

# Anchors Away with ESA



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# Captain's Message

The primary duty of the Captain is the overall safe manning and operation of the ship.

I was so happy to attend the 2024 State Convention in Redmond last week. A special thank you to Sharon Comingore, Madras Chapter and all who worked on Convention. It was fabulous!

Joy Serkowney met the challenge of a computer that crashed right before the convention. She was able to get the help she needed and delivered the installation perfectly. Thank you for your perseverance. Installation will be a special memory for me.

I was so overwhelmed by the outpowering of love and support I received from all of you. As I switch my brain from treatment mode to healing, I know you will be with me. I am looking forward to the coming year.

I joined ESA in December 1978. I had two young children. Most of our members were like me with small children and ESA gave us the much-needed break from Mommy duty. I enjoyed working on philanthropic projects for St. Jude, Easter Seals and Disaster Fund. It gave me great joy to know we were able to donate and provide assistance to those in need. Adding the balance of education (pursuit of learning) and opportunity for adding lifelong friendships. This made ESA a perfect fit for me.

I have chosen "Anchors away with ESA", as my theme for 2024 -2025. An anchor usually is a heavy object used to moor a ship to the sea. ESA has been my anchor. It has kept me calm in stormy seas, stabilized me as I drifted away, brought me joy with our successes, given me strength, when I felt week and given me friendship, always.

Now our 2024 - 2025 journey begins. Let us board our ship, raise our anchor, and set sail to our first port of call.

To my ship's crew, the board and committee chairman I appreciate that you have chosen to come aboard and serve with me. Helping to make this another successful year. Thank you for allowing me to serve as your President.

Joyce



The First Mate or Chief Officer is the right hand of the Captain.

## **1st Vice President**

First a big thank you to Central District Eagle Crest for a fun filled weekend of Convention. Was so good to see and spend time with old friends.

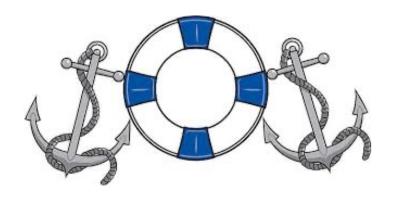
I think the board had a great time bringing you a 'blast from the past' with our hippie attire and fun "Laugh in jokes" thank you Carolyn. I know I enjoyed the Laughter and big smiles while we put our silly on...

Next, I hope you are all thinking about your next potential members. I know I am. I know a lot of us take the summer off to be able to travel and enjoy the warm weather. But it's a great time to scout for that perfect person or persons that will fit so nicely in your group. So be on the lookout, they are out there.

Thank you for all of you who stepped up not only for the elected board positions but the appointed board positions. You are all awesome. I'm looking forward to working with you this next year.

Lastly, I'd like to thank you for trusting me to be your first Vice President, I'm honored to hold this position and hope to fulfill all of your expectations. I'm looking forward to the challenge. I am so grateful for all the help I have received from so many of you and your vote of confidence. You know who you are, and I won't forget it.

Jean Forsman



#### Jr Past President

To the Gavels,

A huge thank you to all the gavels for the warm welcome and many presents, I'm excited to be a new member of such a great group. I look forward to spending more time with everyone and learning many new things. I am busy making a place for my many Iris roots, I'll be sure to take a picture when they start to bloom. Thank you, Connie.

# Outgoing President —

I can't possibly put into words how grateful I am for everyone's support and encouragement this past year. Each of you made my year extra special in so many ways, your help and ideas helped to make ESA Oregon a very special organization. As I said at convention, I HOPE each of you made a new FRIEND or renewed an old FRIENDSHIP, and you were blessed with a little extra KNOWLEDGE. THANK YOU EVERYONE.

## Incoming Jr Past President

A new year, a new hat, a new Challenge. I look forward to bringing some fun items to raffle for the Disaster Fund. Be looking for upcoming sneak peaks. Have a great summer.

#### Connie



# Executive Engineers

(Executive Board)

They are responsible for keeping the ship and the machinery running

# **Recording Secretary**

Hope everyone is getting ready for some warm days, I know I am ready.

The convention minutes have been approved and sent to Chris for the web site.

Thanks to everyone who purchased the Pots we used for the center pieces at the luncheon.

\$335.00 will go to St. Jude's, in memory of Ann Choate. Also, money on the wreath Nancy made.

Hope everyone has a restful summer, and looking forward to seeing everyone at Leadership

HUGS to All. Barb



Thank you, Gavels, they are planted. 😭 🐸

#### 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice President

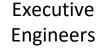
I am so excited to be a part of this wonderful board! I can't wait to work with Joyce and her crew this year.

The board for next year has already started to fill up but we still have some spots available! If anyone would like to be a part of this wonderful team, please let me know. I was very anxious starting out my journey but everyone that has stepped forward and offered to help me made it so much easier throughout my experience. They have never left my side and continue to show their support and always lend a helping hand when I need it.

I am always in awe of this group of people and how we always build each other up and have each other's backs. To be back on the board has been a dream of mine. Thank you for the opportunity to serve! I can't wait to see what wonderful things we can do together!!

Melanie Swann





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# **Corresponding Secretary**

Hi everybody and welcome to another fun filled year. Wasn't Convention a blast? It was great to see everybody, so much catching up and laughter. I can't wait until we get together again at Leadership.

Speaking of Leadership, as Joyce and I get ready to start off the year and the big job of putting her President's Yearbook together, I'd like to remind all Chapters & Districts that if you didn't bring or send me your updated Rosters yet, please do so by June 15<sup>th</sup>. You may either email them to me at <a href="mailto:ciwarren@charter.net">ciwarren@charter.net</a> (preferred method) or drop them in the mail to 1202 NW Keasey St, Roseburg 97471.

I look forward to hearing from you and if I don't, please know that I'll be calling on you.

Carolyn Warren

# Philanthropic/Educational

I'm wearing two hats today. First of all, as the new educational director, I'm really encouraging chapters to let us know what you are doing this year. It doesn't matter if you don't care about competing in the contest at the end of the year. All of us do things that are interesting, and it would be fun to share these with everyone. I'm hoping we can see how chapters are "anchoring" their members to new ideas and experiences.

As past philanthropic chair, I am going to keeping working with our new chair and our own Patty Anderson and Kathy State to update how we gather and report our hours and money. I am committed to helping chapters be more thorough in keeping track, especially of miles and hours. As I said at convention, I know we do more than we report. And the dollars matter! If any chapter has a way, they keep track of their information that works, could you please send it to me. I'd also like to know who does your philanthropic reports, if you don't mind sending their name to me.

Marsha Klosterman



Quartermasters work directly under the captain and first mate, overseeing the operation of the whole ship

#### Webmaster

The ESA Oregon website (eseoregon.org) has been updated with the new board and the calendar with the Grapevine due dates and State Leadership.

If you have meetings and events you would like to have added to the calendar, please let me know and I will add them.

Chris York

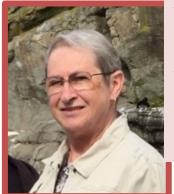
# **Editor's Note in lieu of Chaplain:**

It is with great sadness that we share the news that we lost Joy Serkowney, Alpha Zeta Eugene unexpectedly on May 12th surrounded by Lloyd, Susan and granddaughter Taylor.

Joy was Oregon State President 2006-2007, her theme was Live the Spirit of ESA using the Kokopelli.

A celebration of life will be held later this year in August or September and word of those plans will be shared with everybody when made,





#### **Documents Committee**

The Documents Committee met in early May and had a long agenda. We have reviewed several Officer and Committee Chairmen Guidelines and will be updating them. We will have a list published in the fall edition of the Grapevine. We have several that we are gathering more information on before making changes. There is still time for you to review the Guideline for what you did last year and recommend changes for the new Chairman.

All changes will be updated on the Oregon Web Site. They will also be sent to the State President, 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice Presidents and the person that is serving in that role. We will be working with Chris York to make sure the Web has all of the correct information on it.

Thank you to all the people that have given us input to make the updated changes to the Guidelines. They are only effective when we have your help.

Kathy State

# Quartermasters (General Board)

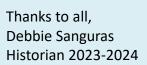
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Connie Russell getting her groove on during the Candidate's Fair

#### Historian 2023-2024

Please remember to send me a photo of your chapter members as well as any pictures of events or other information from this past year that you would like included in Connie's history. I want her book of of memories to be as special as she was as our President!





## **Beta Omicron, Burns**

At Convention we auctioned off a succulent wreath. Leianne Stinton was the highest bidder. The monies went to St. Jude, in memory of Ann Choate.

Sister Barb painted these wonderful 'pot people' used as centerpieces for our luncheon at State Convention. They were sold to members and were incredibly popular. The money went to St. Jude, in memory of Ann Choate.

As a reminder, Ann Choate's Celebration of Life' will be held Saturday, June 22nd, 2:00 at the Burns Senior Center 'The Hub'.

Melanie Swann our Oregon State 2nd Vice President, and Barb Moss our Oregon State Recording Secretary are showing our chapter's basket that was raffled for our philanthropic projects.

The winner of the basket was Kaycee Headley of Washington.

Nancy Reid







Crew





# Beta Eta, Sutherlin

Members of Beta Eta, Sutherlin, helped thank, Fire, Police, EMT, Sheriff personnel, at the Safety Appreciation BBQ. This is an annual event to let families meet the emergency personnel before an emergency happens. Lots of kids and lots of fun and food.



Thanks, Connie Russell



#### Delta Xi, Portland

Delta Xi had 10 members attend the State Convention this year. We had a wonderful time, seeing many old friends and making a few new ones. Thanks for all of your hard work Eastern District, making our weekend so fun. Thank you Connie, and your board for great meetings and congratulations to Joyce and her new board. We are looking forward to another great year ahead.

We have finished our Educationals on Games. What a fun topic. We learned about football, baseball, pickleball, and many card and board games, and last but not least computer games. We will all be playing something this coming year.

We continue to prepare meals for the HIV Day Center and the Banfield Center. We are beginning to look ahead to our year ahead. Our Installation and luncheon is planned for May 14 at the Margurita Factory in Gresham. Karen McNeil will be installed as President, Kathy Darnielle, Vice President, Pat Stupur, Treasurer, JoAnne Barber, Secretary, and Chris Dole, Educational Director. Our Planning meeting will be in June and where we select our projects for the year. Several socials are also planned for the summer months.

We hope you all have a wonderful summer ahead and look forward to seeing you this fall at Leadership.

**Kathy State** 

# Delta Xi, Portland cont.

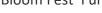




Chapter Crew

Bloom Fest Fun

Connie winning the vacation raffle











Delta Xi installation of new officers



Chris Dole left OS member



Delta Xi outstanding chapter



# Alpha Upsilon, Hillsboro

The Alpha Upsilon installation festivities began with a social at the Hillsboro Elks lodge at 4 pm, Our server was none other than member, Pearl Lushina's handsome grandson! We welcomed our newest member, DiAnne Fentress Rowe – Welcome DiAnne! And we were joined by Alice Chisholm, who is in the midst of chemo as well as Diane Lewis, who is on the road to recovery from back surgery. So good to have them both with us – they have been missed!

At about 5 pm, AU members moved to the private dining room to find tables beautifully adorned with beach towels, sand buckets/toys and seashells. There were Leis, turtle charms and saltwater taffy for each member, all depicting President Elect Susie Parks beach theme, "Ride the Waves with ESA" depicted by a turtle riding a surfboard! We enjoyed an amazing meal by the Elks Lodge chef.

President, Carolyn Fowler moved us quickly through our business meeting. AU made a contribution to the Parkinson's Foundation, in memory of Pearl Lushina's husband, Jim. Linda Gratteri reported that the ESA Convention was a good one and that Alpha Upsilon received awards for monies and hours. Who says we are too old to make a difference?!!?!! Certificates were presented to several of our members for their significant years of service to ESA: Claudia Hale – 60 years! Sue Horton – 40 years! Linda Gratteri, 20 years! Ladies, those three alone represent 120 years of community service via AU/ESA!

Past President, Ann Torgerson Installed our 2024-2025 officers (scripted by her husband, JV Torgerson – Thank you JV) to the theme of "Ride the Waves with ESA", and symbolized by a variety of turtles. Officers were installed with colorful lighted centerpieces and presented with a "turtle" species name:

President – Susie Parks, "Myrtle" the green sea turtle

Vice President – Della Schwab, "Loggie"

Treasurer – Linda Gratteri, "Olive Ridley"!

Recording Secretary – Ann Torgerson, "Spotts"

Cor Sec – Connie Thiessen (Sue Horton stood in for her), "Hawk"

Parliamentarian - Claudia Hale (Eleanor Mills stood in for her), "Ridley"

Jr. Past President – Carolyn Fowler, "Sea Flat", Flat Back Sea Turtle

# Alpha Upsilon, Hillsboro cont

In keeping with newly installed President Susie Parks (now known as Myrtle, the turtle) theme, our educationals will be a choice of 1) Animals we know little about; 2) Animals of the ocean,

3) Beaches less traveled; or 4) Beaches we WANT to visit. The gavel was passed with glee from Carolyn Fowler to Susie Parks, who then presented Carolyn with a beautiful handcrafted card and a lovely symbolic gift.

Our planning meeting will be June 12<sup>th</sup> at Sue Horton's. Six members have birthdays this summer and eight members have marriage anniversaries — so we have lots of reasons to have gatherings/parties in the next few months even as we adjourn for the summer vacation months.

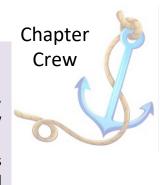
#### Rennia Meek



Claudia Hale, 60 years in ESA & former Oregon State President



Barbara Freerksen, Sue Horton, Rennia Meek, Diane Lewis, DiAnne Fendell Rowe & Karla Frengle





JoAnn Lumaco, Susie Parks 2024-25 President and Ann Torgerson, Past President (Not pictured – outgoing president, Carolyn Fowler)



Linda Gratteri, Della Schwab, Alice Chisholm, Eleanor Mills, Connie Thiessen and Pearl Lushina

#### Southwestern District Council

Our Southwestern District Council Meeting has been set. It will be held Saturday, May 18th, from noon to 2, at Abby's Pizza, 1011 W Central Ave, Sutherlin, OR 97479.

We will have the business portion of our meeting available via Zoom beginning at 1.

All ESA members are invited to attend! Please RSVP to Mary Anne Puhl marypuhl59@gmail.com or 541-253-6600.

Mary Anne Puhl





#### **Central District Council**

Here we are, packing the bags full of goodies for registration. Sister Barb was attending a special Executive Board Luncheon, so she was guiding us telepathically. Thank you, Sister Barb.

A giant thank you to the Oregon State Executive Board, Appointed Board, and Standing Committees. You are the ones that are really 'running the show'. You do the work all year prepping for Convention.

A big thank you to all of the members who joined us at Eagle Crest Resort. It would not have been possible without you. Also thank you to our special guests, IC Rep. Celeste Webb, Wanda Leyes from California, Pat Howerton, Kaycee Headley, Jeri Longacre from Washington state, our guest speaker from Burns, Kirstin Swann, who gave us great information on Crane Hot Springs. I apologize if I'm forgetting names.

We really hope the weekend was good for everyone. We are saddened about the loss of Brenda Myers, our IC President. We hope hearts are being healed.

Thank you, Connie, for making the entire 'Convention experience' so positive.

Nancy Reid



# Oregon State Council ESA is Hope, Friendship and Knowledge Award Winners 2023-2024

#### Educational

1st Place – Alpha Zeta, Eugene

2<sup>nd</sup> Place – Delta Xi, Portland

3<sup>rd</sup> Place – Delta Kappa, Hood River

Distinguished Athenian Award – Donna Cassidy, Delta Xi, Portland

#### St Jude

Monies: Hours:

1st Place – Omicron Omega, Portland1st Place – Delta Xi, Portland2nd Place – Delta Gamma, Florence2nd Place – Beta Eta, Sutherlin3rd Place – Delta Xi, Portland3rd Place – Alpha Zeta, Eugene

#### **Easter Seals**

Monies: Hours:

1st Place – Omicron Omega, Portland1st Place – Alpha Zeta, Eugene2nd Place – Delta Gamma, Florence2nd Place – Delta Xi, Portland

3<sup>rd</sup> Place – Delta Xi, Portland 3<sup>rd</sup> Place – Omicron Omega, Portland

#### Hope for Heroes

1<sup>st</sup> Place – Delta Xi, Portland

2<sup>nd</sup> Place – Alpha Upsilon, Hillsboro

3<sup>rd</sup> Place – Beta Omicron, Burns

4<sup>th</sup> Place – Alpha Zeta, Eugene

5<sup>th</sup> Place – Delta Kappa, Hood River

#### Philanthropic

Monies: Hours:

1st Place – Alpha Upsilon, Hillsboro1st Place – Omicron Omega, Portland2nd Place – Omicron Omega, Portland2nd Place – Beta Omicron, Burns3rd Place – Alpha Zeta, Eugene3rd Place – Alpha Upsilon, Hillsboro

#### Rushing

1<sup>st</sup> Place tie – Delta Kappa, Hood River and Alpha Zeta, Eugene

#### **Outstanding Chapter**

1<sup>st</sup> Place – Delta Xi, Portland

2<sup>nd</sup> Place – Alpha Zeta, Eugene

3<sup>rd</sup> Place – Delta Kappa, Hood River







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Disaster Chair Connie Russell, Beta Eta Sutherlin

Distinguished Member/Youth Award Thelma Belcher, Alpha Psi Port Orford

Documents/Parliamentarian Kathy State, Delta Xi Portland

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Easter Seals Jr. Leianne Stinton, Omicron Omega Portland

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# Standing Chairs & Committees (Non-Voting)

Archivist Carolyn Warren, Alpha Zeta Eugene

Auditing Chair Mary Anne Puhl, Alpha Psi Port Orford

Committee

Ballot Chair Kari Engdahl, Alpha Psi Port Orford

Committee

Credentials Chair Judy Huntley, Beta Iota Sutherlin

Flag Ceremony Debbie Sanguras, Delta Kappa Hood River

Membership Chair Jean Forsman, Delta Gamma Florence

Committee All District Council Vice Presidents

Nominating Chair Melanie Swann, Beta Omicron Burns

Committee All District Council Presidents

Outstanding Member Chair Nancy Reid, Beta Omicron Burns

Publicity Lynn Hughes, Gamma Beta Grants Pass

Webmaster Chris York, Delta Xi Portland

# TAX FACTS and IC Chapter Dues:

Completed tax facts forms must be <u>SUBMITTED</u> by <u>September 15</u> to ESA Headquarters via mail or email (no longer acceping faxes). Download the form

here: 2024 Tax Facts form

**NEW IRS REQUIRED ADDENDUM:** If you donated \$5,000 or more to any ONE charity this year you are required to submit this addendum with your tax facts form.

This form is vitally important to ESA chapters and councils because completion of the form by the annual September 15th deadline along with on-time payment of the chapter/council's International Council dues allows ESA's International Council to report financial information for the chapter/council and <u>eliminates for the chapter (council) the step of filing a chapter (council) IRS return.</u> What are tax facts?

- •Tax Facts Frequently Asked Questions
- •Form to track income/expenses for easy Tax Facts preparation
- •Comparing 501c3 and 501c4 organizations (tax letters and more)

**BOTH of these 2 steps,** paying IC Chapter (or Council) dues by selecting Treasurer **Dues Form**, AND completion of the tax form are required to eliminate the need for filing a tax return. Completed tax facts forms must be <u>SUBMITTED by September 15</u> to ESA Headquarters. Late tax facts cannot be included on the IC Council blanket tax return. For more information, see page 2, "General Information" of the ESA Tax Facts form.





# Magnetized Name Badge Order

This will not be something we do often, but we had quite a few requests...

Badges: \$ 18.00 ea. & \$ 2.00 s/h = \$20.00

The Greek letters will be as shown, but will not be enclosed within circles as is our official ESA logo. It's not allowed (as per IC at this time)

Mail orders to: Su McDonell 2795 Chuckanut St. Eugene, OR 97408

Make Checks payable to: Alpha Zeta Chapter

We will receive orders <u>until May 30<sup>th</sup></u> as we will order at one time. We will disperse and mail out orders to one of your chapter members.. (but not individually) in order they might arrive prior to any who are leaving for IC in Kansas.

(please print neatly so info is correctly requested)

Name:_	<del> </del>	 	 
	Chapter Name:	 	 _
City & Stat	·e	 	 



# PORT OF CALL LEADERSHIP MEETING September 14-15, 2024



# Registration

\$125.00 payable to Northwest District Council Deadline: August 30
An additional \$5 is charged after the Deadline

Includes Lunch and Dinner Saturday, Brunch Sunday

# Reservations

Radisson Hotel Portland Airport 6233 NE 78 <sup>th</sup> Court Portland, OR 9721 Phone: 503-408-3675 or 503-408-36 Or 503-251-2000 (all other hours Mention: ESA Leadership Meeting Please reserve by August 30, 2024 Room Rate \$ 145 plus tax (two Queen bed	76 (between 8 & 5, M-F) ) ds or one King)				
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