

# Season of ESA

## 2011-2012



# Winter Board Meeting

## Topeka, Kansas

January 27-29

Beginning on Friday with the Executive Board Dinner for the elected officers the rest of us made our way to Topeka, gathered for an evening meal together and prepared to start the weekend filled with many activities. Committee Chairmen met with their committees early Saturday morning followed by Chapter Presidents and Committee Chairs meeting with the President. Getting the word out on activities and work in ESA is an encouraging process. You wouldn't believe all that is going on in Kansas!



Saturday afternoon we made our way to the Easter Seals Capper Foundation on 10<sup>th</sup> Avenue for a tour of the facilities. Cheryl told us that we surpassed her request for \$400 in money and gifts for the ARTSTAR camp by raising \$700. Capper Foundation helps all age groups and is a very impressive operation.



The council tours the facilities' classrooms



We started with an introduction session in the conference room. President Marsha and her Corresponding Secretary Brenda Love pay close attention to the presentation.





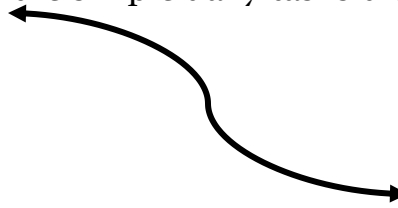
After the tour the group met back in the conference room where Marsha made a presentation to Cappers.



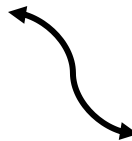
We listened to a mother speak of the challenges she faced with her autistic son.



We saw a demonstration on what it is like to have limitations placed upon your abilities to function with the simple daily tasks that people face.



Workshop Coordinator Terri Clark gave a workshop on spices. We were divided into groups and had to identify the spices in bags. The groups then had to explain how they can be used and how they benefit our health. This was a pretty smart group of ladies. Terri's workshop was informative and fun.





Meeting back at the hotel, members had their evening meal together before playing games and raising money for the ESA Foundation Kansas Scholarships under the direction of Debbie Smith, State Foundation Counselor.



Marsha starts the evening with introductions and instructions while Peggy writes her check for the ESA Foundation.



Rita is always up for some fun and, of course; we always have groupies ready for a photo opportunity. The meal was delicious too!

ESA FOUNDATION GAME NIGHT TO RAISE SCHOLARSHIP MONEY

FUN!





Sunday morning tables ran by the committees start the day. Our Elan chapter was there with their sponsor to give a refreshing “youthful” look to the group in attendance. They were actively raising money for the local Humane Society. What a great way for ESA to thrive with youthful energy!

(Below) The ways and means and St. Jude tables are busy selling their donation opportunities to get something special in their drawing.



Down to the Council Business – Marsha again leads our way!



Phyllis introduces the candidates and those that will lead us in 2012-2013. We will have a great election this year with so many wonderful ladies willing to step up to the challenge. Running and serving this year in May will be Terri Clark, Rita Baker, Ruth Archambeau, Marsha (Counselor) Linda Fincham, Brenda Schafer, Phyllis Simmons, Angie Fairbanks, Jill Mattingly, Susan Winters, Judy Ahrens, Pat Upham, and Bonnie Templeton.



One more opportunity before we headed for home was taken to get the committee pictures taken for the President's scrapbook: (left) St Jude committee: Rachael Livermore, Linda Schmidt, Paula Leatherman, & Linda Bocox. (right) Easter Seals Committee; Donna Watchous, Melody Wade, Cheryl Pucket, & Barb Griffith.



Kansas Care & Share Committee: (left) Vi Fry, Peggy Henderson, Charlotte Combs, & Jacque Ediger (Right) Ways & Means Committee: Ann Lemon, Sue Gosselin, & Sue Peckham.



Convention Committee: (Pictured left to right) Joy Thronbrugh, Delgene Moore Sealey, Verneene Forssberg, Linda Bocox, Jill Mattingly, Clara Ginn, Ruth Archambeau, Marsha Barnes, and Karen Knorp Brown.



\*Some Committee members on these committees were not present for the committee photo Only the ones present for the photograph are listed.