

# THE OREGON GRAPEVINE 2012-2013

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## Heart and Hands Celebrate ESA

**Judy Johnson**  
**State President**

Two weeks ago I got to visit both Willamette Valley District meeting and Northwest District meeting on the same weekend. What an inspiration that was! And, if I haven't visited a meeting in your District and there is one to be held before convention, please let me know. It is very exciting to see so many sisters and hear what they are doing in their chapters. At State Convention, I want to give every chapter an opportunity to share one event or activity that exemplifies "Heart and Hands Celebrating ESA". We did a bit of this at Winter Meeting, but I'd like for every chapter to be able to share.

The Willamette Valley District meeting was held at the Hilton Gardens Inn in Springfield where we will be going for State Convention. It is a beautiful hotel, great meeting rooms, and a locked room for Association of the Arts items, a bar nearby!, lovely rooms with refrigerators and microwaves, and we enjoyed a yummy lunch. I'm so excited to be there for our state convention. Sandy Diess, Su McDonell and the district members have been working for a very long time to make this convention "the best"! So please get your registrations in to Kaycee Headley and make your room reservations right away.

Winter Meeting was a great weekend in Roseburg. Douglas District hosted us at the Holiday Inn Express and a business building nearby. We got to welcome several new members and First Time attendees. Darlene Hoffman and Donna Cassidy gave a power point presentation on their trip to St. Jude Hospital for the dedication of the new ESA area (Chris York went too, but was sick and not able to attend the Council meeting). ESA has made such an impact in curing cancers in children and this special event was a celebration of that. We also had a fun evening of Bunco, raising money for St. Jude. The Douglas District ladies fed us, and fed us and fed us again! They did such a fantastic job. Thanks so much to all of you, especially chairs Carolyn Rapant and Judy Huntley.

Back to State convention, April 19, 20 and 21. We are so excited to have our International Council President, Susan (Suzy) Winters as our I.C. representative. She'll be sharing with us and you'll have an opportunity to visit with her over the weekend. She's MAGIC!! Her special philanthropic project for the year is helping abused and neglected women and children. In an effort to support her project, we are going to have a special speaker from Bags of Love, an agency that works with these women and children in the greater Eugene area. And to support their work, we're asking every chapter to bring gift cards, in small denominations, to give to Bags of Love. Many of these women and children have to leave their homes with absolutely nothing. Bags of Love gives them a quilt and cuddly toy to each child, but they may need pajamas, shoes, diapers, an outfit, school supplies, etc. and our gift cards will help with those needs. Please pass this request on to each of your members. They can also use 3-4 yards of cotton fabric for backing the quilt tops donated to them.

#### Convention Reminders:

- 1) Every chapter come prepared to share an event or activity that shows "Heart and Hands Celebrating ESA" (2 minutes!)
- 2) Bring gift cards from stores like Wal-Mart, Kmart, Fred Meyers, Penney's, etc. in small denominations for Bags of Love.
- 3) Your special Association of the Arts items: paintings, photography, needlearts, etc. The entry form was included in the Chapter files at Winter Meeting and is also on our Oregon ESA website.
- 4) Come to enjoy a "Party With A Purpose" supporting our Hope for Heroes Projects.
- 5) Check the oregonesa.org website for all entry forms and report forms due by April 1<sup>st</sup>. Also send Outstanding Member recipients' information to Barbara Moss with \$5.00 for a memento.

WHEW!! Are you worn out – or excited? I'm excited, a lot excited!! I'm looking forward to seeing YOU at state convention.

Love, Judy

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## Su McDonell First Vice President

#### **Hello Oregon ESA sisters,**

I've had the pleasure of attending a few of our District Meetings around the state and have a couple more in my sights before Convention. It's such fun to see what's going on in your part of our part of the ESA world and to take notes which I can then share with others when we meet. There are such phenomenal ideas you're using to the benefit of ESA. Since we're hoping to continue with some of those 'membership' ideas next year I'm thinking we can all benefit by learning what works for others. With a little tweeking maybe they could work for more of us!

Personal **Kudos to Carolyn Rapant and our 'southern' sisters** for their production of our Winter Meeting. You presented us with everything we needed for a very productive meeting. **Nancy Reid**, our Workshop Chair, pulled one of her long-time friends in Education out of her hat ... a Mrs. 'G'. She

managed to convince me there is more than just hope for our youth and our future. No easy feat, I can tell you. Brava!

This has been a fun-filled, awesome, adventurous, scary, hilarious, smelly, breath-taking, eye-opening, exciting, anticipatory and completely satisfying month for me, personally. Denver IC Leadership was all of the above and more. I feel so very blessed to have been able to attend that. Ask me about it at our Convention in April and I'll fill you in. I'm still reeling and smiling whenever I think of it. Suffice to say that my mind is full of 'endless possibilities' for ESA's future. I'm excited to be a part of it and I hope you'll come along for the ride with an open heart and a sharpened attitude!

I've heard from a couple of our chapters regarding my request for a **'simple' listing of your new members since last April**. I'd much appreciate a completed listing (*email works great*) from any of the rest of you who are excited about your new members so that I can share all of it at Convention in April. Headquarters doesn't list them all according to when they pledged so I'm having to take a step back and rely upon you Chapter Presidents so that I don't embarrass any of us at Convention by forgetting anyone. 'Mercy Maude', I'd hate to do that!

I look forward to receiving your **Chapter Rushing Reports by April 1st** even if you're not particularly interested in entering it for contesting purposes. Those reports are so very helpful for the incoming 1<sup>st</sup> Vice President.

Until convention... I leave you with a thought:

*"The price of inaction is far greater than the cost of making a mistake"* Meister Johannes Eckhart HmMMM!

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## Leianne Stinton Second Vice President

Spring is coming!!! It is time to get ready for our State Convention in Springfield.

Chapter Presidents, please remember to send in your Outstanding Chapter Reports and Year-end Reports by April 1<sup>st</sup>. All the rules and forms are in Judy's year book or on line at [www.oregonesa.org](http://www.oregonesa.org). I also placed a copy in each chapter mailbox at the Winter meeting. Doing the reports is a great way to review your year and also think about what you would use again or change. It is important that we share our ideas with the other Sisters in the state.

We have a great slate of sisters lined up for election. Each of them have stepped to the plate to serve as an officer. Please take a minute to review their info.

See you at State Convention.

## Slate of Officers for Oregon State Council



**President: Su McDonell**

Alpha Zeta

Joined: March 1, 1970

Chapter Offices held: All elected and appointed

District Offices held: All elected and appointed

State Offices held: Parliamentarian (2), Treasurer, Corr. Sec., Credentials (2),

2<sup>nd</sup> Vice President, 1<sup>st</sup> Vice President, Contest Chair, Philanthropic Jr & Sr Chair

Su has attended five IC Conventions, 25 Oregon State Conventions and all Willamette Valley district meetings and several other districts in the past 2 years.



**1<sup>st</sup> Vice President: Leianne Stinton**

Omicron Omega

Joined in August 1982

Chapter Offices held: all elected and appointed

District Offices held: President (2), V. Pres., Secretary, Parliamentarian (2), and many appointed chairman and committees

State Offices held: 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice President, Treasurer, Recording Secretary,

Parliamentarian, Sr & Jr Circle of Life, Sr & Jr Easter Seals, Education Director,

Grapevine Editor, Credentials Chairman, and several other chair and committees.

Leianne has attended seven IC Conventions, 22 Oregon State Conventions and 5 district meetings in the past 2 years.



**2<sup>nd</sup> Vice President: Kaycee Headley**

Omega Mu

Joined: June 2005

Chapter Offices held: President and all chairs

District Offices held: Parliamentarian

State Offices held: Recording Secretary, Treasurer, Workshop, and Publicity Chair

Kaycee has attended one IC Convention, seven Oregon State Conventions, and six District meetings in the past 2 years.



**Corresponding Secretary: Sandy Diess**

Alpha Zeta

Joined: September 1970

Chapter Offices held: All & many twice

District Offices held: All and several twice

State Offices held: All Elected Offices except Workshop, Parliamentarian (2), Contest, Awards, Flag, Membership Chair, Documents Chair., Credentials, Balloting.

Sandy has attended 24 IC Convention, 43 Oregon State Conventions, all district meetings in the last 2 years.



**Recording Secretary: Lani Shimmer**

Epsilon Theta

Joined: November 2004

Chapter Offices held: President, Vice President, Secretary, Parliamentarian,

District Offices held: President, Publicity

State Offices held: Treasurer, Workshop Coordinator, Publicity

Lani has attended seven Oregon State Convention, and six district meetings in the last 2 years.



**Recording Secretary: Jeri Fine**

Alpha Omicron

Joined: November 1975

Chapter Offices held: all

District Offices held: President, 1<sup>st</sup> Vice President

Jeri has attend several Oregon State Conventions, all district meetings in the last 2 years.



**Treasurer: Judy Palmer**

Omicron Omega

Joined: November 1973

Chapter Offices held: all offices elected and appointed

District Offices held: President (2), Vice President (2), Treasurer, Parliamentarian (2).

State Offices held: Treasurer, Parliamentarian, Workshop Coordinator (2)

Judy has attended three IC Conventions, 24 Oregon State Conventions, five District meetings in the last 2 years.



**Workshop Coordinator: Jill Holden**

Delta Xi

Joined: December 2002

Chapter Offices held: President, Vice President, Educational Director

State Offices held: Corresponding Secretary

Jill has attended three IC Conventions, 10 Oregon State Conventions and six district meetings in the last 2 years.

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**Barbara Moss**  
**Outstanding Member Chair**

Please let me know by April 1<sup>st</sup> who you have chosen for your Outstanding member for this year. Also, let me know if it is to be a surprise. I would like to know their favorite color if possible. \$5.00 should also be sent with your nomination.

I am looking forward to State Convention and seeing everyone again. Winter meeting was a lot of fund and it was good to see my sisters from across Oregon. Thank you all and see you in Eugene in April.

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## **Chaplain Debbie Sanguras**

“People don’t care how much you know, until they know how much you care...about them.”

Happy Spring to all of my ESA sisters. I’m hoping that the healing power of spring will bring hope and wellness. I’m look forward to seeing all of you at convention. Cards were sent to the following sisters since the last Grapevine report:

### **Members losing loved ones –**

Gaynell Krambeal – (former member of Beta Nu, Eagle Point)loss of daughter, Alyce Wright  
Mary Wagner – Alpha Lambda, Medford – her husband Orval lost his cousin, Derwin Wagner  
Patsy McLean – Alpha Upsilon, Hillsboro – lost two family members, brother and an uncle  
Joyce Anderson – Epsilon Theta, Waldport – loss of her husband, Bob on Jan 26  
Lois Fitzsimmons and Twyla Reed – Omicron Omega, Portland – Lois’ granddaughter (Twyla’s niece) was killed in a Pedestrian crosswalk in Portland  
Sharon Blackman – Alpha Omicron, Madras – loss of her sister

### **Illness –**

Ardyce Moore – Kappa Kappa, Portland – husband Ken, had successful cancer surgery  
Janet Rohan – Delta Xi, Portland – her husband Kiernan, had open-heart surgery in Jan  
Ricky Hartinger – Alpha Lambda, Medford – illness – breathing problems  
Marjorie Peterson – Alpha Lambda, Medford – surgery  
Remy Crum – Alpha Lambda, Medford – surgery on veins in her legs  
Tallie Lastiwka – Alpha Lambda, Medford - illness – vertigo  
Bunnie Barrett – Delta Nu, La Grande – knee replacement surgery  
Jeannette Rhodes – Gamma Beta, Grants Pass – hip surgery  
JoAnn Rochester – Beta Eta, Sutherlin – hip replacement  
Margo Tathwell – Alpha Omicron, Madras – hip surgery  
Thelma Burch – Delta Kappa, Hood River – brain surgery Feb 14 to remove aneurysms  
Betty Draper – Delta Kappa, Hood River – scheduled for hip replacement surgery on Mar 11  
Mary Eklund took a tumble a week ago Friday. She had been taking therapy to learn to walk better. She broke her femur and messed up her knee. They put a plate in the femur and lots of pins (look like nails) in the knee. They have moved her to a facility in Creswell for two to four weeks.  
Rylan Karrer: I just returned from the most recent trip to Texas. Rylan is still waiting for his new heart. He looks wonderful and you would never know how sick he is to look at him. He looks like a 2nd grader (he is a 4th grader) because he doesn't get enough calories to make his heart work and also to grow. Look out when he gets a new heart. He is still schooled at home, one hour a day, 4 days a week with the classroom teacher that he would have if at school. There is a desk at school with his name on it. We wait, we pray and we enjoy his quirky sense of humor. He turned 10 in January and said that he is now a "Double Digit Midget". Not to politically correct but so funny. You can follow his story on Facebook at "I Heart Rylan". Please keep him in your prayers.

## **Louise Muir Easter Seals**

As this year comes to a close I would like to thank each of you for all your help in raising funds to continue the services that Easter Seals provides to their clients.

I would ask that you please get your yearend reports to me by April 1st at the latest so that I can get the totals to state for the awards that will be presented at convention. Forms were put in your mailboxes at Winter Board but if you did not get one or misplaced it please e-mail me and I can either scan you one or put it in the mail.

As a long time supporter of this program I know what they do for those families in helping their family members become as independent as they can.

Some high school girls and myself started the telethon in the Coos Bay area before ESA took it over. We had such a fun time and with children that volunteered at Camp Easter Seals at Lakeside I feel it made them more aware of how fortunate they were with their healthy bodies and also patience with others with disabilities.

I know Melanie will do a great job in the year to come and that you will all be there to give her the support she needs.

A special thank you to Kathy State and Ardyce Moore for all their help my first year. You were wonderful.

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## **Jeri Fine PHILANTHROPIC CHAIR**

A few reminders about the Philanthropic Reports:

The powers that be say NO late entries will be counted. MUST be postmarked April 1, 2013.

Please send reports in the mail as my email can be a bit sketchy. NO email reports!

The correct mileage is on the current form and are available in the President's information on line. If you cannot access that sight, let me know and I'll get one to you.

Send reports of results to the Easter Seal Chair, and the St. Jude Chairman

I can be reached at 541/475-2634 or at [oldfinefolks63@gmail.com](mailto:oldfinefolks63@gmail.com)

Get those reports in and help our state ESA stay in the non-profit status. EVERY LITTLE BIT COUNTS!!  
See you at convention



## **Karen McNeil Association of the Arts**



Have you been working on crocheting an afghan or piecing a quilt, painting a picture or beading a necklace? Everyone wants to see all the beautiful things you create, so please bring them to convention. And those of you who usually just like to look might try your hand at writing a story or taking a picture. The entry forms and instructions will be on the state web page. Your chapter presidents should also have a copy in their state year book (or on the state year book disc). Remember your entry forms must be sent to me and postmarked no later than April 1<sup>st</sup>. And your entries must be taken to convention and turned in at the display room by 7 pm on Friday evening. Literature and music entries must be mailed to me and post marked no later than April 1<sup>st</sup>. (6694 SE Furnberg St., Milwaukie OR 97222)

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## **Judy Huntley Oregon ESA Foundation Counselor**

Hope you all got home from Winter Meeting without any troubles. We had such a good time and I hope those that were there took home the information to the rest of your chapter.

As I told the attendees, I was having a bit of trouble processing the information this year since no scholarship applications were coming to my home. I was given the information that they had received 8000+ online so far this year, which matches up with figures from 2012. I will be waiting to hear more information as the February 1 deadline has come and gone and the applications will now move into the next phase.

For just one minute, close your eyes, sit back and imagine yourself on a trip, doing something you LOVE! On this fantasy getaway, you can travel to any destination without even stepping outside your door – no reservations required! Plus you can do all those activities that you LOVE doing. The ESA Board of directors invites you to take your Fantasy Getaway and regardless of your destination, you can show your LOVE for the ESA Foundation by making a tax deductible donation today. Your LOVE donation will help support the scholarships and grants that we provide.

Also I remind you and your chapters that you should use the Turn Around Fund process to help keep the Foundation a Tax Free Charity. I put information in every chapter box and I encourage you all to use the information and forms to put your donations through the Foundation during the next months as you benefit your different organizations. Let me know if you need help or have questions with the Turn Around Forms.

Also by the time you read this, the deadline for being a voting 2013 member will have passed, but you can become a Foundation member at any time. It is just \$15 renewal and \$25 for first time, first year membership. The forms are on the website. Please remember you are helping many students and others realize their dreams while belonging to a Tax Exempt organization that has many outstanding projects.



I will be putting together an entry into the State Auction at the IC Foundation Event and I urge you to bring this up at your chapter meetings in the next months so that you might vote to support this project from our state of Oregon. I will accept any monetary donations in the form of checks or gift cards to stores that are wide spread in all areas. We, as a state, have always done a great job of having an outstanding entry, which helps bring big bucks to the Foundation treasury. Please help me out.

See you in Eugene next month.

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## **Western States Oregon Mary Lambert**

There were 37 people attending the Western States Fling in San Francisco in January. Oregon had 6 members and 1 man in attendance.

A by-law change was presented which brought the distribution of the Western Ways into current practice. It was accepted, as presented, to clarify that a member paying current Western States dues may receive the Western Ways electronically without additional cost. Hard copies will be by paid subscription.

This years Helping Hands Walk had 100% participation from those in attendance and raised \$2629.00. The money will be distributed as follows; Helping Hands Scholarship \$1000. to Beth Bailey for her graduate studies in Nursing, \$1000 to the ESA Foundation Scholarship and \$500 for Western States Council to become a Life Active Member of the Foundation, \$100+ will be carried over for next year's Helping Hands Scholarship.

It was moved, second and accepted that the Helping Hands Scholarships be revised to be applicable to ESA members and or their immediate family of the WSRC States with priority given to ESA members first. Kathy Holstad was asked to research how the wording might be changed on the foundation scholarship; she will let Western States know what would be best.

Four options were given for next year's fling. They were Palm Springs, Mexican Cruise, Puerto Vallarta or Seven-day cruise around the Hawaiian Islands. A fifth option Las Vegas was added. A vote was taken and Las Vegas was selected. So save your pennies for next year. In addition, discussion on changing the time of year from January to September or October to be able to have the fling in Oregon or Washington ,when the weather is better or maybe a cruise to Alaska, we need to discuss this at the state convention so we can report at the Western State meeting at IC convention.

The slate of officers to be voted on in July at IC convention was presented.

President	Donna Ort	Arizona
Vice President	Mary Lambert	Oregon
Secretary	Wanda Leyes	California
Treasurer	Sandra Woodson	Washington
Advisor	Marilee Dunn	California

Membership to the Western States Regional Council are due at the Oregon State Convention in April, I will take your \$1.00 dues at that time.

**Marcia Bradley**  
**Educational Director**  
**Heart and Hands Celebrate ESA**

I would like to **remind** all chapter president's that **April 1st** is the deadline for nominating a chapter Educational Director for the prestigious award Of the **Distinguished Athenian Service Award**. "Who has gone beyond the call of duty in service to the ESA Educational field."

**Only one** may be presented in each state each year and is selected by the State Educational Director. The winner is named at State Convention and receives a special certificate from ESA Headquarters. Please chapter presidents, look in your Oregon State Council information book on the eligibility requirements for this nomination. Or you may email me: [marciel@peak.org](mailto:marciel@peak.org) and I will answer any questions.

Also a **reminder**, to all chapter Educational Directors, your Educational Reports must be postmarked by the April 1st deadline. Otherwise, your report will be disqualified. Please don't let this happen. I am eager to read each report and I will choose 2 local judges to help with the evaluations of these reports. Call me or email me any time! To qualify for the Gold Link certificate your Chapter must have presented 9 Educational's through the year. The guidelines for these reports are in the Oregon State Information yearbook.

Thank you and it is a pleasure being your State Educational Director.  
Thanks again, Judy for asking me to do this! Looking forward to Convention and giving you a full report on the different programs!

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**Winter Meeting Financial Report**  
**February 2-3, 2013**  
**Roseburg, OR**

Income		
50 Registrations		1500.00
Expenses		
Conference Room	290.00	
President's Hotel Room	215.82	
Decorations/Candy	66.98	
Food	556.03	
Total Expenses		1128.83
Profit	<u>371.17</u>	

This profit was due to having to change meeting room from hotel because of construction to Roseburg Business Center which was \$330 cheaper.

We at Douglas District Council recommend that this money be used to get our Collegiate Chapter Committee off to a good start.

## 2014 IC Convention Report

The 2014 IC Convention planning committee met at Winter Meeting in Roseburg. The minutes of this meeting will be posted on our ESA Oregon website. Our focus at this point is to generate enthusiasm about attending IC Convention among our Oregon sisters. We will need many hands and hearts for this celebration! Every member is invited to attend and encouraged to help. We will need pages, registrars, clerical help, drivers, runners, hostesses and a number of other helpers. The committee is committed to doing everything we can to make attending and working at IC convention a positive, fulfilling, rewarding experience for all. The committee will share registration information as soon as it becomes available.

### What can you do now?

- Commit to attending 2014 IC Convention in Portland, July 12-20.
- Think of ways that you can help. We all have special skills!
- Help your district and chapter make plans to support members who will attend.
- Share your ideas with others!
- If you have previously attended an IC Convention, share your experience with those who have not.
- Stay positive, stay focused, stay calm.

### 20 reasons to attend IC Convention in Portland

1. No airfare!
2. You can help your Oregon sisters host the most amazing IC Convention in memory!
3. You can help your IC sisters by being their "helping hands".
4. To meet the fantastic women on our IC Executive and General Boards.
5. To have a chance to caucus with your Oregon sisters to elect the new IC board.
6. To attend the IC Challenge fundraiser for St. Jude
7. To see the grand total of funds raised by your ESA sisters for St. Jude. Millions!!!
8. To share your love and knowledge of Oregon with ESAers from around the world.
9. You can see and touch all the beautiful ESA merchandise before you buy!
10. B.J. Clark is a world-class speaker and motivator. An opportunity to hear her should not be missed.
11. To attend the magnificent installation banquet.
12. To enter your art into the Association of the Arts display/ competition.
13. To see all the fantastic artwork that your ESA sisters produce.
14. To learn more about Easter Seals and the work that they do nationwide.
15. To celebrate our Heroes.
16. Mystery Night!!
17. Recharge your ESA batteries, get inspired!
18. Listen to professional speakers talk about important subjects.
19. Truly educational workshops.
20. **IC CONVENTION IS FUN!**

### 14 things you, your chapter, or district can do to help get you there

- 1 Hold a bake sale.
  - 2 Host a rummage sale.
  - 3 Have a hostess party (Scentsy, Tupperware, jewelry, etc.)
  - 4 Raffle
  - 5 Save loose change
  - 6 Bingo
  - 7 Bunco
  - 8 Cut out one \$3.50 coffee per day-- 5 days per week, 52 weeks = \$910!
  - 9 Book sale
  - 10 Craft sale
  - 11 Host a fun run, or walk
  - 12 Cater an event
  - 13 Silent (or loud) auction
  - 14 Conduct a "March Madness" pool
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## **Collegiate Chapter Report – Winter Meeting Su McDonell**

Madame President: You reminded me the other day that you'd like a report on the progress of our Collegiate Chapter efforts. I'm embarrassed to say that it is stymied. There are lots of excuses and reasons why there has been no progress since summer but it boils down to...

- I just don't know quite what to do next.
  - We can place an ad in the school paper there and ask for any interested students to show up at a specific time and place but... the ads cost money.
  - We don't have funds available to put together food that may or may not be eaten depending on whether or not any show up.
  - We still have the \$25 donated by our WA sisters at Leadership last year. Other than that... nothing else from any chapter that I'm aware of.
  - IC feels that a computer generated presentation is necessary at any gathering of this sort. We'll need to find help with that part of any presentation.
  - I can deal with questions and answers, enthusiasm and wanting this to go forward but...
  - I have difficulty driving at night. Corvallis is 40 miles from my house. Student's have classes in daylight hours, mostly. It was felt it would be better to have initial ESA meetings in the early evening.

**NOTE:** *(Winter meeting brought info there may be some windfall \$\$ but we'll still need a little from chapters.)*

**I do not think this project should be scrapped...only 'tweaked'.**

Now that I've told you all the negatives I will tell you some ideas Kaycee Headley came up with that I believe have merit.

1. Kaycee believes her own chapter – OM may well like to be involved with this OSU effort. Their proximity to the Corvallis campus is key. We haven't asked them yet...but it's a really good thought as they are enthusiastic about most ESA projects...and they carry through.
2. My own chapter in Eugene may wish to breach the halls of the U of O campus this spring. We have to check into that. We'd need help. It may be easier now that I'm aware of where to go and who to see. That sort of information is available to anyone through me.
3. There's a campus at Portland State University that could be taken on by one or more chapters in the Portland area.
4. There is a campus at Southern Oregon College in Ashland that could be contacted by the Southern District chapters.
5. There are Community Colleges in other areas that could be tackled by more of our chapters around the state.

Kaycee brought up the very viable idea that we have committees to work on most everything else within the state... Budget, Audit, Convention committees, etc.

**A light went on!!!**

**We already have a Membership Committee consisting of our 1st Vice President and ALL DISTRICT PRESIDENTS.**

I feel a little downhearted that it *didn't* occur to me to use this committee to aid in this venture. I'm so grateful for Kaycee putting it into words.

**Membership is critical to Oregon State Council. It is becoming more important as we get older and our membership dwindles by attrition as well as by arthritic condition!**

**HERE'S THE BASIC IDEA It would be helpful to have a committee at the state level that would work with headquarters on one canned college presentation to take to multiple campuses....**

**Good news..it already exists at headquarters!! Imagine that.**

- Once strategy is perfected and the needed supplies in hand we could proceed with the same projects at the same time.
- We can lean on each other for support – share what works and what doesn't

**I'm planting this seed of thought today.**

Both Judy and I had hoped to have a Collegiate Chapter in the works during this year. Perhaps that can still be achieved if we all make the decision it is worth the effort.

**I confess that despite my own enthusiasm... a humbling lesson has been learned...**

Beginning Collegiate Chapters needs to be tackled by enough of us to make a difference.

We have enough.

**Shall we do this?**

**In February or March I will be contacting each chapter, personally, to see what your thoughts are in this newer and more viable idea.**

**Shall we make this an Oregon State Project?**

**Please discuss it among yourselves at your meetings until then.**

**WATCH YOUR EMAILS... I'LL BE IN TOUCH AROUND THE END OF THE MONTH**

## **DISTRICT NEWS**

### **North West District**

Our February meeting was held at the Easter Seals Center in Portland and was hosted by Delta Xi. We had a lovely luncheon of soups and salads served by the Delta Xi gals. Thank you for hosting a really enjoyable lunch.

We had several visitors from the Oregon State Council, including our President Judy Johnson, 1<sup>st</sup> Vice Su Mcdonnell, Treasurer, Lani Shimer, and Past President Barb Moss. It was really great to see them all and visit with them.

We had a great meeting full of lots of business, including discussing the 2014 IC Convention and A Collegiate Chapter. Members were advised to return to their chapters to be discussing these issues. Leianne Stinton is chairing the committee to host the Banquet at the IC Convention in 2014. Each chapter is being asked to have one member become a part of this committee to help with the coordination and work involved.

The Slate of Officers for 2014-2015 were presented and approved. They are: President - Andrea Storm, Vice President - Marlene Nash, Secretary – Sandy Bohlen, Treasurer – Virginia Hammersmith , and Parliamentarian – Donna Bush.

### **Willamette Valley District Council**

At our last District meeting, we met at the Hilton Garden Inn so we could see the Convention setting for ourselves. The facility is wonderful and the staff was very helpful. I am sure that everyone who attends convention will be thoroughly pleased. We had lunch and were given a quick tour of sample rooms. Some rooms even have a Jacuzzi right in the room. There are king-sized beds, queen-sized beds AND they are adjustable on both sides. Think Sleep Number mattresses. Our tour was quick, down and dirty as the hotel had been completely booked the night before and the maids were working frantically to get the rooms ready for the next onslaught.

The rest of our meeting mostly revolved around the convention plans and Sandy and Su have done an excellent job. They have been working hard - forever (it seems like that, anyway). I am sure they feel the same way. Everyone should have a great time and accommodations.

Other than that we had a great lunch and got the heck out of there because the room was needed for a wedding!! Believe me when I tell you that this facility is sought after!!

Looking forward to seeing all of you at Convention. If you haven't sent in your reservation, please do so because you don't want to miss this!!

## CHAPTER NEWS

### **Alpha Lambda**

Southern Oregon was well represented on the St Jude Radiothon. Several members came from Sutherlin to help and Gamma Beta, Grants Pass, as well as Alpha Lambda, Medford, were very busy on the phones. We had a total of \$113,608.91 pledged for our effort.

Once again Tallie Lastwika was our very efficient chairman and now handles it like the pro she is. Family members are always ready to jump on this project, which is one we look forward to each year.

### **ALPHA UPSILON**

The Tide rolled in with the January and February meetings at the homes of Marlene Nash and Rennia Meek, assisted by Jo Lumaco, Rennia Meek, Barbara and Yvon respectively

Our chaplains, Yvon and Barbara are keeping us 'In Tow". Barbara presented a history of "Who We come From". The lesson being we are all inspired by the people who came before us. Yvon asked that we all bring an old photo of a relative or from our childhood and talk about "who we came from". At the February meeting we shared stories of favorite aunts, moms, and grand parents. Some members had pictures of their families dressed in fashions of their day. Yvon reminded us that even if our childhood may have had difficult times, we have the choices well as the power to move forward.. We may try this again at a later date due to our interest in learning about each others families.

At the February meeting we had a "table sale" where everyone brought pieces of jewelry, scarves, and handbags we no longer use or wear. It was a fun way to make a little money for the chapter.. I believe despite the many fine things we own, there was a "had to have" for all to add to their wardrobe.

Coupons we have been clipping since September added to many philanthropic hours. Coupons are sent to military bases around the world for military family use. Karla Frengle, our newest member, reported she had been in Germany visiting her daughter and while she was there they went shopping on the base and she actually saw the coupons that were there for everyone to go through and use for whatever they needed....so we will keep on cutting !!

Marlene Nash and Linda Gratteri of Hillsboro, Patsy McLean of Lincoln City, and Sandi Kucera of Goodyear Arizona, will all be together attending the State Convention in Springfield, OR the 19th-21<sup>st</sup> of April., 2013.

Sandi Kucera affiliated with Delta Omega in Arizona. Sherry Day is the chapter president and also the 2012-13 IC Work-shop coordinator. Judy Simpson, former member of AU, is also a member of Delta Omega....and does not live far from Sandi in Arizona. What a small world..ESA/AU sisters are really spread out. Ride where the waves take us!

We have a wine/appetizer couples social coming up Sat. March 23, at Loretta Milnes's home from 4-6 PM. That will give the members who choose to do so, go out and have a fine dinner together..We are still

meeting the first Wednesday of every month for breakfast at Elmer's and also the first Saturday of the month at Shari's at 9 AM. A great way to get to know your sisters.

Cell phones and ink cartridges are still being collected and sent to Cartridges for Kids supported by Easter Seals. Orders are now being taken for Tulips which will be delivered in time for Easter. Eleanor continues to collect greeting cards fronts in support of St Jude Ranch for Children in Nevada.

A new project for AU will be knitting scarves and hats for the Foster Teen program and home less teens.

For our scholarship program, we will raffle off a vacation rental through Vacation Internationale at the Oasis Resort in Palm Springs. The drawing will be in June 2013, so when you see one of your AU sisters at convention, ask to buy your ticket! We were proud to give 4 scholarships to Hillsboro High Schools graduating seniors. They are all attending college with our help. Presently three recipients are attending PCC, Rock Creek and one attending International Air Academy., Vancouver WA.

## ESA SISTERS MAKE WAVES

### Alpha Omicron

As usual, AO has been on the go. Our educationals have been fun and interesting as we pursue the theme of "Living and Giving in the Heart of Oregon". We've visited businesses and organizations that contribute, in one way or another, to the lives in our community.

A winery, sheriff's office, Search and Rescue, and county library gives us a great start with several yet to be presented.

Catering continues to be our main fund raiser as we feed groups like the Veterans, Gideons, and the Historical Society. We're looking forward to hostessing Central District Council on April 6th, at Geno's Italian Restaurant in Madras. Our "Hope for Heroes" programs are so rewarding as we contribute cookies for coffee once a month; delivered gifts to the Veteran's Hospital in The Dalles, which gave the residents a means of Christmas shopping for loved ones; and provided Christmas for a veteran family.

Aside from the veterans we contribute time and goods to the Blood Mobile; Teddy Bears to the local law enforcement agencies; and anything that comes down the pike when needed!

See you all at convention!!!

### DELTA XI

Our first meeting of the New Year was the celebration of our fifty fifth birthday quite a milestone. During February we held an installation ceremony officially welcoming new members Carol Cookson and Laura Stapleton and returning member Jean Braden to Delta XI. We had the pleasure of hosting the NW District meeting on the 17<sup>th</sup> of February. The meeting was held at the Easter Seals building in Portland. The luncheon was provided by our members, consisting of a choice of soups, salads, breads, desserts and beverages. The main topics were how to start chapters on college campuses and a way to raise funds for scholarships. We were also reminded that we are hosting the International Convention in 2014. We collected a \$12.00 fee for lunch for a total of about \$581.00. We added funds to total an even \$600.00 to be donated to Easter Seals.

Our Sausage and Kraut Dinner and Auction February 22 was very successful. Everyone seemed to be having a good time. As usual, there was a variety of baskets including several with wine themes,



gardening, books, pasta, and pet supplies to name a few. The silent auction offered some trips, spa time and a cutting board from the Joinery among other prizes. The end of the evening brought an almost audible sigh of relief from our members who had been working for months on planning this project. For the chapter, the dinner netted about \$200.00 and the auction appears to have produced about \$2800.00 for our charities.

April looks as if it will be filled with activities, we are ready to dance our way through the showers.

## **Epsilon Theta**

Since the last Grapevine Newsletter, it seems that Old Man Winter settled in early on the Coast and the bears were not the only ones who went into hibernation. Several of our longstanding sisters made the hard decision to go inactive. So after a successful 2011-2012 year of bringing in three new members and having another sister re-join, our Chapter has dwindled from 18 to only 10 active members. Some of the attrition is due to moving out of State or to another part of the State, poor health of self or loved ones and sadly, some of the attrition is just simply due to not finding the time to make the commitment to the Chapter and our activities.

Our core membership is still strong and keeping the name of ESA out in the community by supporting Waldport High School's Athletic Department and taking in monies at all the home sporting events such as basketball, football and wrestling matches and/or games. By helping out this small way, we are ensuring all the proceeds received from these sporting events goes directly back to the school. This year we took in \$14,027.05! The annual "Oregon Basket" fundraiser for the \$1,000 Scholarship to a Waldport High School Senior is in full swing. Every weekend from now until Mid-April you will find at least two of us sitting at a table inside Ray's Food Market selling chances to win our wonderful basket full of items donated from local artists or made in Oregon.

In February, several of us traveled to Albany to take part in the annual St. Jude's Children's Research Hospital Radio-thon. They had another successful year and was able to help bring in over \$87,000 and this year the Radio-thon was able to pass the \$1 million dollar mark.

Another fundraiser Epsilon Theta is doing this year is selling cookbooks filled with all our favorite recipes. With only 22 cookbooks remaining to sell out of 200 - I think it is safe to say we are "cooking" in Waldport!

Our Chapter along with the others of Willamette Valley are making the final preparations for hosting this year's State Convention in April. Cannot believe it is just around the corner. Don't forget to send in your registration. The Hilton Garden Inn located in Springfield/Eugene is a fabulous venue and I don't think anyone will be disappointed. Hope to see everyone there!

Also, our sister Joyce Anderson would like to send out a heartfelt THANK YOU to all those sisters and Chapters statewide who sent cards to her after her husband, Bob's passing at the end of January. She was so overwhelmed with your kind and compassionate words. Even though Joyce was in Colorado, she said felt each and every one of your hugs reaching out to her from Oregon.

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