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President's Message



ESA, Free to Be...

Tulips, jonquils, lilacs, warm weather, spring breezes, and butterflies bring us to Topeka for the Kansas State Convention! I am so excited to invite everyone to the Ramada Inn in Topeka, KS, on May 1, 2, & 3, 2009, for the 64th Annual Kansas State Convention. A great Keynote Speaker, fun and informative workshops, awards galore, a tractor race for St. Jude, delicious food, beautiful surroundings, and a wonderful installation and banquet with entertainment following! How could you miss it??? Check out the additional information in the following articles and be sure to get your registration in soon. Share a room with your sisters and have a wonderful time!

I hope everyone is still encouraging literacy in your communities with the ABC's of ESA. You will find a form on the website to report your activities. Please submit it to Barb Smith so we can recognize you and your chapter at convention. Also, please file your philanthropic report with Second VP-Kim Kummer. These amounts are sent on to IC to show the amazing amount of work that Kansas ESA members accomplish. Kim needs to know your numbers!

I want to congratulate those chapters who have pledged new members and welcomed returning members. You are doing great! I hope everyone is continually bringing guests to meetings and talking about ESA wherever you may be. You never know when someone will want to join our great organization!

The January State Council meeting in Garden City was fantastic. Alpha Zeta chapter members were wonderful hostesses providing a beautiful meeting place and lovely weather.

Some of the highlights of the weekend were:

- ◆ A really fun Butterfly Connection directed by the Membership Committee
- ◆ A great new card game taught by the Kansas Care and Share and Disaster Fund Committees
- ◆ The "ESA Idol" contest, showcasing talent from across the state, organized by the ESA Foundation Committee. It was unbelievable!!!

I want to thank everyone who was responsible for making the weekend so great!

Have a wonderful spring! I am looking forward to seeing all of you in May!
ESA Love,
Joy Thornbrugh, ESA Kansas President

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IC News



ESA Foundation ~ Pat Upham, Senior Foundation Director

At long last ESA Idol Weekend arrived, and what a terrific time we had! All shared a lot of laughter and fun, and I want to thank all of you who participated in this event and provided us with many fond memories. You are all stars in my book.



The creativity and talent that you shared with us was awe-inspiring. I want to especially say congratulations to our very own ESA idols: the Zeta sisters and to Maureen Wells, who collected the most money at \$975.75. In all, we collected \$3,964.79 for the foundation scholarships. Each and every one of you is a very special lady, and I thank you for your tremendous support. Quite a few of you paid your dues this weekend, and we had one new person join the foundation. If you are not yet a member, please consider joining.

Our next big project is processing scholarship applications. I have started to receive some, so for the next few weeks we will be knee deep in paperwork. Thank you again for a weekend of fond memories! I will see you all at convention.



IC Leadership ~ Kim Kummer, 2nd Vice President

What a privilege to represent Kansas at IC Leadership the end of January. Kansas is one of the few states that have placed importance on sending both of their 1st and 2nd vice-presidents to leadership training. The councils that do not send both of these officers are envious of our state. Thank you for this opportunity! A strong foundation of continuity is developing as the officers attend multiple leaderships and are able to apply and build on what they learn from year to year.

BJ Clark, Executive Director of ESA, deemed those in attendance ESA Champions with a medal of empowerment throughout the weekend. Pat Josey, Kim Kummer, and Susan Winters attended leadership with 65 other ESA Champs. Technology, core values, and personal mantras were all topics of discussion as well as how to maintain membership and encourage attendance at meetings. Fun is the resounding item to keep meeting attendance up but fun does not denote silly. What makes a meeting fun for you? Let your state officers know so they can work to build and plan meetings that bring everyone together.

Again this year, the Central States Council (Kansas, Oklahoma, and Texas) met to discuss how much we have in common and how we can work to help one another. Plans are underway to meet at IC Convention in San Antonio, TX, to discuss further opportunities of a joint leadership. This is a wonderful opportunity to build ESA friendships beyond our own state.



Officer Reports



District Happenings ~ Pat Josey, 1st VP/District Advisor

The District Chairs and I met in Garden City. What a great group of ladies! As we wind up the year, I just want to mention a few “housekeeping” details. For those future District Chairs (2009-2010), please make sure you complete a Willing to Serve Form so I will have your current information for the new roster. Please mail or email me your form as soon as possible.

I am pleased to announce the schedule for next year’s calendar:

Summer Council Meeting – August 7th, 8th, and 9th. Hosted by District I – Salina.

Focus: Goodwill/Easter Seals

Fall Council Meeting – November 6th, 7th, and 8th. Hosted by District D – Wichita.

Focus: Heartspring

Winter Council Meeting – January 15th, 16th and 17th. Hosted by District J – Junction City.

Focus: ESA Foundation

Spring Council Meeting/Convention – April 29th through May 2nd. Hosted by District A – Olathe.

Focus: St. Jude Children’s Hospital

Mark your calendars so you won’t miss any of these special weekends!



Educationals ~ Suzi Fletcher, Education Director

This year seems to just be flying by. It only seems like a few weeks ago when we were in Independence, and I was outlining my goals for the year: put the educationals on the

website, build an e-mail contact list for the educational directors, have all chapters achieve Gold Link status, and add to the educational library. Well, I have progressed, with Verneene’s help, on the website. I am going to have my contact list done by February. I know of two educational programs that are going to be added to the library. It is not exactly what I had envisioned, but I believe it is helping move Kansas ESA in the right direction.

I would encourage you to go and look at the educationals available. This will give you an idea of how easy it is to write one to share with the rest of the state. Having current, relevant information is imperative to keep this great resource viable. Also, I will be using my completed contact

list to distribute a “where we’re at now” recap of the educationals I have received. There may be some that were lost when my computer was cleaned for a virus, and we have had some growing pains with using the new technology. Please review this list, and let me know if I do not have one of your submissions noted. I will be e-mailing this list during February.

Remember that I will count educationals received at any time. Please continue to send in your reports. Also remember, it is time to make nominations for the Athenian awards. I have already received one nomination and hope to receive more. These are due to me three weeks before state convention. Chapter educational notebooks are also due to me three weeks before state convention to be considered for the outstanding chapter educational program. Thank you for letting me grow in this position and for all of you who have added to your “Tools to Be....”

Alpha Omega of Scott City is selling tickets for a quilt made of *Emily Young's* ESA sweat-shirts. Tickets are one for \$1 or six for \$5. All money raised will go to St. Jude's. You can get tickets from any Alpha Omega member or at State Convention.

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Chaplain's Report ~ Crystal Collinsworth, Chaplain

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The following are ESA prayers requests:

November (Continued)

Deaths:	LaDuska Linn, Eta Alpha	son passed away
	Judy Christiansen, Zeta Epsilon	aunt passed away
Health Concerns:	Vi Fry, Alpha Zeta	breast biopsy
	Lisa Baum, Delta Tau	husband had health concerns
	Judy Christiansen, Zeta Epsilon	mother with Alzheimer's on hospice

December

Births:	Kathy Pauly, Eta Theta	grandmother
	Melody Wade, Eta Rho	grandmother
Deaths:	Becky Kelley, Eta Phi	step-mother
	Mary Mitchell, Chi Epsilon	father
	Sandy Purinton, Gamma Eta	mother and father passed way
	Roseann Malsam, Gamma Eta	brother passed away
Health Concerns:	Leah Hood, Eta Beta	hip replacement
	Pam McElvain, Eta Beta	vertigo
	Kathy Funk, Alpha Omega	husband had health concerns
	Linda Schmidt, Zeta Epsilon	breast surgery
	Melody Wade, Eta Rho	hernia surgery
	Marilee Beck, Gamma Beta	diabetes complications
	Mary Lou Harvey, Gamma Eta	injured in a fall
	Mary Hill, Delta Beta	two nieces in auto accidents in CA
	Sondra Freeman, Alpha Iota	husband in a tractor-trailer accident
	Sharon Capanski, Alpha Iota	brother-in-law (Sondra's sister)
Major Fire:	LaDuska (Dusty) Linn, Eta Alpha	at her home

January

Births:	Elizabeth Tabor, Alpha Zeta	mother
	Angela Tabor, Alpha Zeta	grandmother
Deaths:	Tammi Mitchell, Delta Delta	grandfather
	Delgene Moore-Sealey, Alpha Omicron	mother
	Charlotte Grelk, Zeta Phi	aunt
	Nila Filby, Gamma Phi	son
	Gwen Coates, Gamma Phi	daughter
	Allene Wood, Iota Kappa	passed away Jan.14th
Health Concerns:	Karen Lowry, Eta Theta	thyroid surgery
	Karen Stinson, Delta Delta	illness
	Betty McCauley, Delta Delta	broken ankle
	Vi Fry, Alpha Zeta	son has health concerns
	Cheryl Pucket, Epsilon Eta	father has health concerns
	Linda Schmidt, Zeta Epsilon	double mastectomy
	Bonnie Templeton, Zeta Phi	father-in-law has health concerns
Homecoming:	Vi Fry, Alpha Zeta	grandson returning from Iraq

Please continue to pray for our ESA family. We have been given many blessings for which to be thankful, especially our ESA friends and family. Please remember: Be Free With A Kind Word Or Deed! To God Be The Glory!

Officer Reports



Recording Secretary ~ Marsha Barnes

All that attended the winter meeting of the ESA Kansas State Council in Garden City, January 16-18, 2009, enjoyed perfect weather, great accommodations, new friends, and lots of love and laughter.

The weekend started Friday evening with the Executive Board carpooling to the Airport for supper at Napoli's Italian Restaurant. After a delicious supper, they returned to the Clarion Hotel and met in the President's suite for the business meeting.

On Saturday morning, Committee Chairs and Chapter Presidents met with President Joy, and the District Chairs met with 1st VP Pat Josey. The Butterfly Connection committee again led those who did not have any scheduled meetings in a fun time filled with lots of laughter.

After lunch, members returned to the hotel where Captain Utz, Garden City Police Department, spoke of many challenges that are encountered when there are a variety of cultures and languages in a community. Verneene Forssberg, Technology Geek, showed the many areas of the Kansas website and demonstrated how to navigate within it.

After a short break members divided into teams for a card game that was a special project for Kansas Care and Share

and The Disaster Fund. Everyone had a good time, and the money raised was divided between the two charities.

A short meeting to discuss the 2011 IC Convention was held following the Kansas Care and Share and Disaster Fund special project. Tentative plans were shared and questions were answered. Although 2011 seems like it is a long way off, it will be here soon. Everyone's help is needed to make this the best IC Convention ever!!

The much-anticipated "ESA Idol" competition followed supper. Volunteers represented their districts helping to raise money for Foundation scholarships. What a tremendous amount of talented women we have in our organization!

The weekend concluded with the Sunday morning Winter State Council Meeting. Reports were given by officers and committee chairpersons. The complete minutes of the Kansas State Council meeting are available upon request from Marsha Barnes, Recording Secretary.

A big thank you to Alpha Zeta, Garden City, for a terrific weekend. Everything from the hotel to the weather was wonderful.



Treasurer's Report ~ Phyllis Simmons

This is an update to the Kansas membership on the results of the 2009-2010 proposed budget at Garden City.

Following review and discussion at the executive board meeting on Friday night, a recommendation was prepared for board members at the council meeting on Sunday. As many of you are aware, our membership has declined over the past few years and as a result, our income from member dues has dropped drastically but expenses continue to rise. It has become very difficult for the executive board to continue to ask the Ways & Means committee to raise more and more funds to balance our budget. It is also difficult to continue to ask the 80-90 board members to continue to support the state through their donations at the state board meeting projects. We need to share the burden.

Therefore, it was the recommendation to the state council that individual membership dues increase for the 2009-2010 year. It has been recommended to raise individual state membership dues to \$15.00 (the last increase was in 2001). Board members in attendance approved the recommendation for the dues increase, which will be presented for approval to the general membership at the State Convention in Topeka. In order to continue ESA operations in the state, we need help from all of our members.

Discuss this increase with all of your chapter members and contact me with any questions or concerns you have. I can be reached at 610 Chestnut, Frankfort, KS 66427 or by email at esa.nanny@yahoo.com. I would like to ask all of you for your continued support of Kansas ESA in the recommended dues increase.

Officer Reports



Membership ~ Clara Ginn, Membership Chair



Congratulations to ESA Chapters in Kansas! You are doing a great job on membership. Thus far we have 33 new pledges and 7 reinstatements, but we are not where we want to be, nor are we where we should be, so we are asking you to put forth an extra effort and ask that neighbor lady, that woman you work with, or that friend down the street to visit your chapter meetings, and take a look at all the good you do in your community. It is not all play, and it is not all work. It is a combination of working together for good and having fun while you are doing it.

At the January Board meeting in Garden City, we distributed sun visors decorated with Jonquils for all the members who sponsored a pledge or reinstatement denoted by the number of "bees on their bonnet". By now hopefully most of them have been received. We would like for all sponsors to wear their sun-visors to convention at the mixer and awards luncheon, and be sure to bring your pledge with you if possible. We want to honor and welcome each of you. We have a wax beehive with a bee for all pledges and reinstatements to remind them to "***Bee All They Can Bee In ESA***". We have plenty more to distribute, so let us know whom those pledges and reinstatements are by paying their state dues of \$10.00 per person. Joy Pierson, Kansas State President, will reimburse your chapter for the Pledge dues upon receipt, so take advantage and pledge, pledge, pledge!

ESA has so much to offer, but it does take commitment. We would urge participation in the on-line web site lessons taken from the Ideals booklet. These are one way to help your new members learn all about ESA and what they can gain by the work they do. We do not do good works only for the rewards found, but we do good works for the betterment of our communities and our country. This is where we have the greatest impact, whether it is funding St. Jude's, Goodwill/Easter Seals, Heartspring, or all the things we do in our communities. The fellowship and fun we enjoy while we are doing our projects help us to know our sisters better and to be involved with the everyday joys and frustrations of life. In other words... sisterhood. The site can be found at <www.esaks.org> under **Join ESA**.

UPDATE!

What District do you belong to? Are you a buzzer or a stinger? Districts B, C, G, I, and J make up the Buzzer Team, and District A, D, E, F, and H are the Stingers. In November, the Buzzers were out in front, but the Stingers really cut loose, and now they are ahead. Let's get out, have some spring rushes, and we will see by convention who is in the lead!

The life expectancy of a bee is 28-35 days, so they must have rebirth in order for the hive to function. The life expectancy of our organization depends on us, its members, as only through rebirth and growth can we continue to do the good we do. Thanks for all you have done, but our job is not finished. **We are waiting to hear about your new pledges.**



Leadership Report ~ Bonnie Templeton, Workshop Coordinator

Thank you so much for all your support during the past year!! We have raised about half the amount needed for the PA system and I am sure we will have enough by the end of convention.

We have a very dynamic Key Note Speaker in Judy Young. The title of her presentation is "The Magic of Laughter". You can visit her website at www.laughterlinks.com to get an idea of what we will be seeing from her.

Workshop plans for convention have been undergoing several changes since the Winter Board meeting. There will be three workshops – one by Rose Pasillas, our IC Representative, one by Verneene Forsberg, our own Techno Geek and one by me. Please see the registration form in this issue or on the website! Can't wait to see you all at convention!!

Officer Reports



Parliamentarian ~ Mary Vander Pol

Hi ladies, convention is almost upon us and we have some business to take care of at convention with By-law changes and Standing Rule changes.

Changes to the Kansas State Council Constitution and ByLaws

Under ARTICLE 111: MEMBERSHIP & DUES

Currently reads:

Section 1: Non-refundable annual dues of \$10.00 per member shall be due and payable to the Kansas State Treasurer by the beginning of the fiscal year (June 1).

Proposed change:

Section 1: Non-refundable annual dues of \$15.00 per member shall be due and payable to the Kansas State Treasurer by the beginning of the fiscal year (June 1).

Reason for change: Expenses are escalating and many committee chairpersons are subsidizing their committee expenses. This will allow the entire membership in Kansas to share in the Council's costs not just the members who actively participate on the State Council Board.

Under ARTICLE X: FINANCES

Currently reads:

Section 3: The State President shall be allowed the following expenses to and from the IC Convention as supported by receipts: president's share of travel expenses, full registration fee, meals (not to exceed \$25.00 per day), and room expenses en route and in the convention city.

Proposed change:

Section 3: ...full registration fee, meals, and room expenses en route and in the convention city.

Reason for Change: State President expenses are covered under their budget allowed per officer and the officers do not need restrictions on the per day costs.

Currently reads:

Section 5: The State First Vice-President/President Elect and Second Vice-President shall be allowed the following expenses to and from the International Council Annual Leadership Training as supported by receipts: their share of travel expenses, full registration fee, meals (not to exceed \$25.00 per day) and room expenses en route and at the designated site.

Proposed change:

Section 5: ...full registration fee, meals, and room expenses en route and at the designated site.

Reason for change: State First Vice-President/President Elect and Second Vice-President expenses are covered under their budget allowed per officer and the officers do not need restrictions on the per day costs.

Changes to the Kansas State Council Standing Rules

Rule Number 2

Currently reads:

The Kansas State Council shall have a Care & Share Fund (b) The Care & Share Fund committee shall be appointed by the President. The chairperson shall handle and administer the monies of the Care & Share Fund.

Proposed change: *by addition to Rule No 2. Monies distributed from the Care & Share Fund, shall have a two signature requirement, the committee chairperson and the President of the Kansas State Council.*

Reason for change: This would bring Care & Share into accordance with other check and balances of all the Kansas State Council Accounts.

See you all at convention!

State News

Heartspring - Day of Love, February 21, 2009



LADY'S WORKSHOP REGISTRATION

NAME _____ CHAPTER _____

ADDRESS _____

Please mark which workshops you plan to attend. All workshops are Friday, 1 May 2009

Foyer 1	Foyer 2	Foyer 3
Rose Pasillas	Bonnie Templeton	Verneene Forssberg
2:35 – 3:20 _____	2:35 – 3:20 _____	2:35 – 3:20 _____
3:25 - 4:10 _____	3:25 - 4:10 _____	3:25 - 4:10 _____
4:15 - 5:00 _____	4:15 - 5:00 _____	4:15 - 5:00 _____

Rose Pasillas is IC Treasurer and our IC Representative. She will be presenting a workshop entitled "Feel the Joy – A Fun Workshop".

Bonnie Templeton will be presenting a Make-n-Take workshop where you will make a Thank You Card and a Birthday Card.

Verneene will be presenting a hands-on workshop entitled "Free to Be ...a technogeek!" where you can sit down at a computer and navigate your way through the Kansas ESA website.

PLEASE RETURN THIS FORM TO WORKSHOP COORDINATOR BONNIE TEMPLETON, 3020 Honeydew Lane,
Manhattan, KS 66503 No Later Than 13 April 2009.

MEN'S GOLF REGISTRATION

Name: _____

Address: _____

City/Zip: _____

Phone number: _____ E-Mail: _____

I plan to attend: (You will pay when you arrive at the golf course.)

	<u>Golf Course</u>	<u>Meeting Time</u> (Tee Off ~ 45 min. later)
_____ Thursday, April 30	Lake Perry CC at Lake Ridge	12:15 PM
_____ Friday, May 1	Village Greens, Meridan	8:15 AM
_____ Saturday, May 2	Lake Perry CC at Lake Ridge	8:00 AM
_____ Sunday, May 3	Lake Shawnee, Topeka (9 holes)	8:00 AM

Mail registration form by April 12 to:

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Information for Hospitality Room:

Choice of snacks
Choice of beverages

State News



Heartspring Happenings

~ Kim Kummer, 2nd Vice President

Wow! You are all very generous with your time and donations to all of our

many ESA projects but especially Heartspring. A wonderful time was spent

February 21st at the Day of Love. The decorating went quickly which allowed those helping a chance to relax and grab a bite to eat before we danced the evening away. Bill with Accent Mobile Music once again donated his DJ services. His interaction with the students contributed to the superb time had by all in attendance. New this year at the dance was the attendance of Dosidoe & Mema the Clowns. They provided face painting and balloon animals. This was a new opportunity for the kids and many of them participated or at least watched their peers take part. The staff was thrilled to see the kid's respond positively to this new interaction. A few parents were in attendance and their appreciation for ESA is beyond words. Each student left with full valentine sacks and smiles. Thank you to everyone who provided cookies, decorated, danced, or sent valentines and items for the sacks, your contribution contributed to the wonderful success of this evening.

We continue down the long, long road to a good, good end for the students of Heartspring. At this writing we are over a 40% of the way towards our goal of \$16,000 to update the Occupational Therapy Room. I trust that Kansas ESA will meet our goal so that the staff of Heartspring can better serve their students. Think of Zane...

In December 2006, Zane was diagnosed with Pervasive Developmental Disorder – Not Otherwise Specified (PDD-NOS). PDD-NOS is a diagnosis under the Autism Spectrum Disorder umbrella. A classification of PDD-NOS is based on deficits in social interaction, imaginative activity, verbal and nonverbal communication skills, as well as a limited number of interests that tend to be repetitive. Children with PDD-NOS often tend to zone out while participating in various activities. Occupational therapist Elise Malmberg works with Zane to wake up his senses by placing weighted blankets on him while he swings in the physical therapy gym. "This often helps kids to calm their bodies, which in turn helps them to better interpret incoming information from their environment," said Malmberg. "(This also) allows him to display higher levels of focus to his tasks and also increases participation." In addition to keeping Zane more focused, much of Malmberg's time is centered on assisting Zane with a variety of motor skills. Activities that come naturally to many children must be taught step by step to Zane, including writing, dressing, brushing his teeth and doing jumping jacks. "Although Zane has deficits in several areas, he also has many, many strengths," said Malmberg. "He has strong visual perception skills, which has been a helpful tool in learning new things. He's always surprising me with his abilities and thinking patterns."

Thank you in advance for keeping my mailman busy bringing me many envelopes to open with your donations... but don't stop there! Please take the time to complete the philanthropic report and mail to me by the **April 1st deadline**. Remember, when calculating donations; please refer to page 80 in the Chapter Handbook, for philanthropic donation standards. Feel free to contact me directly if you have any questions or concerns when completing the philanthropic report. You all donate so generously and give of your time so freely – let's make sure we account for every dollar, hour, and mile possible.

Convention will conclude the celebration of the 60-year partnership between ESA and Heartspring. Plan to attend this celebration at the awards luncheon.

Please mark your calendar for Saturday, May 9th and plan to attend the Heartspring Prom. It will be an evening you won't soon forget and an opportunity to interact with the kids and visit with the parents that are so appreciative of all that ESA does for their children at Heartspring.

Take care and keep those donations coming! KS ESA can make a difference for the Heartspring students with the update of the OT Room. See you at convention!

FYI

IRS mileage reimbursement rate is 58.5 cents per mile! Use this amount when filling out philanthropic forms.



Committee Reports

Awards ~ Kerri Cole

I hope all of you that came to Garden City for the Winter State Council had a wonderful time. I know I did; it was such a beautiful weekend. I am looking forward to our upcoming events. Please have all ESA Essays for the "What ESA means to me" contest turned in by April 10, 2009. Anyone achieving their 5th Degree Pallas Athene who would like to receive their award at State Convention, please let me know by April 10, 2009. I need to know the number of certificates you need for awards no later than April 15, 2009. If you will not know until after that date, please let me know right away. I also will need a list of who is receiving awards for our ceremony. Thank you ladies for a wonderful year. ESA Love!



Circle of Life ~ Brenda Love, Senior Director

Congratulations are sent to St. Jude Children's Research Hospital for being voted the **#1 Pediatric Cancer Care Hospital in the COUNTRY** by Parents Magazine. This result was based on the magazine's survey of more than 100 children's hospitals and appears in the February 2009 Parents Magazine issue. Dr. William E. Evans, St. Jude Director and CEO said, "This is wonderful recognition of what goes on every day at St. Jude."

ESA has been a leading donor to St. Jude Children's Research Hospital since 1972. Over the years, ESA has contributed \$120 million in cash and pledges and has made it possible for St. Jude to continue its lifesaving research. ESA is the third largest contributor to St. Jude. St. Jude has made a difference in many lives and you should know that all of you have helped to make this difference.

With the 2009 ESA Topeka State Convention Date fast approaching, the COL Committee would like to remind all Districts to make their selection for their District Representative to ride in the "FARMER'S RACE". I will need this information as soon as possible. Please ask for chapter and district support in trying to collect donations for your rider. Tell your co-workers and neighbors what you are trying to do and ask for their support also.

PLEASE REMEMBER, FOR DONATIONS TO COUNT ON THIS YEAR'S STATE AWARDS, ALL DONATIONS FOR ST. JUDE NEED TO BE MAILED DIRECTLY TO ME WITH A POSTMARK OF NO LATER THAN APRIL 1!!

It is really hard to believe that my year as COL is winding down. Seems as though I just started yesterday. Guess the old saying "**Time Flies While You Are Having FUN**" really applies this year. I have truly had a wonderful time getting to know my Sisters better, learning how to raise money, and most of all, being able to help the kids at St. Jude. I would like to give a huge THANKS to my committee for all their hard work this past year.



Outstanding Chapter ~ Nancy Urbauer, Chair

"Be Your Best, Reach for the Stars" is my theme for the year. I believe it helps define what each of us is capable of doing. Collectively as a chapter, there is nothing we cannot accomplish. I want to remind my Kansas ESA chapters to be sure and submit the Outstanding Chapter Report, found on pages 63-66 in the Kansas Handbook, to me by the deadline of April 1, 2009. My committee and I can only do our job if you send in the report. Help keep us busy calculating the results so we can announce not only the top chapter, but also acknowledge the top ten chapters in the state at convention in Topeka. I am looking forward to seeing many of my Kansas sisters there!

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Committee Reports



Disaster Fund ~ Pam McElvain, Chair

Hello Everyone! I would like to ask for your help as your chapter begins to distribute your philanthropic dollars in the next few weeks. Please consider the Disaster Fund and also KS Care & Share. These are the two projects that benefit our sisters when they are having a life crisis of some type. Thank you for helping your sisters in their time of stress and keeping these funds strong and available. My goal is \$7500.00, which is one and one-half claims. We have already had two claims this year. **Thank You** for your help in assisting your sisters when they need our support the most.

Thank you to each of you that participated in the Disaster Fund/Care & Share Fundraiser at the Winter Board Weekend in Garden City. Each project took in over \$350.00 to help out our very important causes. We all learned a fun card game and had a lot of fun for a little while. Thank you to Sherry Marlow and her committee for their help with the project. I want to also thank our Alpha Zeta sisters for planning such a great weekend! You were such great hostesses and we all had a wonderful time.

I want to leave you with a few laughs... *The honeymoon is over when the husband calls home to say he'll be late for dinner and the answering machine says it is in the microwave. *Men who have pierced ears are better prepared for marriage. They've experienced pain and bought jewelry. *Married life is very frustrating. In the first year of marriage, the man speaks and the woman listens. In the second year, the woman speaks and the man listens. In the third year, they both speak and the neighbors listen. *When a man opens the door of his car for his wife, you can be sure of one thing: either the car is new or the wife. *Before marriage, a man will lie awake all night thinking about something you say. After marriage, he will fall asleep before you finish.

I cannot wait to see all of you in Topeka when we celebrate another fantastic year in Kansas ESA while we have enjoyed Joy's wonderful year where we were Free To Be.... Be Free and makes plans now to be in Topeka~~



Nominating Committee ~ Pat Josey, 1st VP / Nominating Committee Chair

The Nominating Committee is pleased to announce the slate of officers for the 2009-2010 Epsilon Sigma Alpha Kansas State Council.

President: Pat Josey, Zeta Epsilon, Overland Park, District A

1st Vice President/President Elect: Kim Kummer, Delta Tau, Great Bend, District H

2nd Vice President: Marsha Barnes, Delta Chi, Caldwell, District C

Secretary: Phyllis Simmons, Beta Epsilon, Frankfort, District J

Treasurer: Janene Radke, Alpha Zeta, Garden City, District G

Auditor: Crystal Collinsworth, Eta Phi, Wichita, District D

Bonnie Templeton, Zeta Phi, Junction City, District J

Workshop Coordinator: Patsy Jenks, Alpha Zeta, Garden City, District G

Counselor/Disaster Fund: Joy Thornbrugh, Epsilon Eta, Topeka, District A

Corresponding Secretary: Judy Ahrens, Gamma Omicron, Manhattan, District J

Membership Director: Suzi Fletcher, Alpha Zeta, Garden City, District G

Chaplain: Judy Christiansen, Zeta Epsilon, Overland Park, District A

A special thank you goes to these ladies who have accepted the challenge to serve the Kansas State Council and Epsilon Sigma Alpha International.

Committee Reports



Publicity ~ Evelyn Penland, Chair

It is that time to think about your reports. Hope you have been advertising! Get your reports to me by April 1 as well as your publicity books .



Ways and Means ~ Anna Kitchen & Shirley Keener, Co-Chairs

In August, we started with a few dollars that have since grown in November and January into a small nest, like a cocoon. This small cocoon will sit and anticipate the coming of the basket auction, silent auction, and chance

give-away at state convention. To make our small cocoon become a beautiful butterfly that is "Free to Be", we need your help with the basket donations in all shapes and sizes or something for the silent auction. Please remember if you want to include alcoholic beverages, they can **NOT** be in the basket. You can keep them in your room until after the auction.

We also need your help with the sale of the chance tickets. They are \$1 each or 6 tickets for \$5. On Sunday, May 3rd, we will draw for: 1st prize--\$300, 2nd prize--\$150, and 3rd prize--\$50. Remember anyone can make a donation for a chance to win, and who could not use the extra cash?



We want to thank you for your continued support in these trying times. If you have any questions or need more chance tickets, please call Anna at (316) 540-3947 or Shirley at (620) 649-2256.

Help Wanted!

I am in search of one or two ladies who would like to Chair or Co-Chair the Scrapbook for next year. I realize that this takes a special interest and I know you are out there – I just do not know who you are. The format is flexible. If you would rather create a memory box instead of a scrapbook, that is fine too. Just let me know if you are interested!!! Thanks a bunch. Please contact me, Pat Josey, at pjosey415@kc.rr.com.

Chapter News

Zeta Phi ~ Junction City

The ladies of Zeta Phi in Junction City, recently held their second successful Educational Outreach program for the year. In September, they hosted the Opera House Information Night, and in January, Zeta Phi member and certified wheat weaving instructor, Sondra Messenger, gave an introduction to wheat weaving. Each of the participants learned the history of the art, how to harvest and prepare the wheat, and then completed two take home projects.

Educationals have been an important part of each meeting this year. Each month, a guest is invited to give a program following Barbara Smith's theme this year, "Everything is Coming Up ESA". At the conclusion of each meeting, a

chapter member gives a report on their favorite flower.

Ellen Chalk was chosen as the Outstanding Sister for the year. We all congratulate her, and thank her for all she does to make Zeta Phi a success.

Bonnie Templeton, member of Zeta Phi in Junction City, and KS State Council Workshop coordinator, addressed the Kansas House Committee on Veteran's Affairs about her project on researching the Missing in Action from Kansas form the Vietnam War. Representative Barbara Craft, Junction City, invited her. Bonnie has also spoken for several local groups and the Junction City POW/MIA Recognition Day Service. She has been working on her project since 1998.

Sixty-Fourth Kansas State Council of Epsilon Sigma Alpha International
2009 Kansas State Convention-At-A-Glance Agenda
Free to Be Joyful
Joy Thornbrugh, Kansas State President Presiding
Ramada Inn, Topeka
April 30, May 1, 2, and 3



Thursday, April 30, 2009		
Time	Event	Location
5:00 - 9:00 PM	Registration & Credentials Open	
6:00 - 9:30 PM	Executive Board Dinner	Off site
9:30 - 10:00 PM	Candidate Skit Practice	
Friday, May 1, 2009		
Time	Event	Location
8:00 AM – 10:30 AM	Registration & Credentials Open	
10:45 - 11:15 AM	State Council Meeting	Grand Ballroom
11:30 AM - 12:45 PM	State Council Luncheon	Madison Room
12:30 – 1:00 PM	Registration & Credentials Open	
1:00 - 2:30 PM	First General Assembly	Grand Ballroom
2:30 - 5:00 PM	Leadership Workshops	
5:00 – 7:00 PM	Registration open	
5:30 - 7:00 PM	Dinner Workshops	
7:00 – 8:00 PM	St. Jude Fund Raiser	
8:00 - 10:00 PM	Mixer/Ways & Means Auction	Grand Ballroom
10:00 - 10:30 PM	Installation Practice	
Saturday, May 2, 2009		
Time	Event	Location
7:00 – 8:00 AM	Registration & Credentials Open	
7:00 AM – 8:00 AM	Exec Board, 2009 Candidates, and Guests' Breakfast	President's Suite
8:15 - 11:30 AM	Second General Assembly	
11:00 – 11:30 AM	Registration Open	
11:30 AM - 3:00 AM	Celebration Luncheon	Regency West
3:00 – 4:30 PM	Registration open	
4:15 - 4:45 PM	President's Reception (invitation only)	Mansion Rooms
4:30 - 5:30 PM	President's Reception (open to all)	Mansion Rooms
6:00 - 7:00 PM	Installation of Officers	Regency West
7:00 - 10:00 PM	Banquet & Entertainment	Regency West
Sunday, May 3, 2009		
Time	Event	Location
8:00 - 8:45 AM	Celebration of Life	Jefferson Room
9:00 AM – 1:00 PM	Third General Assembly	Regency West



Candidate for President

Pat Josey, Zeta Epsilon, Overland Park, District A

Pat Josey has been a member of Zeta Epsilon, Overland Park, since 1987. She has attended one International Convention, twenty State Conventions, and three IC Leadership Seminars. She has achieved the 4th degree Pallas Athene. On the State Council, Pat has held all elected positions except president and several chairmanships. She has been the Chairperson for District A, as well as auditor and treasurer. As a member of Zeta Epsilon, Pat has held all offices and committee positions.

She has worked for Palmer Marketing for 22 years, starting as a part time customer service rep and becoming vice president in 1997. In addition, Pat is a member of Southwood United Church of Christ. She is married to Rick. Her family also includes daughters Kelley and Kris, grandson Jacob, and son-in-law Blaise.

Pat was invited to her first ESA meeting by Judy Ahrens, who at that time was a member in Overland Park. Her favorite chairmanships were the two state conventions she chaired. Pat's favorite ESA project was the Heartspring Prom and just being part of that special night for the students, their parents and staff of Heartspring.



Candidate for 1st Vice President/President Elect

Kim Kummer, Delta Tau, Great Bend, District H

Since joining ESA in 1989, Kim Kummer has become a Life Active member and has achieved her 4th degree Pallas Athene. Kim has attended two IC Conventions, two IC Leadership seminars, and many State Conventions. As a member of Delta Tau, she has held all offices, having served as chapter president four times. She has been District H Chairperson twice and has held many other chapter and district offices and committee appointments. Kim was a charter member of collegiate chapters at Barton Community College and K-State.

She is Director of Marketing and Operations for Kansas and Minnesota Outdoor Sports. Kim is very involved in her community. She is CASA Chocolate Auction Chef, LOGOS Co-Director at Trinity Lutheran Church, Board member of Meals on Wheels and Golden Belt Community Concert Association. She is married to Steve and they are Aunt and Uncle to 11 special nieces and nephews.

When asked how she first became aware of ESA, Kim tells us that as a freshman at Barton Community College, she saw a flyer on campus about a new collegiate chapter. As education has always been an important part of her life, Kim's favorite committee was serving on the ESA Foundation Committee. Her favorite project is her chapter's Holiday Auction where Kim gets an opportunity to share her baking and organizational skills!



Candidate for 2nd Vice President

Marsha Barnes, Delta Chi, Caldwell, District C

Marsha Barnes earned her 5th degree Pallas Athene since becoming a member of ESA in 1976. She has attended twenty-six Kansas conventions and nine IC Conventions. As a member of the Kansas State Council, she has held many elected offices as well as the appointed offices of Corresponding Secretary, Parliamentarian, and Chaplain. Her district and chapter have elected her to all offices (multiple times) and enjoyed her leadership on many committees.

Marsha has worked for KanOkla Telephone Association for 11 years as well as being Store Administrator for KanOkla Tech Store. She is a Leadership Summer County graduate and a Caldwell Chamber of Commerce Board Member. Marsha has been married to Elbert for 37 years and their family includes two children, Dana Neal and David Barnes, and two granddaughters, Abigail and Megan Neal. She is a member of Corbin United Methodist Church.

Marsha shares that she first learned about ESA when she overheard a friend talking about an organization she was in. When Marsha pursued it, she was told that ESA only accepts members once a year and that they would have to vote to invite her to join! Her favorite chairmanship was serving as Senior Circle of Life Director. Marsha has helped Susan White with her campaigns for offices on Kansas Executive Board and names those efforts as her favorite projects.



Candidate for Recording Secretary

Phyllis Simmons, Beta Epsilon, Frankfort, District J

During her thirty-seven years as an ESA member, Phyllis has attended thirty-one state conventions and seven IC conventions. She has also earned her 5th degree Pallas Athene and is a member of the ESA Foundation. On the Kansas State Council, Phyllis has served as Corresponding Secretary, Workshop Coordinator, Auditor, and Treasurer. As co-editor of the News & Views, Kansas received First Place Honors for two years. She has served on many state, district, and chapter committees and held most offices. She has pledged three members and re-instated one.

Phyllis has worked for Community HealthCare System Inc. as an Administrative Assistant and also the Community Relations Director and Hospital Foundation Director for 18 years. Phyllis keeps very busy as a member of the State KAMSS and KHCC Organizations, Park Project Chairman for Frankfort, and Hospital Auxiliary Volunteer. She is married to Mike and has 2 children and 6 grandchildren.

When asked how she heard about ESA, Phyllis says she had a friend who asked her to attend a meeting. Her favorite chairmanship was serving as Awards Chair. With Phyllis' giving spirit, she has named any St. Jude project as her favorite. Each one is special to her and she couldn't pick just one!



Candidate for Corresponding Secretary

Judy Ahrens, Gamma Omicron, Manhattan, District J

Judy Ahrens has been a member of ESA for 33 years and has served on past Executive Boards as Workshop Coordinator, Auditor and Parliamentarian. She has held all chapter and district offices and chaired many state committees. Judy has also chartered and organized an ESA chapter in Missoula, MT.

Judy is the Accounts Payable Clerk for Steel Ventures & SPS Processing Center in Manhattan. She is married to Jim Ahrens and they are very involved in their church, First Congregational/United Church of Christ, where Judy serves as Treasurer and sings in the choir.

When talking about ESA, Judy says she has grown up with it. Her mother, Virginia Bigbee, has been a member since Judy was in Jr. High School and also helped organize the chapter that Judy is now a member of. Judy's favorite chairmanship was Circle of Life Director and the opportunity to train in Memphis. Her favorite project was working on the ESA Foundation Scholarships as Foundation Director. Lot's of work, but very rewarding!



Candidate for Treasurer

Janene Radke, Alpha Zeta, Garden City, District G

Janene Radke is a 10 year member of ESA and has received her 4th degree Pallas Athene. She has attended seven state conventions and is an ESA Foundation member. On the Kansas State Council, Janene has served as Corresponding Secretary, Auditor and Membership Director, as well as working on the Ways & Means, Social, and Long Range Planning Committees. As a member of District G, she has been Recording Secretary, Historian, and Auditor. She has been her chapter's President, Vice-President, and Educational Director and has served on many committees.

Janene has recently taken a new career path and is working at Gertrude Walker Elementary School in Garden City. She is a tutor in the mornings and a 1 on 1 paraprofessional in the afternoons. She is married to Mike and they have two daughters, Jacklyn and Natalie. Janene is a Family Crisis Volunteer for Crisis Hotline, Domestic Violence Advocate and Sexual Assault Response Team, and Russell Child Development Center Volunteer for the Holiday Festival.

Janene first heard about ESA as a young child from her Aunt, Barbara Atkinson. Her favorite position in ESA was when Janene was Vice-President/Rush Chair of her chapter, as she loved working with the new members. Janene names her own Alpha Zeta project, Family Crisis, as her favorite ESA project. She has become very devoted to the volunteer program by answering the 24 hour hotline and responding to victims of sexual assault.



Candidate for Auditor

Crystal Collinsworth, Eta Phi, Wichita, District D

Crystal Collinsworth, Eta Phi, Wichita, joined ESA in 1997. Since then, she has attended ten state conventions and seven International Conventions. This year, Crystal has served on the Executive Board as Chaplain. Past Kansas State Council positions have included Foundation Director, Easter Seals Chair, Convention Treasurer, Education Chair, as well as several additional committee appointments. A member of District D, Crystal has been elected as District President, Vice President, and Treasurer. In her chapter, she has served as President, Vice-President, Treasurer, Education Director, and chaired all committees.

Crystal sings in the First Methodist Church Choir and serves as Choir Master. She is the Senior Billing Associate for Hawker Beechcraft Services.

Crystal has Charmaine Nichols to thank for bringing her to ESA. They were members of a singing group and Crystal asked Charmaine about other activities she was involved in. Crystal says that Goodwill/Easter Seals was her favorite chairmanship, but ESA Foundation Director holds a close second. The Festival of Trees has become her favorite project and Crystal has served on the committee for many years.



Candidate for Auditor

Bonnie Templeton, Zeta Phi, Junction City, District J

Bonnie Templeton, Zeta Phi, Junction City, has been an ESA member for ten years and has attended all state conventions since joining. She has earned her 4th degree Pallas Athene and is an ESA Foundation member. This year, she has served on the Executive Board as Workshop Coordinator. Bonnie has worked on many committees on the Kansas State Council including Ways & Means, Convention Decorations, Convention Registration, and Association of Arts. She has served as Foundation Junior and Senior Director, and Awards Chair. Bonnie was honored as the ESA Foundation Outstanding Director. For District J, she was selected as District Chairperson, Treasurer, Outstanding Sister Chair, and Publicity Chair. For her chapter, Bonnie has served as President, Vice-President, Secretary, Historian, Educational Director, and Philanthropic and Awards Chairs.

Bonnie is married to Scott and has worked in Civil Service positions for twenty-two years. She received many awards and recognition, all after retiring from twenty-two years of Army service. Bonnie is involved as a POW/MIA speaker, the Flint Hills Leadership Program and Breast Cancer Awareness.

Bonnie first learned about ESA from Honey Grant, who eventually became her Pledge Mom. When asked about her favorite position in ESA, Bonnie said it was a toss up between Awards Chair and Foundation Director. She said Awards was more fun, but Foundation more rewarding. Bonnie's favorite project was a Mystery Dinner/Fundraiser that was held while she was a member of the Ways & Means Committee.



Candidate for Counselor/Disaster Fund Chair

Joy Thornbrugh, Epsilon Eta, Topeka, District A

Joy Thornbrugh has attended twenty-seven state conventions, ten IC conventions and two IC Leadership Seminars since joining ESA in 1968 and is a Life Active member. She has earned the 5th degree Pallas Athene. She is an ESA Foundation Life-Active Member and has served as ESA Foundation Regional Scholarship Director for 3 years and as an ESA Foundation People-Helping-People Program Auditor. Joy has held most chapter, district and state offices, as well as many chairmanships.

After over 30 years as an educator, Joy retired from Independence Community College in 2005. She is a graduate of Kansas University with her Masters Degree from Lesley University, Cambridge, MA. Joy is married to Terry Thornbrugh and together their blended family includes 4 children and one grandchild.

When asked about ESA, Joy tells us that it was her next door neighbor who invited her to her first ESA activity. Joy's favorite position, other than serving on Executive Board, was chair of Association of the Arts. Her favorite project is the St. Jude Radiothons and watching the dollar totals add up!



Candidate for Workshop Coordinator

Patsy Jenks, Alpha Zeta, Garden City, District G

Patsy has been a member of ESA since 1994 and has attended 4 state conventions. She has served on the Association of the Arts Committee, Foundation Committee, and Convention Co-Chair. This year, Patsy is serving as District G Chair. Patsy has held many chapter and district offices and served on several committees. She has been honored as Foundation Ms. ESA and Outstanding Sister of her chapter and district.

Patsy has been the Bookkeeper for a trucking company for 35 years. She has been involved with youth, Girls Scouts and Rainbow Girls in Elkhart, and was named Elkhart Woman of the Year. Patsy says her family is her #1 priority and she has been married to husband, Harry, for 54 years. They have two daughters, 4 grandsons and 1 great grand daughter. Patsy sings in church, plays the piano when needed, volunteers for the rest home, and is the organist for Eastern Star.

Fifteen years ago in Elkhart, Kansas, Patsy learned about the true meaning of ESA. She was invited to a Rush Party and soon after attending ended up in the hospital. She thought she would be forgotten, but the Elkhart chapter brought food to her home for a week. She joined right away. Patsy really enjoyed serving as Convention Co-chair and taking this opportunity to get to know her District G sisters. Her favorite project was earning money to support her bid as Foundation Ms. ESA.



Membership Director

Suzi Fletcher, Alpha Zeta, Garden City, District G

Suzi has been an active member of ESA for eight years. She has served as Ways & Means co-chair and as a member of the Membership Committee. In South Dakota, Suzi served as Outstanding Youth Chair. This year, Suzi is the Educational Director for the Kansas State Council and Treasurer for District G. Suzi has held many chapter offices in both Kansas and South Dakota, including President, Vice President, Secretary and Educational Director, as well as many committees.

Suzi is a Controller for Tyson Foods. She is married to Keith and they have two beautiful children, Ethan and Emma.

Suzi's was first introduced to ESA when she volunteered to help at a school carnival, which just happened to be sponsored by her former chapter in Elk Point, SD. They decided this enthusiastic lady would be great addition to their group!. Believe it or not, Suzi's favorite chairmanship was co-chairing Ways & Means and getting to meet so many sisters across the state. Her favorite project was her chapter's philanthropic fundraiser, Husky Days dinners, which were held before their local homecoming parade.



Chaplain

Judy Christiansen, Zeta Epsilon, Overland Park, District A

Judy has been a member of ESA for 18 years and has attended many state conventions. She has served Kansas ESA as Convention Treasurer, Jr. & Sr. Easter Seals Director, and a member of several committees. This year, Judy is serving as Outstanding Sister Chair. Judy has been District A Auditor and held all offices in her chapter.

Judy is the Office Manager for Bratton Brothers Construction and is very active in her church, having been a Youth Leader and Confirmation Leader for many years. Her daughter and son-in-law live in Topeka, along with Judy's special little man, grandson, Dale.

Judy first learned about ESA from Linda Schmidt and Shelah Goyer. They all attended the same church and their daughters were in youth group together. Although Ways & Means can be stressful, Judy names this as her favorite committee. She especially enjoyed the Basket Auction. Judy remembers her work on the Philanthropic Committee, under the direction of Maureen Wells, as her favorite projects. This was the year the Heartspring dances began and Judy loves being a part of that special time.

District Happenings

District G

Hello from District G! It is hard for me to believe that our year will soon be over. Our theme this year has been: "Soar With ESA and BE YOU"

We started our year with the planning meeting, hosted by Alpha Zeta, at my home in Lakin. Right then I knew we had an awesome group of Sisters, ready to work for a good year.

Alpha Zeta in Garden City hosted our September meeting, with a luncheon and auction. We were happy to have with us President, Joy Thornbrugh; 2nd Vice President, Kim Kummer; Treasurer, Phyllis Simmons; Auditor, Janene Radke; and Workshop Coordinator, Bonnie Templeton. Everyone enjoyed fun, fellowship, and food.

Delta Delta, Ulysses, hosted our January meeting in their wonderful Museum. We were again happy to welcome Executive Board members Pam McElvain, Past State President, and current Counselor and Disaster Fund Chair; and Auditor,

Janene Radke. Janene presented an informative and fun program enjoyed by Sisters from Liberal, Garden City, Scott City, and Ulysses.

We have had a good response on our project this year. Our emphasis was on St Jude and Disaster Fund, but other projects will not be forgotten. Our attendance has been great, and talent is overwhelming---what about our Whoop Whoop Sistas at Foundation Weekend. We think they were great !!!! Also, take a look at "Emily's" quilt at State. The Scott City Girls have done a great job with lots of memories tied up in beauty. I hope I take it home.

Our last meeting will be on March 14, 2009 in Elkhart, hosted by Delta Eta. We will honor our Outstanding Members, and install our new District Chair. This will close our year "Soaring with ESA." See you all at State.

Love and Hugs and Butterfly Kisses,
Patsy Jenks, District G Chair

Chapter News

Alpha Omega ~ Scott City

Alpha Omega Chapter had a pledge pin ceremony in November for two new members: Kristi Conine and Megan Hight. Welcome to ESA!! Plans are to have a formal spring rush too!

The Christmas social was held at the Chaparral Inn on December 11th. Members enjoyed a catered meal and a Christmas ornament exchange. The January social was a birthday party for the sisters. The sisters exchanged birthday gifts and had soup, the traditional birthday cake, and ice cream. "Do you know your Sister?" was the name of a quiz we all participated in. We also learned about the personality traits from each of the zodiac signs.

Alpha Zeta ~ Garden City

Alpha Zeta met on Monday, January 19, at the home of Mary Ann Johnson. The members discussed the State Board Meeting, which was held at the Clarion Inn in Garden City on Jan 17-18. Angela extended appreciation to each member for helping with the weekend. Everyone agreed that it was a fun weekend.

Rachel Livermore, Philanthropic chair, told the group about Relay for Life which will be held in May. Several members of Alpha Zeta will be participating. Suzi Fletcher, Educational Director, presented a fun educational. Each member had to demonstrate a talent that they have. There were

St. Jude Hospital was the focus for the New Year's Eve dance sponsored by the chapter. Another project is the Emily Young memorial quilt. This quilt is made from Emily's ESA shirts and sweatshirts. Chances were available at the District G meeting and will be at state convention in the spring. Proceeds will go to the St. Jude Hospital.

Several members have attended the District G meetings and the state board meeting in Garden City. Six sisters participated in the American Idol Contest. Whoop - whoop, Alpha Omega!!

some very interesting talents and the group enjoyed participating in the event.

Angela Tabor announced to the group that this year's Outstanding Member is Suzi Fletcher. Suzi will represent the Chapter at the District G meeting in March and at the State Convention in May. Janene Radke, Awards Chair, conducted an awards ceremony for the members receiving Pallas Athene awards. Janene wrote the ceremony, so it was a very personal for each member receiving an award.

Congratulations were sent to Mike and Elizabeth Tabor on the birth of their son, Trevin.

Chapter News

Beta Beta ~ Andover

Beta Beta's November social was held at "Bonnie's Cooking School" in Cambridge Market. It was enjoyed by members and their husbands on November 25. Karen Osborne, President, announced that \$455.00 was raised at our St Jude walk November 23, and a wonderful dinner was served afterward. Gifts were delivered to Beta Beta's adopted child at Heartspring in Wichita. Sue Friedel, Karen Osborne, and Sandy Keener plan to work at the Festival of Trees for Goodwill Industries the 1st week of December.

Epsilon Pi ~ Pratt

The Epsilon Pi Christmas Party was held at Parkwood Village in Pratt. There were fourteen members present. Karla Ewing and Kendra Jones hosted the event. Instead of a gift exchange, each member brought a toy for the Toys for Tots drive.

Saturday, December 6, 2008, we had a booth at the annual Craft Sale. All our members donated items to be sold, and we had a great selection. All proceeds go to our Philanthropic Fund.

We met Monday, February 2nd, at the home of Marilyn Herren. It was discussed and agreed that we would help deliver flowers for this Valentine's Day.

Eta Phi ~ Wichita

We have been busy little bees in the Eta Phi chapter. We started in November with our annual Ways and Means live greenery fundraiser. When all was said and done, the greenery sales were a huge success. We made a profit of over \$1,400! Becky Kelley was the queen bee in total sales.

December kept us busy first with making and bagging candy for the Goodwill/Easter Seals "Festival of Trees". Charmaine Nichols was on the "Festival of Trees" committee and worked long and hard to help make the event a success. Joan Bourn, Charlotte Combs, Crystal Collinsworth, and Teresa Bleier worked on "Senior Day" selling all the candy and goodies.

Gamma Phi ~ Junction City

Gamma Phi, Junction City, raised \$375 for the school in Chapman, KS. As most you are aware, Chapman was struck by a tornado in June of 2008, and the schools were heavily damaged, along with much of the town. In addition to the chapter's donation, Gamma Phi was also instru-

Beta Beta met December 2, 2008, at the home of Karen Osborne, with Shirley McPhail as co-hostess. Debbie Craig installed two new members, Jeanette Ward and Beverly Burns, by reciting the pledge ceremony. Donated hats and gloves were delivered to the Wichita Children's Home. We voted to give \$200 to a veteran who served in Iraq, and \$100 to a local Andover lady for Christmas. Gifts were exchanged by the 19 members present, and refreshments were enjoyed by everyone.

Dick McCall and Scott Morse from the Kiwanis gave a presentation of the program their group has to put out American flags six times a year. They asked if Epsilon Pi would be interested in participating with them.

Our theme this year is "Free to BEE". The educational programs have members telling what in their lives have given them the talent, strength, and faith to make them "Free to Bee" the person they are today.

Andrea Nall's new pledges, Deandra McHenry and Michelle Gimpel, were inducted in as new members. President Karla Ewing presided over the ceremony. Andrea Nall is our Outstanding Member this year.

The Winter State Council meeting was on January 18th in Garden City. Charlotte Combs, Virginia Schulz, and Crystal Collinsworth were in attendance. Rumor has it that they participated with other chapters in a parody of the old Hee Haw show complete with farmer's hats, plaid shirts and overalls!!

Eta Phi has an adopted child from Heartspring named Izzy. She is adorable as you can imagine! We provided her with several gifts on her wish list for Christmas, and just recently put together a Valentine gift bag with more wish list items.

We are in full swing and will continue to "Bee" ever vigilant to our goals for the year.

mental in raising another \$300 for the Chapman schools from the Prairie Band Casino. These monies were presented to USD 473 Superintendent, Tom Frieze, by chapter members Helen Long, Nila Filby, and Janice Kientz.

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APRIL 30, May 1 – 3, 2009



REGISTRATION FORM

A **late fee of \$15.00 per person** will be assessed to all registrations postmarked **later than April 13, 2009**. **Anyone who registers at convention, as a “walk-in” will be assessed a \$25.00 fee. (Walk-in fee also applies to Men/Youth/Guest.)** If a member is unable to attend, a request for a refund (meal cost only) must be made to the Registration or Convention Chair at least 72 hours prior to the start of convention. Please complete the applicable sections of this registration form.

Member's Name	Member's Number	Husband's Name <i>(if attending convention)</i>	
Address	City	Zip	Telephone Number ()
Chapter Name	Chapter #	District	E-Mail Address Cell &/or Work Number

Mark all that apply:

<input type="checkbox"/> 1 st Time Convention Attendee <input type="checkbox"/> ESA Pledge <input type="checkbox"/> Men of ESA <input type="checkbox"/> District Chair - Outgoing <input type="checkbox"/> District Chair - Incoming <input type="checkbox"/> Jonquil Society	<input type="checkbox"/> State Officer-- Office Held _____ <input type="checkbox"/> Past State President-- Year/State _____ <input type="checkbox"/> Chapter Officer--Office _____ <input type="checkbox"/> IC Officer/Rep--Office _____ <input type="checkbox"/> Guest - How Associated _____ <input type="checkbox"/> Special Dietary Needs - Diabetic / Vegetarian / Other _____
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MEMBER REGISTRATION

Please mark all activities you plan to attend and place the appropriate fee in the right hand column.

Registration Fee for 2009 Convention: (All members MUST pay registration fee)		\$	<u>25.00</u>
Friday, May 1:	<input type="checkbox"/> State Council Luncheon, All are Welcome	\$ 19.50	\$ _____
	<input type="checkbox"/> Chapter President Workshop/Dinner	\$ 23.50	\$ _____
	<input type="checkbox"/> District Chairmen Workshop/Dinner	\$ 23.50	\$ _____
	<input type="checkbox"/> Lamplighter Dinner	\$ 23.50	\$ _____
	<input type="checkbox"/> Friday Evening Mixer	\$ 5.00	\$ _____
Saturday, May 2:	<input type="checkbox"/> Recognition Luncheon	\$ 19.50	\$ _____
	<input type="checkbox"/> Installation/Banquet/Entertainment/Reception	\$ 27.50	\$ _____
MEMBER SUB-TOTAL:			\$ _____

(Cost for all Member events & registration [*choose only one of the Friday workshop dinners*] would be \$120.00. Check only the events you will attend and figure the total from that. Each total must include the \$25.00 registration fee.)

Sunday brunch will be through the Hotel's regular brunch, free of charge for those staying at the hotel. You will need your voucher from the hotel to go through the buffet free of charge. Those who don't stay at the hotel will be charged \$7.95 plus tax for the Sunday brunch.

MEN / YOUTH / GUEST REGISTRATION

Man's Name _____ Guest of: _____ District _____

Youth's Name _____ Guest of: _____ District _____

Other Guest's Name _____ Guest of: _____ District _____

Special Dietary Needs: _____

**Men's golf registration will be on a separate form elsewhere
in the News & Views publication**

Registration Fee for 2009 Convention: *ALL men/youth/guests MUST pay registration fee.* \$ 10.00

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Saturday, May 2 : _____ Recognition Luncheon \$ 19.50 \$ _____

_____ Installation/Banquet/Entertainment/Reception \$ 27.50 \$ _____

MEN/YOUTH/GUEST SUB-TOTAL \$ _____

(Cost for attending all Men/Youth/Guest events, plus registration fee, would be \$62.00. Check only the events you will attend and figure the total from that. Each total must include the \$10.00 registration fee.)

MEMBER TOTAL (from previous page) \$ _____

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TOTAL REGISTRATION AMOUNT ENCLOSED: \$ _____

Yes No

_____ **WORKSHOP REGISTRATION FORM** (found elsewhere in this News & Views) **ENCLOSED**

Registration form and money MUST be POSTMARKED no later than April 13, 2009 to avoid the late fee.

Mail check or money order, made payable to: **ESA – KANSAS STATE CONVENTION**,
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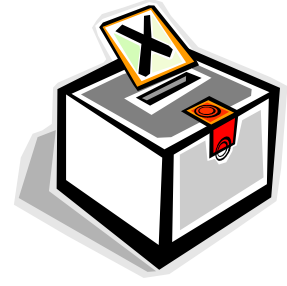
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Ann M. Johnson
4620 SE Girard St
Topeka, KS 66609-1824

Chapter Name: _____ Chapter No. _____ District _____

_____ Check here if no one from your chapter is able to attend Convention and complete this form. Indicate who will carry your proxy vote:

The following members of _____ Chapter, Number _____, District _____ are certified delegates and alternates authorized to represent our chapter and vote at the 64th Annual Kansas State Convention of Epsilon Sigma Alpha International in 2009.

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These delegates and alternates are authorized by the Chapter President's signature.

Chapter President's Signature

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3. Send a **typewritten** or (legibly) printed copy of your article.

We reserve the right to edit items for copy space as well as grammar and punctuation. Articles that are received after the deadline are not guaranteed publication-they will be held over until the next issue.

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