



LAMPLIGHTER MEMORIALS



Pauline Cowger

The Sisterhood of ESA and Kansas lost our only living member with continuous membership for over sixty years, Pauline Cowger in 1990. Her membership card carried the number of 51. Pauline had no immediate family to survive her. Her only sisters were her ESA Sisters with whom she lived a devoted life of service to our organization.

Pauline celebrated 50 years of ESA membership in 1979 and was presented a silver tea service from the Kansas State Council for her years of loyal service to ESA. She joined ESA in 1930 as the first chapter in Kansas was formed (Omicron) in Salina, Kansas. The cost of the dues to join was \$106, for which she received a set of text books, "Writings of Mankind" along with other benefits of membership. Pauline attended the first state meet-

Loss of an ESA Legend PAULENE COWGER

ing held in Topeka in 1940 and was elected the second President of the Kansas State Council in 1948. During WWII (1941-1945) state meetings were suspended. At the time of her presidency there were 40 ESA chapters in Kansas. Several major actions and trends were begun during her term of office:

- Pauline began sending each of the 40 chapters a mimeographed sheet of news messages entitled, "New & Views". From this beginning, our state newspaper continues to serve our members today.
- The Kansas State Council adopted the Institute of Logopedics as our Kansas State Philanthropic project. That year (1948) ESA raised and donated \$953.89 to the Institute for communication handicaps. The Kansas State Council continues today to support the IOL although it has been renamed "Heartspring".
- The establishment of Zones (now known as Districts) in Kansas was approved during her year to maintain a better system of communications and each zone was assigned a Zone Chairman as supervisor and representative between the state and zone level.

In 1979, Omicron chapter is the only chapter in the world of ESA to

maintain fifty years of continuous active status. This honor was recognized during the 1979 IC convention in Denver with the presentation of a gold crested plate to Pauline as she also represented the Omicron Chapter. From the beginning of her ESA service to the end, Pauline was a member of the Omicron chapter.

Pauline held the honor of receiving the "Palmer Humanitarian Award" from the Institute of Logopedics. She was honored at the International Convention for 50 years of service in ESA at Denver in 1980 and for 55 years of ESA service in Tulsa in 1985.





JOAN FRIEND 1944-2014

Beyond a dream—Circles of ESA



Barbara "Joan" (Rankin) Friend passed away Monday, October 20, 2014 at her home in Plainville, Kansas. She was born to John "Karl" and Jennie "Eudora" (Taylor) Rankin on September 16, 1944 in Emporia, Kansas. Her father Karl was "Missing In Action" during WWII at the time of her birth, and as fate would have it, was never to behold his baby daughter.

Joan was baptized at the age of 12 in the Christian Church and later became a member of the United Methodist Church. She graduated from Cimarron High School with the Class of 1962. She married Larry Friend on August 12, 1962 at the United Methodist Church in Cimarron. They celebrated over 50 years together. They had two children: Joey and Jay.

Joan earned a Secondary Education Degree in 1970 and a Masters of Administration in 1991 from Fort Hays State University. She was member of the Fort Hays Chapter of Phi Beta Kappa. During her 42 years in education she taught at Palco, Plainville, and WaKeeney, Kansas, as well as Thomas More Prep in Hays. She served as Principal at Palco before finishing her career as Superintendent of USD 494 in Syracuse, Kansas, retiring in July of 2012. She was a 46 year member of the Epsilon Sigma Alpha (ESA) International, serving as State President from 1977-1978, and International President from 1989-1990. She was also a member of the Philanthropic Educational Organization (PEO) Chapter AI in Syracuse, and the

United Methodist Church in Plainville. Joan was greatly loved, admired and respected. She will be greatly missed.



Pauline' Cowger's words:

"A person has to pay for the space they occupy in this world. That is the reason I joined these clubs – to contribute. I'm interested in their purposes and policies.

The things we are doing will be the records for future generations."

Dee Quade 1930 - 2015

Dee Quade died on Jan 30, 2015. She was born March 26, 1930. Dee was a member of ESA Alpha Beta, for 67 years, pledging on Dec 1, 1948. Dee

was the 1965-1966 Kansas State President and her theme was "Sea of Service". Dee was a loyal friend and active volunteer for many Kansas organizations.





Beryl L. Elliot *Birthdate Unknown - 2010*



Beryle L. Elliott, Topeka, died Sunday, November 7, 2010 at Topeka Presbyterian Manor. She was born in Iola, the daughter of Charles E. and Martha L. McFarland Elliott. She moved with her parents to Arkansas City at an early age and graduated from Arkansas City High School. She received an Associate Degree from Arkansas City Junior College (now Cowley County Community College) and a Bachelor's Degree in Education from Southwestern University, Winfield.

Beryle was a federal government employee, first working for the Department of the Navy in Washington D.C. from 1941-1943 and the Department of the Air Force at Strother Field, near Arkansas City from 1943-1945. From 1945 until her retirement in 1973, she was placement officer at the Department of the Army, Winter General Hospital and Veterans Administration Medical

Center in Topeka where she was responsible for staffing 2800 non-medical positions.

Beryle was a 60-year member (plus) of First Presbyterian Church, was an ordained Elder, and had served as a Deacon, a Trustee, and was active in women's organizations at the church. She was an over 60-year member and past Worthy Matron of Beulah Chapter #34 OES, and an over 60-year member and past Worthy High Priestess of Trinity White Shrine No. 7, White Shrine of Jerusalem. She served as an International Director of Epsilon Sigma Alpha Sorority, a philanthropic and cultural sorority and was a member of the local Beta Zeta Chapter. She was a member of the Topeka Chapter of Daughters of the American Revolution, Topeka Women's Club, International Center at Washburn University, United Way

of Greater Topeka, American Red Cross, Past President of Kansas Council of Women, and a charter board member of the Melody Brown Fun Factory. She is survived by several cousins and many ESA sorority sisters.



BERYLE ELLIOTT



Gladys Shook passed in 1979



Gladys Shook
President 1968-69

Gladys M. Shook, Gamma Mu, Garden City passed away February 12, 1972. She was a past state president and held other offices on the state level. At the time of her death she was president of the Lamplighters.

Gladys was a true example of a true ESA member, giving of her time and talents for as long as she was able. She will be sadly missed by all the Kansas

sisters. A memorial was established in her name at the Institute of Logopedics.

*Each Lamplighter lived
the Dream of ESA*





Marie Louise Woods *1921-2013*



Louise died on June 26, 2013 at Presbyterian Manor. Louise was born on November 1, 1921 in Kansas City, KS, the daughter of Elmer Leroy and Martha Elizabeth (Lynch) Horseman. She attended Kansas City Kansas Junior Community College. She was a homemaker. Louise was a loyal member of Epsilon Sigma Alpha and Beta Zeta chapter through the years. Louise served as the Kansas State Council President of the Kansas State Council in 1962-63 under the theme: "A Better World Begins With Me". She always told us that she still lived her theme to the last stating, "I still believe we each have opportunities to help make better the lives of those around us." She continued to meet new challenges after serving as KSC President and giving back. As



Louise Woods

well as a member of ESA, She was a dedicated member of the First United Methodist Church in Law-

rence, and a former member of Countryside United Methodist Church in Topeka. She was also a member of No Name Club, Sweet Adeline's, and the Kansas Historical Society - Women's Kansas Day Club.

Louise was married to Clyde Woods, Jr. in 1942 in Kansas City, KS. He preceded her in death January 17, 2013. Survivors include one daughter, Nancy Larsen, and husband, Erik; Lawrence; two grandchildren, Kelly Meier, and husband, Ryan, Rachel Rake; and four great grandchildren. Louise was always an avid supporter of the KSC State Philanthropic Project – Heartspring and the family suggested memorials in her name to Heartspring Children's Institute upon her death.



Connie Marie Hoch *1945 - 2008*



Connie Hoch, 2000-2001 State President of the Kansas State Council of Epsilon Sigma Alpha passed away September 26, 2008, in Topeka, Kansas. Her President's theme was "ESA – The Gift that Keeps on Giving" and this was exactly the way Connie lived her life. She was a gift that kept on giving. Connie was currently a member of Gamma Omicron Chapter in Manhattan. In recent years she became a professional clown known as "Pickles". Connie's greatest gift was making people laugh and smile. She entertained many with her humor



and dynamic spirit.

Through her life and service in ESA, there was never a time when Connie was not willing to engage to make an event fun. One of the most recent examples was her participation in the Tricycle Races at the 2007 State Convention to raise money for St. Jude Children's Research Hospital. We know that Connie's gift to ESA will keep on giving as she will continue to live in our hearts and memories of joy.

Connie was currently working as an Extension Associate, Community Development and PRIDE Programs,

for the Kansas State University Alumni Center in Manhattan, Kansas. Connie began her career in Extension in 1991 as Barber County Extension Agent. In 2000, she moved to Lyon County Extension as the Family and Consumer Sciences agent. Connie began her current position as an Extension Associate in Community Development and PRIDE Programs in 2005.

Connie was preceded in death by her husband (Ernie), Ernest, one son, and one brother. Survivors include two sons: Eric and his wife, Corona, Medicine Lodge, KS; and Brett and his wife, Michelle, Union, MO. In addition, Connie is survived by two sisters, and four grandchildren.

Memorial Services were held Tuesday, September 30, in Medicine Lodge at the Family Life Center at the First Christian Church, Medicine Lodge, Ks. Graveside services were private for the family.

A Celebration of Life was held Thursday, October 2, 2008, at the KSU Alumni Center, Manhattan, Kansas. A Lamplighter Memorial Service was conducted by the Lamplighter President, Maureen Wells.

We celebrate the spirit and joy of our friend and sister, Connie Hoch. Connie was always ready to have fun with people around her and she will be missed from our lives.

Connie in the St. Jude tricycle race. She was always up for fun.



Phyllis A Wheaton *1930 - 2010*



Phyllis Ann Wagner, daughter of Frank and Thelma (Keller) Wagner, was born on July 10, 1930 in Salina, Kansas. She was their only child. Phyllis's parents divorced when she was a young girl. When her mother married Paul Gaiser, Phyllis became quite close to Paul as he helped to raise her as if she was his own daughter. Phyllis grew up in Salina

and graduated from Salina High School in 1948.

Phyllis married Bernard Louis Wheaton on November 27, 1948, in Salina, Kansas. Together they had six sons: Michael, David, John, Richard, Jeffrey and Kevin. Phyllis and her husband lived in Salina, Assaria, Coffeyville and Anthony, Kansas before moving to Winfield in 2005. Phyllis was very proud of her sons, daughter-in-laws, grandchildren and great-grandchildren. Never a day went by that she did not brag on one of her brood. In her eyes they were the brightest and the best. Phyllis loved to laugh and enjoyed people laughing with her. She enjoyed having the friends of her sons drop by the house at any time.

Phyllis was a stay at home Mom for the majority of her sons' growing up years. When her youngest son was ready to go to school she worked many part time jobs in Anthony including being a clerk for several stores, and doing clerical work at both the Anthony hospital and the Harper County Courthouse Treasurer's Office.

In Anthony Phyllis joined the Delta Nu Chapter of Epsilon Sigma Alpha. Through the years she participated in various projects for local events. She actively helped to raise funds for philanthropic services including Heartspring, Goodwill Easter Seal and St. Jude's Children's Research Hospital. Phyllis served in many offices of her local chapter. She also rose through the ranks in the Kansas State Council of ESA. Phyllis served as State President in 2002-2003 with her theme being "My Cup of Tea."





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(WHEATON continued:)

On January 12, 2010, Phyllis passed away at Good Samaritan Society in Winfield, Kansas. She was preceded in death by her husband of 60 years, Bernard and her parents. Funeral services were held Monday, January 18, 2010 at Prairie Rose Funeral Home in Anthony, Kansas with Pastor John Schnelle officiating. In lieu of flowers the family asked that memorials be sent to St. Jude's Children's Research Hospital, Heartspring, or Kansas State Council of Epsilon Sigma Alpha. Phyllis will be deeply missed by her immediate family and her second family of ESA. Her humor and spirit will live on in our hearts forever. She will be missed very much, but the time we spent with her will never leave our ESA memories.

Maxine Carroll McKeever

1920-2013



MAXINE KOERNER

Maxine Carroll McKeever, formerly Alpha Chi, Medicine Lodge, was born September 20, 1920 and died August 22, 2013 at Medicine Lodge Memorial Hospital, Medicine Lodge, Ks. Maxine was 92 years old. Maxine was a long time resident of Medicine Lodge. Maxine served as Kansas State President from 1970-1971. Her theme was "The Key to Tomorrow is Today".

Maxine's true loves were the Institute of Logopedics (now Heartspring) and St. Jude Children's Research Hospital.

Maxine loved to paint and she made treasured gifts of many of her paintings by giving them to friends and family members. Maxine spent many hours over the years doing volunteer work for various organizations.

Maxine continued to give of herself even in death. She has willed her body to the University of Kansas Medical Center for medical teaching and research. A Memorial service was held August 31, 2013 at the First Christian Church, Medicine Lodge, Ks.



Geri Benton
1943 - 2016
ESA - Let the Sunshine In



*Grace and Peace of Spirit
Resides here!*

OTHER LAMPLIGHTERS

- Zura Crocket Ditman - President 1946-47, 1947-48
- Pauline Cowger - President 1948-49
- Grace Stoner - President 1949-50
- Mildred Doll Keller - President 1950-51
- Jessie McAdoo Little - President 1951-52
- Fay Jordon - President 1953-54
- Kay Lavelle - President 1954-55
- Irene Ramsey - President 1955-56
- Jerry Phillips - President 1957-58
- Lois Mayall - President 1960-61
- Betty Gruthrie - President 1961-62
- Bonnie Gunter - President 1963-64
- Kathleen Lutz - President 1967-68

- Lorita VonNiederhausen - President 1969-70
- Jean Wells - President 1972-73
- Mary Daniels - President 1975-76
- Florence Ellis - President 1976-77
- Opal Regier - President 1978-79
- Jean Beetem - President 1980-81
- Mary Booe - President 1958-1959
- Louise Woods - President 1962-1963

