  
Zeta Phi, Junction City

The 2010-2011 Kansas Outstanding Chapter was **CHI EPSILON**, 2<sup>nd</sup> year running. They had growth in their chapter, participation in all district meetings, attendance at all 4 state council meetings. They attended leadership seminars, state convention, IC Convention, Heartspring Tea & Tour, Day of Love, and took part in Prom, last spring, at Heartspring. They publicized ESA in almost every possible way. Their members worked an average of 111 hours each and gave an average of \$2,044.86 per member. They have 22 members in their chapter.

## Outstanding Members

Linda Herburger, Alpha Delta, Winfield  
Linda Morris, Alpha Delta, Winfield  
Sharon Capansky, Alpha Iota, Medicine Lodge  
Kay Steckmans, Alpha Iota, Medicine Lodge  
Kristi Conine, Alpha Omega, Scott City  
Mary Whisennand, Alpha Phi, Elkhart  
Patsy Jenks, Alpha Zeta, Garden City  
Anita Gottsponer, Alpha Zeta, Garden City  
Rachel Livermore, Alpha Zeta, Garden City  
Debbie Craig, Beta Beta, Andover  
Peggy Harrison, Beta Beta, Andover

Sue Peckham, Beta Epsilon, Frankfort  
Melissa Small, Beta Rho, Independence  
Terri Clark, Chi Epsilon, Wichita  
Helen Stitt, Chi Epsilon, Wichita  
Delores Currier, Delta Delta, Ulysses  
Julie Hungate, Delta Epsilon, Wichita  
Janice Kay Curtis, Delta Eta, Elkhart  
Jackie Fraenza, Epsilon Eta, Topeka  
Ludi Egging, Epsilon Pi, Pratt  
Laura Williamson, Epsilon Pi, Pratt  
Leah Hood, Eta Beta, Liberal  
Ann Merrett, Eta Phi, Wichita  
Debbie Marlow, Eta Rho, Derby  
Anna Kitchen, Eta Theta, Cheney

Ginger Garwick, Gamma Lambda, Manhattan  
Bernie Hedinger, Gamma Lambda, Manhattan  
B.J. Weixelman, Gamma Omicron, Manhattan  
Betty Fiel, Iota Kappa, Wichita  
Dorothy Hawk, Iota Mu, Wichita  
Jenny Lu Hey, Theta Pi, Jetmore  
Sandie White, Zeta Epsilon, Overland Park  
Sandra Messenger, Zeta Phi, Junction City  
Barb Smith, Zeta Phi, Junction City

## Publicity

### Publicity Forms Awards

1st, Alpha Delta, Winfield  
2nd, Chi Epsilon, Wichita  
3rd, Beta Epsilon, Frankfort

### Publicity Notebooks/Scrapbooks

1st, Beta Beta, Andover  
2nd, Zeta Phi, Junction City  
3rd, Delta Chi, Caldwell

ESA was promoted through meeting articles, activity functions, Outreach Programs, editorials, flyers, posters, jewelry, clothing, and on Facebook.

# AWARDS

## Anniversary Chapters

### 30 YEARS

#### Gamma Lambda, Manhattan

Back in March of 1981, Epsilon Sigma Alpha chartered Gamma Lambda, Manhattan, into their membership. Some of their members had belonged to an older chapter whom, in their opinion, had become too set in their ways and did not seem to want to grow.

Upon encouragement and guidance from International Headquarters, State Membership chair, Colene Cape and Zone Four

Roadrunner, Virginia Bigbee, they were able to form their own chapter. It took several phone calls to headquarters to come up with a name that had not already been taken.

Gamma Lambda was officially recognized at State Convention in Great Bend thirty years ago.

Evelyn Penland, Marilyn Gobel, Phyllis

Mentgen, Nedra Sylvia, Betty Grubb, and Ila Morrill are still active today, and all have earned their Fifth Degree Pallas Athene.

Their chapter has continued to grow and remain very active with members from all walks of life. They "Let Their Life Speak" through service, love, and the understanding spirit that brought them together.

#### Chi Epsilon, Wichita

Chi Epsilon Chapter was chartered in November 1980. The chapter's projects, at the time, were the Blarney Breakfast and Santa's House; both projects reflecting the chapter's mission of helping children with special needs. The life of Chi Epsilon still speaks as they continue to host the Blarney Breakfast to benefit Rainbows United

thirty years later. The chapter has twenty-two members, one being a charter member: Margaret Shook.

Over the years Chi Epsilon has earned the honor of being awarded outstanding chapter and has three members whom have served as President of the Kansas State

Council: Margaret Shook, Helen Stitt, and Karen Knorp-Brown.

The chapter enthusiastically supports all international, state, and district projects as well as local charities such as the Alzheimer's Association, Shasta House, and Multiple Sclerosis.

### 50 YEARS

#### Eta Phi, Wichita

Eta Phi was chartered in February, 1961, by Pat McMillan. Although not a charter member, Joan Bourn, past International Council President, joined Eta Phi the following year and has been a member of ESA and Eta Phi for over 50 years. Charmaine Nichols is also a long time member of Eta Phi having served over 40 years. Eta Phi has always been active at the district and state levels. Many of their members have served or continue to serve on the Kansas State Council including two past State Council Presidents and eight

past Zone/District chairs. Crystal Collinsworth is the current State Auditor and 2011-2012 treasurer, while Ann Merrett will serve a second term as District D Chair next year. They are always proud to call Joy Thornbrugh an honorary member, as she was part of Eta Phi for a number of years before moving from Wichita.

Eta Phi supports all international and state philanthropic projects as well as numerous chapter projects, consistently placing in the top ten chapters in the state. The

friendships they have made in ESA, on all levels, continue to be a source of inspiration to continue their commitment of serving ESA. They will continue to support all levels of their sorority and will keep dedicating themselves anew to the vows they all made when joining ESA and Eta Phi. They feel there is no other organization in the world that allows everyone to do their part in serving those less fortunate and to make lasting and enduring friendships.

### 65 YEARS

#### Beta Zeta, Topeka

The Beta Zeta chapter, from Topeka, was chartered in August of 1946, with three members. An International representative was sent to help organize the chapter after being contacted by Beryle Elliott. Beta Zeta gradually pledged more members, but because they were all young with some being married to servicemen, there was a continual turnover. They managed to maintain a steady membership of about fifteen members until the 1970's with twenty-three members strong.

In the earlier years, when the treasury was low on funds, they sold greeting and Christmas cards. For the first thirty years,

the chapter was very active and had numerous money-making and service projects. One of those projects was making curtains for the Capper Foundation House. During the 1951 flood, Beryle's home was the collecting point for clothing for the flood stricken victims. Some days her porch would be full of boxes, which had come in from all over the state.

Beta Zeta is proud to have two members whom have served as State Council Presidents, Beryle Elliott and Louise Woods. They have had a number of their members who have served on the State Council and as Zone and District officers. All current

members have served in all of their chapter offices. Presently, the chapter is made up of nine members. One of their members recently moved out of town, and they have lost two members to death in the last six months. They continue to meet regularly and have a lesson each month.

Their Sisterhood is something they value. Beta Zeta plans to continue to "Let Their Life Speak" by staying active with Epsilon Sigma Alpha and within their local community.



# IC NEWS

The Lamplighters are thrilled to announce that we are starting another ESA Foundation Endowment this year! This will be the Kansas State Presidents' Lamplighter Endowment, and the criteria will be decided later this year. As you probably know, the money raised from our Lamplighter table at State Convention goes to support our Lamplighter Endowment to assist students attending college. Because of your generosity and support of our present endowment, we felt we had sufficient funds this year to create a new one.

As it takes \$5,000 to fully endow the scholarship before we can begin awarding it, we ask that you consider choosing the Kansas State Presidents' Lamplighter Endowment when you make donations to the ESA Foundation. We would love to begin awarding this to a deserving student in the next year or two. Thank you again for all of the support that has made this possible!

## CHAPTER NEWS

### Alpha Iota ~ Medicine Lodge

Alpha Iota, Medicine Lodge, had a very fun and exciting year. Three \$300 scholarships were awarded to three seniors last week. This is an annual project for the chapter. The money is raised for the scholarships by selling chances on a trunk and all its contents at Christmastime. The trunk is purchased by the chapter and the contents are donated by chapter members.

The chapter held its annual *Snack with Santa* in December. We hosted over 90 children to visit with Mr. and Mrs. Santa and receive a snack of cookies and a candy cane. The annual *Easter Egg Hunt* was held in April. Lots of candy was gathered by all the kids, who also got to visit

with the Easter Bunny.

Gifts of money were given to several of the community's elderly citizens at Thanksgiving and Christmas. The chapter earns the money by having concessions at Bingo once a month, at a couple of ball games, and a track meet.

A couple of road trips were enjoyed this year to Burlington, OK, to the Vintage House and Sun City to Buster's. Fun evenings with good food. At the end of the year, there is the annual salad supper planned that will include Installation. What a fun year!!!

### Alpha Omega ~ Scott City

Alpha Omega had a busy winter/spring. The group met at the home of Barb Summers with the Garden City CASA organization giving the presentation in February. The members also did the annual "Day of Love". Money was donated to local needs along with state and international organizations. The group served the *Pheasants Forever Banquet* as one of the chapter's fundraisers. The group helped the Boy Scouts with their *Ham and Bean Feed*. Our March meeting was held at the home of Marci Patton; point sheets and other business was discussed. District G meeting and State Convention were discussed. The social was at Suzy Bernings with Bunco being played. The April meeting was held at the home of Shirley Suppes. Jodi Yeager gave the presentation on the *Ideal Diet*. Discussion

was held about state convention and scholarship awards were discussed with 15 awards being given. Four members attended the District G meeting at Elkhart. Ten members attended the state convention at Great Bend. Outstanding sister from our chapter was Kristi Conine. Our chapter was awarded Third Philanthropic Monetary Value award and the ESA President's Challenge: Feed the Hungry by donating cases of food to the local food bank. The May meeting was held at the home of Kate Macy. The scholarship and awards dinner plans were discussed. This will be held towards the end of the month. Whimmydiddle and State Convention were also discussed. We will be serving the Four Ball Golf tournament in July for another fundraiser.

### Beta Beta ~ Andover

Twelve members of Beta Beta attended the State ESA Convention in Great Bend. It was a great honor to be among the honor guard for Marsha's Installation and to have our own Beta Beta Member, Rita Baker, installed as Chaplain.

Peggy Harrison from Beta Beta dressed as Cleocatra for the State Jude Event and won most beautiful cat in the show.

Members also participated in the Snow White and Seven Dwarf Convention Invitation Skit.

Karen Osborne received her 5th degree Pallas Athene which is one of the highest degrees awarded to members in ESA.

We have 11 members signed up to attend International Convention and are looking forward to that.

# CHAPTER NEWS

## Eta Phi ~ Wichita

Eta Phi celebrated their 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary on February 21, 2011, at the home of Shirley and Sheri Meyer. Bonnie Stephenson, friend of Sheri Meyer donated the wonderful Carrot cake for our celebration. All members were in attendance and after a short business meeting, we all enjoyed the cake, ice cream, and punch then exchanged Secret Sister gifts. Everyone had a great time.

Pictured: Floor – Sheri Meyer  
Front Row – Charmaine Nichols, Shirley Meyer, Teresa Bleier, Crystal Collinsworth  
Back Row – Becky Kelley, Charlotte Combs, Joan Bourn, Heide Pearce, Shelly Martin, Ann Merrett, Virginia Schulz



# ADDITIONAL NOTES

## Rollin' for St. Jude

All week during the IC Convention in Overland Park we will be Rollin' for a Cure. We will be collecting rolls of quarters in the St. Jude red wagon. If you can't attend, please send your roll of quarters with someone from your chapter, to President Marsha Barnes, or to me. Of course we will accept a \$10 bill or a check (instead of a roll of quarters), and all would be greatly appreciated!

My address is 2101 S. Downing, Olathe, KS 66062. Marsha's address is 534 N. Market, Caldwell, KS 67002-1130. Let's see if our Kansas Sisters can fill the wagon with rolls of quarters Ourselves!

\*\*Also, there is still time to register and submit your form and check to participate in the Munchkin March at IC Convention. This is a fun event held to raise money for St. Jude, and I hope to see you there.

Linda Schmidt  
Sr. St. Jude Coordinator

## WARM WEATHER READING SUGGESTIONS

### [A Delirious Summer: A Novel](#) by Ray Blackston

Neil Rucker has been teaching Spanish to missionaries in Ecuador and has not had a date in seven months. So when one of his old students, Jay Jarvis (from last year's Flabbergasted), offers him a place to stay in South Carolina, Neil heads north for eight weeks of sun, sand, and single, churchgoing women. One by one, he meets the "Ladies of the Quest," an email group of local young women who go from church to church scouting for marriageable men. Blackston brings back some of the same quirky cast of characters from Flabbergasted, including larger-than-life blonde Darcy Yeager and unorthodox Alexis Demoss.

### [A Summer Sentence](#) by Carolynn Carey

Megan Marsh was just passing through McCray County, Tennessee on her way to a career in Chicago, but after a run-in with an overzealous deputy involving a bee, a slap, a speeding ticket, and a heap of misunderstanding, she finds herself suddenly immersed in small town life serving a summer sentence.

### [Firefly Lane](#) by Kristin Hannah

In the turbulent summer of 1974, Kate Mularkey is at the bottom of the eighth-grade social food chain--and she's accepted it. Then, to her surprise, the "coolest girl in the world" moves into the neighborhood and wants to be her friend. The new girl, Tully, seems to have it all: beauty, brains, ambition. But Kate soon learns that Tully has a secret that is destroying her.

### [Heat Wave](#)

by Jill Marie Landis

A lot has gone wrong for Kat Vargas, starting with a cheating boyfriend in her native Hawaii and a car crash that sent her running to the mainland and into constant nightmares. A potential solution to Kat's personal and professional problems may lie in handsome Ty Chandler, who's looking for the 19-year-old daughter he never knew about until his mother's recent death. What might have been a lengthy missing person's case ends all too quickly with a double-click of Kat's mouse on the right Internet sites. Enter Sunny Simone, Ty's streetwise, distrustful child, and her 17-month-old baby, French Fry (nÅ©e Alice). Ty tries to bond with his newfound family, while Sunny warily seeks a safe haven away from her volatile L.A. world.



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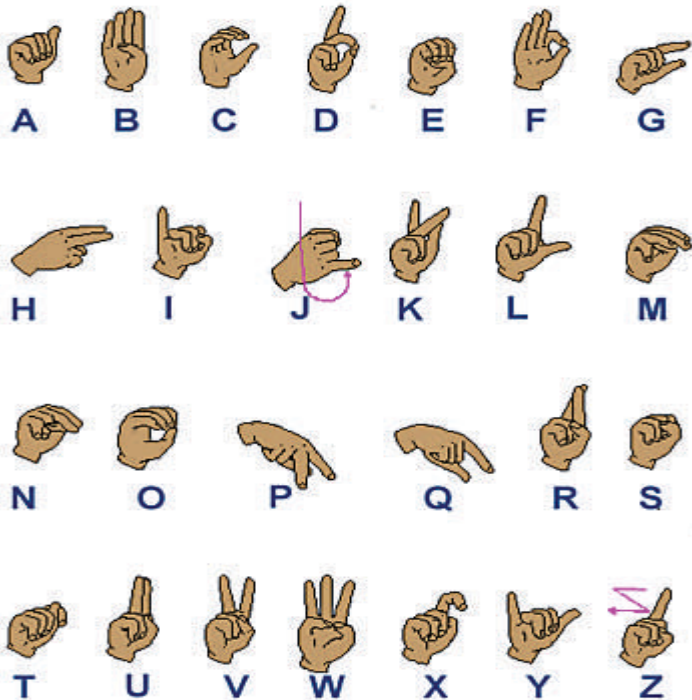
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