

# The Oregon Grapevine

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Su McDonell  
Oregon State President

Spring is when you feel like whistling  
...Even with a shoe full of slush!

Spring is in the air! ☺ Oh, yes it is. I can see it and smell it and even taste it... even though the nights are still cold . . . it's a-comin'. I marvel that there's still some daylight to actually see to find the BBQ almost to 6:30 last night and by next weekend that'll turn into 7:30. Whoopie!! Somehow I think it's easier to 'fly' in the spring than during the winter months.

I don't know about you but I've been playing 'catch-up' since our **Winter Meeting** didn't take place. I'm so very sorry that all the work and planning that goes into such a meeting was tabled because of our dreadful weather. I also want to tell you how much I, personally, appreciate all the emails and calls letting me know that the decision we made was approved by all of you. It helped, I promise.

Preparations have been in the works for almost a year for our **2014 Convention in Canyonville**. Now is the time to put your own preparations for that event into full swing. It'll be easier with the Jonquils blooming and those cute little purple crocuses popping through the bark-o-mulch. Aren't they just lovely to see?

**Have you registered yet?** I'll bet there's a registration sheet in this Grapevine. Please don't miss it. Carolyn and the Douglas District membership have been working hard for us. I am so excited to see what they have put together for all of us.

**Robin Williams says:** "Spring is nature's way of saying, "Let's Party'!!

I've been speaking, via emails, to **Rickie Brown, our IC Rep**. She's so pleased to be coming to us in Oregon. It's a place, she says, she's been wanting to be assigned to for a long time. I can't wait to welcome her. We'll be seeing a lot more of her next year at IC but April will be our time. We'll have her all to ourselves.

I will remind us all that **Year-end Reports** are coming up. I'm starting on my own right now and I know my Chairpersons will want to begin putting their own together too. **Even if your chapter doesn't wish to enter for competition... Those year-end reports are important tools.** Kaycee reminded us that filling out those forms and going through the exercise of sending them in is such a good way of putting your year into perspective to find out if there are different ways you can make things work even better for your chapter. Learning is always good and we can learn from each other too. **It's not just about the competition.**

I am reminded about our members who are in need of our cards and prayers. It is my most fervent wish that those who are not doing well at this time will know we are thinking of them, wishing them the very best...hoping to see them at convention. They're part of our sisterhood. Their smiles and their hugs mean so much.

I so look forward to convention and sharing about the flights we taken this year.

**When you reach for the stars, you may not quite get them, but you won't come up with a handful of mud either.**

- Leo Burnett

See you soon in Canyonville,  
ESA Hugs, Su

## **Jr. Past President – Judy Johnson**

“Those who bring sunshine to the lives of others cannot keep it from themselves.”

I've begun to receive donations for our Disaster Fund and thank those who have sent them. Please know that April 1<sup>st</sup> is the deadline for my reporting 2013-2014 contributions to the Disaster Fund. There are only a few chapters who have sent donations and I would hope that each chapter would want to support our sisters in need.

And, I hope that many of you are participating in the “Blessings” gift. The form is again included in the Grapevine. We are truly blessed as ESA sisters and want to share our blessings with sisters who are experiencing disasters in their lives. I'm sure that each of us has been the recipient of help from sisters and friends when we have experienced illness or other difficulties in our lives. I know I have and it meant **SO** much to me and my family.

I look forward to seeing each of you at State Convention next month.

In closing, “I shall pass this way but once, any good, therefore, that I can do or any kindness that I can show to any human being, let me do it now. Let me not defer nor deflect it, for I shall not pass this way again.”

## **1<sup>st</sup> Vice President - Lianne Stinton**

As I write this the weatherman is talking about snow again. Enough, we have had enough, we need it in the high mountains and not down here.

I had a great time at leadership, thank you the membership for sending me. I will be sharing at convention some of the info. While you all had snow here, we had a little snow in Colorado that week, but the temperature never got above 0 degrees until Friday, I went on Monday it was a cold week.

April 1<sup>st</sup> is right around the corner, it is the end of the ESA year. It went so fast. There are a lot of forms and deadlines due on April 1<sup>st</sup>. Please fill out the forms, some chapters like to enter the contests, but if your chapter isn't one of those, please fill out the forms so we know about your year.

If you are entering the Rushing Award contest, the rules are in the State Presidents book. Also the Rushing Award Score guidelines are there, that will give you an idea of what the judges will be looking at. IF you have any questions call or email me.

I'm looking forward to seeing everyone at Convention. It seems like a long time between visits when we miss a meeting.

## **Corresponding Secretary - Sandy Diess**

Service Pins and Chapter Anniversaries, All Service Pin and Chapter Anniversary forms are to be sent to me no later than April 1st. A Form can be obtained from Your Chapter President, as it is in the President's Book in Section 3, which she obtained at Leadership. If not, please contact me @ [sdiess2@gmail.com](mailto:sdiess2@gmail.com) and I will see that you get one. All instructions are on the form.

## **Invitation to Convention - "Bee the Heart of the Hive"**

Douglas District and Alpha Psi Sisters would like to extend a heartfelt invitation to join us at the Seven Feathers Casino & Resort in Canyonville for the Oregon State Council Convention April 25-27, 2014. We've been busy as bees planning and working to make the weekend a memorable one for all. The registration form is on our website and attached here (if possible) with a cost of only \$100.00 and rooms running at \$89-\$99 a night it's a bargain deal.

Please come join us as we “Bee the Heart of the Hive”

- **Forms are on web page to print out / included with mailout Grapevines**



## **Educational Information - Nancy Reid, State Educational Director**

Members, please be sure to get your educational reports to me, postmarked no later than April 1, 2014. Be sure to check out "Educational Award and Report Guidelines" in the President's book. If I can help with anything, please let me know at [nandog.reid@gmail.com](mailto:nandog.reid@gmail.com).

I am very excited to see what your chapter is doing this year with the Educational Theme and really look forward to reading your educational reports.

Nancy Reid  
State Educational Director  
Beta Omicron  
P.O. Box 504  
Burns, OR 97720

## **Outstanding Member - Sharon Comingore, Outstanding Member Chairperson**

By the time you receive this I hope you have selected your Outstanding Member of your chapter. If you want to honor your Outstanding Member at Oregon State Convention please submit a brief note regarding this person and send \$5.00 to Sharon Comingore, 1273 NE Westview Dr., Madras, OR 97741. The \$5.00 is to cover the cost of the gift for the Outstanding Member. Please have this information to me by April 1, 2014. Hope to be hearing from many chapters.

## **IC Convention – Chris York, Chair**

We are looking forward to seeing everyone in Portland in July. We will be providing a taste of what is to come at state convention at 7 Feathers in April. Looking forward to seeing you there and having lots of fun and excitement. We will be offering you opportunities to win prizes – so bring a bit of mad money to play with.

By the way, registrations are coming in and rooms are being booked. Now is the time to plan your trip to Portland in July. Registration forms are on the IC website, and I am certain Sandy Diess will have forms with her in April.

## **Foundation News - Judy Huntley, ESA Foundation State Counselor**

Well we missed Winter Meeting and so I will try to fill you in on some Foundation news that I would have spoken about at Winter Meeting.

February 1<sup>st</sup> has come and gone and the scholarships are on their way to the next step of approval. As I have heard, Oregon had about half of the applications as last year, 300+ compared to 600+ last year. Am anxious to see if anyone can tell me why so few. Hope our applicants do well as we have each year. If your chapter has not contributed philanthropic funds to the Oregon Scholarships, now would be a great time for next years accounts to grow. You can do this online and specify which endowment you want.

By the time you read this it will be past March 1<sup>st</sup> which is the deadline to pay dues for 2014 voting. By all means if you missed the date and still have not paid your 2014 dues please do so ASAP as the Foundation can use all your money even if a bit late. Remember it is just \$15 to renew and \$25 to join for those not yet members and you can join or renew on line: [epsilonsigmaalpha.org/esaf](http://epsilonsigmaalpha.org/esaf).

Another date of March 1<sup>st</sup> is the 2014 Fantasy Event. The Foundation is honoring Portland by having Fantasy Rose Garden. Did you know that one of the largest and oldest rose test gardens in the country is located in Portland? They are having us imagine we are in such a garden, seeing all the beautiful rainbow of colors and smelling the sweet fragrances in the air. We are invited to share a gift of our own by making a tax deductible donation to the Foundation to help support the grants and scholarships that it provides. Even if you have missed March 1, you can take a moment and celebrate with the foundation by sending your generous gift to: 363 West Drake Road, Fort Collins, CO 80526 or going online. Wouldn't it be great if Oregon contributed the most to the Fantasy Rose Garden Event and we were rewarded at IC Convention with 1<sup>st</sup> Place Monies for the Event.



At state convention in Canyonville, I will be accepting donations for the Oregon State Basket Raffle at IC Convention. I have decided to have a theme of Made in Oregon. That leaves it wide open for those of you crafty people to make something to donate, or bring something from your area, like cranberry, filberts, wine, walnuts, or fruit products. If you cannot think of anything to help, money is always helpful because I can purchase cards or items to fill in where needed. Thanks for all your help and looking forward to seeing you all at 7 Feathers in April.

Last but not least there are two events at IC Convention that I will talk about further in April. That is the Foundation Event on Saturday, the River Cruise in Portland and the Foundation Fun Fest on Tuesday night in Portland. I hope many of you are planning to come to one or both and you can get more info on the IC Convention website it needed before April.

Have a great Spring, just around the corner, and see you at State Convention.

### **Parliamentarian – Donna Cassidy**

A proposed change to Standing Rule #9 to be voted on at Convention in April.

Currently reads: *The Oregon State Council shall hold an annual Fund Raiser  
With all proceeds going to the State Treasury.*

Proposed change: *The Oregon State Council **may** hold an annual Fund Raiser  
With all proceeds going to the State Treasury.*

### **Association of the Arts - Liz Rust**

**BEE CREATIVE!** In ESA, we have a tremendous amount of creative talent, so why not show it off a bit? This is your chance! Please consider bringing your creative project to State Convention for all to see! Who knows, your creative project may inspire someone else to try something new!

Just send your entry form to me, postmarked no later than April 1, 2014; then bring your project to the Association of the Arts display room by 7:00 p.m. on Friday evening. If you are entering Literature and/or music, please send your entry form *and the entry itself* to me postmarked no later than April 1, 2014. My address is: Liz Rust, 3414 Hawthorne Ave., Eugene, OR 97401.

I am looking forward to those entries and I'll see you and your project at Convention!

### **Western States Council - Mary Lambert, Oregon State Western State Representative**

Here is the short version of the Western States Regional Council Fling, since we had to cancel the Winter meeting. There were 32 ladies and 12 men in attendance.

First, we had a wonderful time at the New York New York in Las Vegas. With tours over Hoover Dan, Ethel M (Mars candy) Chocolate Factory and Cactus Garden, down the Vegas Strip, Mob Museum, Fremont Street light show and the wonderful Cirque Du Soleil show the "KA". Of course, we had excellent food at several different restaurants. Some of us lost and a couple won.

#### **Give thanks Walk**



**Breakfast time.**

We squeezed in our "Helping Hands Walk" among our fun time. This year we raised \$3,100.07. This year was the first year it was open to ESA members and their immediate family members, ESA members are given priority. 2 ESA members and 5 immediate families received the following scholarships.

#1	Aurielle Morey	CA	\$750	Pre School Teacher	Bakersfield College
#2	Jennifer Hanson	CA	\$550	Teaching Art	Santa Fe Univ.
Tied for #3					
	Alicia Goldberg	AZ	\$450	Medical School	University Arizona
	<b>Austin Kent</b>	<b>OR</b>	<b>\$450</b>	<b>Psychologist</b>	<b>Corban University</b>
Tied for #4					
	<b>Jordan Badger</b>	<b>OR</b>	<b>\$300</b>	<b>Dental Assistant</b>	<b>Concorde Career</b>
	Alexander Myers	CA	\$300	MBA Business	West Valley College
	Jennifer Frank	WA	\$300	Teacher	Central Wash. Univ.

California raised \$705, Oregon \$525, Washington \$478.07, Arizona \$430, Arkansas \$300, Alaska/North Dakota \$250 which leaves \$412 from other sources (Marilee's creative accounting). I thank those individuals and chapter who donated from Oregon. The walk is the only funds for the scholarships perhaps each chapter and district could budget a small amount for these scholarships.

It was voted to have our 20<sup>th</sup> Fling 2015 in San Diego. Ruth is looking into possible whale watching excursion, theaters, museum, wildlife park and any other suggestions.

Now the most important decision to be made. The last couple of years we have been talking about changing the date from January to September or October. This was our 19<sup>th</sup> Fling. This discussion has come about because it is getting harder to have the Fling in different places in California, Arizona and Mexico. Some people refuse to go to Mexico; they feel it is too dangerous. If we change the time of year, it could be held in Oregon, Washington, Victoria, BC or Vancouver, BC or a cruise to Alaska. Being in our state does not mean we are responsible for doing any preparation, Ruth does all the arrangements, and we just have fun.

We will take a straw vote at state convention as to whether to change the time from January to September/October, so please discuss this at your meetings. It can be changed back to January later. Would you come if we had it in September/October?? This decision will be made at the Western States Regional Council meeting at IC convention.

Oregon has 47 paid members in the Western State Regional Council and only 3 members, 1 MAL and 1 husband attended this year's fling. I would like to increase this number. This is strictly voluntary but the dues are only \$1 a year. I will have the membership table open at the state convention so you can become a member. This dollar is what pays the little expenses the council has and gives you a voice at our next meeting, which will be help at IC convention in Portland.

## Awards - Debbie Sanguras

Chapters – Take Notice!

I have a "bee in my bonnet." The "buzz" is that Awards are going to be "really sweet" at this year's state convention. I know that your worker bees have been busy all year volunteering and raising funds. It's time for some well deserved recognition. This will not be "business as usual." All state award contest rules and forms can be found in the state yearbook distributed to all chapter presidents. The information can be found on-line by going to [esa.oregon.org](http://esa.oregon.org).

Please enter the contests so you can share valuable information and be part of the fun!

## Historian - Barb Moss

If you have something you would like to share for her history this year, I would love to put it in the history.

This has been a fun job to do.

Thank you Su for asking me to take the historian job. One of the easier jobs I have had.

Looking forward to seeing everyone soon soon.

Hugs to you all.



## **ST. JUDE - Kathy State, St. Jude Chairman**

I wanted to let everyone know that Erica Hall is our new St. Jude Representative. She has been on the job for about a month and is in the learning mode. Her email is Erica.hall@stjude.org and can be reached by phone at 206-526-8900. I am hoping she will join us in Canyonville for our convention. We also hope to have a family join us.

ALSAC is hosting a "Thank You ESA Day" in St. Louis, MO on Saturday, March 29th. It is a workshop and training session and everyone is invited. If you would like to go and learn more about the hospital and programs, let me know and I can give you additional information. Registrations need to be made by March 15th.

The 2014 St. Jude IC Challenge is Under the Big Top. This will be an event with games, entertainment and lots of fun for all. We will be celebrating our 25th IC Challenge and will take a look back at some of the walks, bike rides, and dances over those years. It promises to be a fun event. You can begin by raising your \$200 entry fee as IC is five months away. More information about this event is available on the IC web site. I hope many of you will plan to attend.

Our year is coming to an end, but there is still time to plan an event for the kids. Think about a tasting party, it could be wine, chocolate, desserts, or anything that your imagination can come up with. Plan something at your next meeting.

Judy Johnson has made another beautiful table runner which we planned to raffle off at winter meeting. Since the winter snow prevented us from doing so, she is taking a picture of it and sending tickets to each chapter. We hope that everyone will purchase a chance to win.

I am looking forward to getting your yearend reports and hope you have had a great year for the kids at St. Jude.



## Chapter News

### ALPHA UPSILON – Hillsboro - Pearl Lushina- March 2014

Here we are in the third month of the New Year. We have celebrated Christmas, New Years, Valentine's Day, freezing rain, and snow days to remember for years to come.

Our December meeting combined with our Christmas party was held at the beautiful Springs at Tanasbourne hosted by our very gracious hostess Yvon Gay, assisted by the social committee. Some of our sisters were not able to join us due to the December weather, (But then there were those who were basking in the sun in Arizona, Palm springs, Hawaii, and on cruises!! I won't mention any names here.) In spite of the weather, many gathered to enjoy wine, appetizers, visiting, and laughter followed by a potluck dinner of lasagna, salad, garlic bread and dessert. We did manage to have a short but productive business meeting amid all the fun and laughter. Our Families In Need was the main topic of the evening. We supported two single Moms with money and gifts, Foster Teen Program, Salvation Army, and families of sisters in our chapter who were in need. Many of our members spent the year knitting scarves for Foster Teens and Home Plate and Shelter Orenco Station for the homeless. After our business meeting ended, the Christmas fun began. We all gathered around the tree and had our wild and crazy gift exchange with a lot of clucking and laughter going on!

In January we began to plan for our annual garage sale. The majority of the proceeds go to our scholarship fund. Sue announced the date of the garage sale is May 15, 16 and 17, 2014. She is already collecting items and reminded us all to think of the garage sale as we downsize and wean out our treasures.

February brought SNOW, SNOW and more SNOW, all before Valentine's Day. The business meeting was held at the home of Marlene Nash. In the absence of our educational director, we had the opportunity to reminisce and share past Valentines received, special poems written, and just fun facts of our past Valentine's Day celebrations. We were all reminded by our "Egg Counter" (who is not counting eggs this time of the year, but hours and money and miles in the name of ESA) of the deadline to get those to her for her report. She promised if we all had them in to her by March 1, we would not have to open any more of her e-mails! After being snowed in for a week, we were all ready to party. A GNO (Girls Night Out) was a bunco party at the home of Jo Lumaco, Game night at Shirley Woodford's home, and coming up, a coffee/brunch at the home of President Susie Parks.

The new slates of officers will be presented at the March meeting, voted on in April, and installed at our May Dinner Business meeting. Looking forward to seeing you at convention in April.

We send you our prayers and friendship in sisterhood and Love in ESA.

The following are quotes from various authors from our chaplain Patsy McLean

*"In this life we are walking up the mountain. We can sing as we go or complain about our sore feet. Whichever we choose, we still gotta do the hike. I decided a long time ago singing made a lot more sense."*

*"Next time you notice yourself thinking or saying "WHY ME?" or "NOT AGAIN", instead say to yourself "WHAT GIFTS ARE HERE FOR ME TO DISCOVER?"*

From Elizabeth Andrew: **VOLUNTEERS DO NOT NECESSARILY HAVE THE TIME; THEY HAVE THE HEART**

### ALPHA ZETA NEWS

Alpha Zeta has undergone some changes this year, and we are enthusiastic about the coming year. Our president, Laural LaFavor, resigned in September due to health issues, and our new president is Liz Rust. We also have a new theme: "We're Small but Mighty - Let's Get Buzzing!"

We got together for a terrific work party (with a delicious lunch served by Ruthie Lindle) where we made artificial Christmas wreaths to sell at a holiday craft sale, and we sold almost all of them! We also participated in the "A Million Thanks" program by sending handmade holiday cards to our military. We are still contributing our dimes and quarters for the "Count Your Blessings" project and will bring them to Convention.

We are looking forward to 2014 and plan to have small and fun projects with and for Bags of Love, a wonderful and deserving organization which provides quilts and other necessary and comforting items to children who are removed from their homes by social welfare agencies. We are also happily anticipating two new members soon, which is very good news for all!



## **BETA OMICRON – BURNS - Barb Moss, President.**

September was fair week: We had a booth with ice cream, nachos, hot dogs, root beer floats, cones and cotton candy. This is our biggest fund raiser for the year. We help the fair board with a percent of the profits. This helps the 4-H kids, also helps with keeping the fair going.

November we did Thanksgiving baskets for some needy families and this is always such a reward for us. They are always so grateful, makes our hearts full of joy to know we have helped them through a rough time in their life.

December, we had a table at the craft fair, not sure if we will continue with this. Maybe we will find a different fund raiser. We had a very nice Christmas party and super dinner.

We had a Valentines raffle in February. We had items and money donated from sisters so we got gift certificates from businesses who have helped us in the past. They are always so helpful when we are in need, so we wanted to help them. It was a very pretty basket and it was a nice change from homemade boxes and candy.

Easter basket will be the next project and my sisters are always so giving the basket takes up the whole table. We have a lot of fun to see what we get for the basket.

That's it for now. Looking forward to seeing everyone at State Convention in April.

## **HELP WANTED by Delta Phi Chapter – Portland**

ESA members needed to cut and save Bar Codes from Santiam and Flav-R-Pac labels on canned and frozen foods. We are a very small chapter (two members now) and it is difficult for our chapter to earn money. Any help is very much appreciated – you can bring them to Convention in April or mail them to me at:

Doroline Johnson  
2721 NE Tillamook Street  
Portland OR 97212-5064

This is an ongoing project for us. Thank you so much for your help!!!

## **Delta Kappa - Hood River - A note from Betty Sollman**

Thanks to all my ESA sisters for the cards, thoughts and prayers during my stay in the hospital. It meant a lot to me knowing that so many of my sisters cared. Thank you for being such an important part of my life. I'm doing much better and getting stronger every day and I plan to be at convention

## **Delta XI Chapter - Portland**

The wreath party at the home of Kathy State in December, which supports St. Jude's, was successful, but participation was much less than usual because of the snow. Those who were able to attend had fun as people stayed to visit and many created wreaths for those that could not attend.

In December Delta Xi provided desserts and servers in support of the Christmas lunch gathering at the Independent Living Resource Center. Support and food were also provided at the Clark Center for the homeless and the HIV center.

Secret Sisters were revealed at the chapter Christmas Party. The person receiving the gift had to locate the name of the giver which was written somewhere on the wrapping paper before opening the gift. The January social was lunch and a movie at McMennamins.

Mary Lambert, Chris York and Donna Cassidy attended the Western States Fling the end of January in Las Vegas. I guess what happens in Vegas, stays in Vegas, but they came home saying what a fun time they had. Several members attended the NW District meeting in February.

Karen Hertl presented the Outstanding Member of the Year award to Lanie Margorian. She received a certificate, a gift certificate, a vase of silk flowers, and cookbook. We celebrate you Lanie.



Our thoughts are with Donna and Bob Orth as Bob is recovering from a stroke. Keeping Joan Crew in our thoughts as she faces surgery, and we celebrate Pat Stupur's fabulous recovery from her hip replacement.

Our Sausage and Kraut Dinner and Auction was held on February 21 and it appeared to be the largest gathering ever. Tables on both sides of the wall were overflowing with baskets which were won by ticket numbers and the silent auction had many intriguing things to bid on. People were milling about dropping in tickets or writing down their bids until dinner was served and then the long line for the sausage and krauts, chili, cookies and drinks took precedence. After dinner there was much excitement, laughing and clapping as people received their winning baskets. A good time was had by all.

Delta Xi is a great group and as a new member I'm still often dazed at all the things we do and how well we all work together.

## OMEGA MU

Omega Mu is taking orders for new name badges. These badges are 3 inches by 1 1/2 inches and feature the new ESA logo. They are gold in color with black writing and have a magnet back. (Caution keep away from pacemakers.) Information included in the badge is:

ESA  
Your name  
Your chapter  
City, State



Cost is \$10 each name badge plus \$2.50 postage per mailing address. Multiple badges sent to the same address only incur \$3.00 postage. If you would like a new name badge before State Convention please e-mail your information to:

[Lindasue.Brown@comcast.net](mailto:Lindasue.Brown@comcast.net) before March 25th.

Payment can be mailed to:

Omega Mu  
1105 Park Place S.W.  
Albany, Oregon  
97321-3601

Linda Brown, Telephone: (541) 928-3663

## EPSILON THETA #3571 - Waldport, OR - Laura Strom, Chapter Publicity Chairperson

We have had a CRAZY winter here on the Central Coast with snow storms dropping 6 to 8 inches of snow at the beach to crystal clear, warm days reaching into the low 60's. Through it all we have been meeting, planning and keeping the sisterhood.

December we had our end of the year meeting with revealing our Secret Sisters to each other. What a fun time. January rolled around and we put our fundraising caps on and decided we would plan a February meatloaf dinner complete with potatoes & gravy, corn, roll & a variety of delicious desserts. Great comfort food for a cold winter night. We arranged to have it at the new Waldport High School's multi-purpose room. What a GREAT success!! For an additional fundraising item at the dinner, we put together a Macho Stuff basket, a Pamper Me basket and Dinner on the Town basket (this had 6-8 certificates to local restaurants) and people attending the meatloaf dinner had a chance to win one of these wonder baskets.

Also in February, we traveled to Albany in February for our District meeting and had a great visit with our District Sisters and electing a new slate of officers for the next two years.

As always this time of year, we are beginning our Oregon Basket ticket sales as a fundraiser for the annual \$1,000 Scholarship Fund that goes to a Waldport High School Senior. We have gotten wonderful donations from the individuals and businesses from the Yachats, Waldport and Newport Communities.



Our Sister, Lani Shimer is going to be leaving our Chapter due to a move from the Coast to the Eugene/Springfield area and she will be transferring her membership to the Alpha Zeta Chapter. We really hate to see her leave, but knowing that she will be still in the District helps our heavy hearts just a little.

Well, next stop for our Chapter is the Convention and we are all excited about attending again this year. So hope to see and catch up with everyone in April!

## **WILLAMETTE VALLEY DISTRICT COUNCIL - February 15, 2014, Sizzler, Albany, Oregon**

It was a dark and stormy day but inside, Omega Mu had decorated our tables with Spring!! Yellow placemats with daffodils and bees!! The bees were made by Omega Mu out of Styrofoam balls, painted yellow and black. The bees had wings and everything. And they were cute, besides. Thank you, Omega Mu, for the neat decorations.

A total of 16 sisters were in attendance and they regaled us with their doings, fundraisers, plans, etc.

The slate of officers was presented and we will have our installation at the next WVDC meeting.

The new officers to be installed are: Liz Rust – President; Katie Hobson – Vice-President; Marcia Klosterman, Secretary; Jill Rankin – Treasurer and Julie Rassmann – Parliamentarian. Thanks, ladies, for stepping up to the plate and agreeing to serve. This is a great slate of officers.

The chapters were reminded that we needed to get our information to State if we want our outstanding members recognized at the Convention.

Our individual chapters gave us a run-down of what they had been doing and we are really a bunch of busy people! Due to terrible weather since December, Alpha Zeta has not been able to do any of their charitable activities.

Delta Gamma held their annual auction in November and grossed a grand total of 14,000+. They use this money to fund scholarships, buy supplies for Thanksgiving dinners, leave money at the Grocery Outlet to be dispensed at the manager's discretion, supply Christmas presents for a couple of families and much more. Delta Gamma is a going concern.

Epsilon Theta is suffering from member attrition last year and this but that doesn't stop them from their appointed rounds! We are in charge of selling admissions to all athletic events except baseball. The monies collected go directly to the Athletic Department for needed supplies. They, also, provided lunches for the volunteers who handed out over 400 boxes for Thanksgiving and Christmas dinners in the Waldport area. Cookies were made for visitors who had their photos taken with Santa at the Waldport Interpretive Center. And, of course, the St. Jude Radiothon was held in Albany for the two days prior to WVDC. A total of 121,026.00 were pledged.

Omega Mu did their annual coat check and raised over \$600.00 They hosted a wedding shower for a sister who went to Reno and got married. They are, also, selling tickets to a Mexico Basket at State Convention. The items (too numerous to mention) include a \$147.00 bottle of Tequila!! I don't know about you but I am going to buy tickets to that one!! They are having talks with the local Burgerville about helping to raise funds for St. Jude. We will hear more about this in the future.

State President Su McDonell reported about the cancellation of Winter Meeting and stated that we should be receiving some monies back from our registration. She did not receive any negative comments from the membership over the cancellation. She reminded us to bring those articles intended for Winter Meeting to the State Convention in April. She, also, said GET THOSE RESERVATIONS IN FOR CONVENTION!! Carolyn Rapant and team need a head count.

Our District Project this year was chosen by Delta Gamma. It is Backpack for Kids. This entity provides foodstuffs for underprivileged school children to eat over the weekend. They stated that it costs about \$500.00 a year per child and at the present time, 40 children are being helped. A very worthwhile project. Each chapter donates each year.

Patty Anderson of Omega Mu asked for rushing ideas. Su McDonell suggested she get in touch with someone in Hood River as they seem to have the "rush" thing down pat.

If our individual chapters have done something regarding literacy which is the national theme, please write a report about the project and send it to Su BEFORE State Convention.

After our raffle, the proceeds of which will go to the disaster fund, we recited the closing ceremony, adjourned, pulled our hoodies up and went back out into the grey skies, mist and wind.



## Slate of Officers for Oregon State Council



**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: 1<sup>st</sup> Vice President, 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.



**1<sup>st</sup> Vice President: Kaycee Headley**

Omega Mu

Joined: June 2005

Chapter Offices held: President, Philanthropic Chair, Recording Secretary

District Offices held: Parliamentarian

State Offices held: 2<sup>nd</sup> VP, 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.



**2<sup>nd</sup> Vice President: Lani Shimmer**

Epsilon Theta / Alpha Zeta

Joined: November 2004

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

District Offices held: President, Publicity

State offices held: Workshop, Recording Secretary, Treasurer, Publicity, Finance Committee. Lani has attended 8 Oregon State Conventions, 6 District meetings in past 2 years.



**Corresponding Secretary: Donna Bush**

Omicron Omega

Joined: January 2005

Chapter offices held: All

District offices held: President, Vice President

State offices held: Grapevine Editor, Publicity Chair

Donna has attended 9 Oregon State Conventions, 6 District meetings in past 2 years



**Recording Secretary: Barbara Moss**

Beta Omicron

Joined: May 1999

Chapter offices held: All, several times each.

District offices held: President, Vice President, several times

State offices held: Jr. Past President, President, First and Second Vice Presidents, Recording Secretary, Outstanding Member, Historian

She has attended 1 IC Convention, 12 State Conventions and 7 District Meetings in the past 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 (2), Parliamentarian, Outstanding Member, Workshop Coordinator (2), Finance/Budget Committee, Educational, Auditing, Assoc. of Arts, Balloting, St Jude Jr and Sr.

Judy has attended three IC Conventions, 25 Oregon State Conventions, 4 District meetings in the last 2 years.



**Treasurer: Carolyn Rapant**

Beta Iota Chapter

Joined: December, 1988

Chapter Offices held: All

District Office held: All

State Offices held: President, 1<sup>st</sup> VP, 2<sup>nd</sup> VP, Corresponding Secretary, Treasurer, Workshop, Easter Seal, Budget, Awards, Flag, Convention, Educational, Association of Arts, St Jude

**She has attended 5 IC Conventions, 23 State Conventions and 6 District Meetings in the past 2 years**



**Workshop: Jill Rankin**

Omega Mu

Joined: 2010

Chapter Offices held: Treasurer, Vice President, President

District Offices held: Treasurer

State Offices held: Parliamentarian, Winter Meeting, Hope for Heroes/Care Connection, Balloting

Jill has attended 3 Oregon State Conventions, 8 District meetings in the last 2 years.



**Jr Past President: Su McDonell**

Alpha Zeta

Joined: March 1, 1970

State Offices held: Parliamentarian (2), Treasurer, Corr. Sec., Credentials (2), 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice President, 1<sup>st</sup> Vice President, 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.



**COUNT YOUR BLESSINGS...**  
**AND HELP AN ESA MEMBER IN NEED.**

The Disaster Fund has helped many of our members who have experienced serious medical issues or disasters to their family or homes. Please take the opportunity to share your blessings and bring your gift to Winter Meeting.

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| 1)  | Your Family ( parents, spouse, children, grandchildren, siblings, etc.)   | 10 cents per person    |
| 2)  | Your Home, Winter Home, Mobile Home, etc.   | 25 cents each          |
| 3)  | Your Church (worship, Bible study, women's group, choir, etc.)  | 25 cents each activity |
| 4)  | Your Vehicles (cars, bicycles, ATVs 4 wheelers, boats, etc.)  | 25 cents each          |
| 5)  | Your Volunteer Opportunities (St. Jude, Easter Seals Hope For Heroes, Food Pantries, Homeless, Domestic Violence, etc.) | 25 cents each          |
| 6)  | Your Special Friends (ESA members, work associates, church members, friends from other organizations, neighbors, etc.)  | 10 cents each          |
| 7)  | Your Home Entertainment (TVs, Radios, DVDs CD players, the WII, computers, etc.)  | 25 cents each          |
| 8)  | Your Helpful Appliances (stove, washer, dryer, refrigerator, freezer, dishwasher, microwave, etc., etc.)                | 10 cents each          |
| 9)  | Your Travel Experiences in 2013 (vacation, weekend get-aways, family reunions, conventions, etc. )                      | 25 cents each          |
| 10) | Your Hobbies/Collections (sports, stitching, painting, Snow Babies, Dickens' Villages, etc.)                            | 10 cents each          |

## ALPHA UPSILON

### THE FABRIC OF OUR LIVES WHAT'S IN YOUR BAG?

Mother Hen and Her Hot Chicks, flew the Coop for the last time, LOUD AND PROUD, heading to the home of Sue and Gene Horton for the May installation Banquet followed by a short business meeting and the installation of the 2014-15 officers. A few of our chicks were missing for various reasons.

We started gathering at Sues' home at 5:30 for socializing, hosted by Sue and Gene Horton, Sue and Gene's son, John and his wife Shereen, and Riley, their grandson. The inclement weather did not bother us a bit for we were escorted by Riley, under a big umbrella (almost bigger than he was) to keep us dry on the short walk to the house. Upon arriving we were greeted by Sue Stockton, Palm Springs CA, our guest chef and past member of AU, and Wanda Leyes of Alpha XI, from Garden Grove CA. All the chicks arrived in their finest feathers and were served appetizers, sparkling cider and champagne. At 6:30, Riley announced "Dinner is Served". An exquisite dinner of Chateaubriand and unbelievable side dishes, prepared by chefs, Sue Stockton and Gene Horton. Business meeting followed after dinner.

We had three surprises in One week: WHEW, Sue Stockton, Palm Springs, CA, Wanda Leyes, Garden Grove CA, and Martha Conboy, New York!!!..YEAY ESA...spread out from California to New York with Sandi Kucera in between in AZ...WOW!

This is our 40th year to support Hillsboro High schools with our unique scholarship for students with life or health challenges. We awarded 7 scholarships to deserving students totaling \$4,000. The students interviewed were so wonderful and motivated to continue on with their education it was hard to choose between them. Alpha Upsilon also has endowed a scholarship through the ESA Foundation and awards \$1000 to a deserving graduate from one our High Schools in Hillsboro every year. Our grand total for scholarships \$ 5000.

Our annual Garage sale was a huge success. A year of collecting "treasures", three days of sorting and selling our "treasures" proved to be profitable. With the support, energy and commitment of all AU Sisters, we were very tired chicks at the end of the three days but very happy because through this project we can and do make a difference in the lives of some of our youth and families in need in our community.

"Hats Off" to Marlene and Linda who have said "Yes" to leadership roles as President and Treasurer, respectively, in NW District. You represent the spirit of leadership and commitment to ESA.

President Sue Ann Parks, as her last official duty before turning over the gavel to Sue Horton, presented service award pins to the following AU Sisters: Claudia Hale (50 yrs), Loretta Milnes (45yrs), Diane Lewis (35 yrs)Sue Horton (30yrs)Eleanor Mills (25 yrs), and Linda Gratteri (10yrs).

The highlight of the evening was the installation of the new officers for the coming year done by Patsy McLean. Installed were: Sue Horton, President: Claudia Hale, Vice President: Corresponding Secretary, Karla Frengle: Recording Secretary, Shirley Woodford: Treasurer, Rennia Meek: Parliamentarian, Jo Thomas: and Jr. Past President: Sue Ann Parks. President Sue Horton announced her theme for the coming year, ""The Fabric of our Lives" What's in Your Bag?"

#### **A message from our President Sue Horton:**

**"I want to rejoice in our differences and recognize the gifts that each of us possesses. I want members to be aware of their gifts and be willing to use those special talents both to support the sorority and their sisters. We are going to have fun this year in a loving and caring way."**

Grapevine Publicity, June 1<sup>st</sup>. 2014

Pearl Lushina, Publicity



On the day of your scheduled event, you need to go to the Convention Office, sign-in, and pick up an apron if you do not have one. You will then be directed to where your event is located and the name of the person you need to check in with. We will also have lunches and snacks available for a nominal fee. If you have additional questions, feel free to get in touch with me. To sign up, call Kathy State at 503-630-7851 or email me at [kathystate@rconnects.com](mailto:kathystate@rconnects.com) I hope to hear from many of you soon.



## Santa Hugs

During the 2014 Annual Leadership Conference in Denver, CO Santa Claus made an appearance to promote a new project for International Council. You may have read the article on page 5 of the Spring Jonquil telling of this new project. John Scheuch, Vice President of Hospice Santa America organization, traveled from Kansas to present the "Santa Hug" project to ESA members.

The Santa Hug is a scarf with a mitten on each end that is given to children by Santa. The child is told that anytime they need a hug, they can put their hands in the mittens and give themselves a hug from Santa, because he is always with them and always loves them. Santa John told ESA that Santas often have to pick and choose which child may receive a hug scarf during the visit because they do not have enough to give to every child they visit.

This is where he requested help from ESA and our commitment to making 4,000 hugs a year for the next two years. So Deb Hughes, our IC Workshop Chairman, has asked me to present a workshop at IC Convention to show these hugs and to have many ESA elves working on them during the week. I will have several workshop times, with several tables available, and I am asking my Oregon sisters for help. I will need several sewing machines, cutting boards, cutting tools (rotary blades and scissors) and stuff like this. If you might be interested in helping me with this project could you please give me a call at 541-459-2550 or email at [jhuntley@teleport.com](mailto:jhuntley@teleport.com).

Also you can go on the ESA website and download the pattern and information. Go to [www.epsilonsigmaalpha.org](http://www.epsilonsigmaalpha.org), member center, make a difference, tool kits for National Projects.

Looking forward to seeing many of you in July.

Judy Huntley

swelling and fluid on her lungs. She is responding well to treatment. Please keep her in your Prayers. (Addendum – It is with a heavy heart that I pass along the information that our beloved sister Betty passed away Monday evening, June 16<sup>th</sup> – no other information is available at this time.)

Our Planning meeting for June was a Brunch, which has found us very busy. Some are going to IC Convention and we are hosting the September Leadership Conference and in October we will host the Northwest District Meeting. All of us are looking forward to being "Loud and Proud" and knowing "The Magic of Kindness" will help our chapter "Strut Our Stuff the ESA Way" See you at IC Convention.

### ***Delta Xi -- Donna Cassidy***

The members of Delta Xi want to say a big "Congratulations" to Carolyn Rapant and all of her hard working "sisters" for a wonderful State Convention. Your hard work paid off big time. Su, convention was a great finale to your successful year. And Leianne, we look forward to the year ahead! We were thrilled to be acknowledged for our achievements and to be awarded the Outstanding Chapter award. I guess that our hard work (and hard play) paid off, as well.

We held our installation of officers at Xavier's Restaurant on May 6. Our 2014-2015 chapter president is JoAnne McKenney and her theme is "Everything is Coming up Roses with ESA". On June 14, we will be making our plans for another fun-filled successful year.

Although we will not be having chapter meetings this summer we will not be idle. Of course, IC Convention is our top priority and will be keeping us all busy – especially our co-chair extraordinaire, Chris York! We will be having a garage sale on June 7 and 8, with the proceeds going to one of our Hope for Heroes projects, Portland Honor Flights. We will also be holding our annual Ducky Derby at the Easter Seals camp and acting as hostesses for the Independent Living Resources summer picnic.

Enjoy your summer and we will see you all in Hood River for Leadership!

## **District Musing**

### **Southern District -- Lynn Hughes**

Southern District chapters Alpha Lambda and Gamma Beta met June 7 at the Meadows in Central Point to celebrate Founders' Day. There was a short program about History of ESA in Oregon. We had a good ol' Western hoedown with members dressed in their best western duds. Alpha Lambda prepared the barbecue and the western style meal. Everyone had a chance to enjoy the company of Southern Oregon sisters and celebrate the year's accomplishments.



### **\*\*\*A note from your Grapevine Editor**

I have found that it is much easier to put the Grapevine articles together if you send them to me in a common font; ie: Times New Roman, Courier, Calibri, or Arial in a size 12 and with single spaced lines. I will dress it up a bit.

The next grapevine deadline is August 15



## *Chapter Articles*

### **ALPHA LAMBDA CHAPTER**

"News about friends is like magic – It brightens our days."

We didn't get an article in the Grapevine in March, so, we will try again.

Last year went well for our chapter. We completed the Educational, "Travel the World with ESA." The Educationals were sent in and Pam Smith, our Educational Director received her Gold Link at Convention. Actually, she wasn't there - She was enjoying herself in Hawaii – Way to Go, Pam! She had a great time..

We did have a rush last fall, our theme was "What's the Buzz?" Fun we didn't get a honey.

The St. Jude Radiothon was a huge success. We topped anything we had ever had, over \$150,000. That will help the children who are fighting cancer or other catastrophic diseases.

We had fun socials and we always include our men. This year was no exception. We attended plays, pizza parties, dinners out and some of the men went to Convention. They had just one thing to say about convention, "Please arrange for things to do for the husbands and/or significant other at your convention. Or, we won't go again." They said it, loud and clear.

Newsy notes: Marjorie Peterson has moved to a private apartment at Horton Plaza and is doing well. It's apartment 125. Chris Miller has been having a lot of problems with her back. Ricky is coping with having her daughter move from Medford to Montana; Tallie took a trip to Vegas and Albuquerque where she visited her family in Vegas and in Albuquerque she was a guest of Mary Jane Fischer-Moffitt. Mary Jane is probably best remembered as our State President back in the 60's. She is the same Mary Jane – I had a great time with M.J. and Paul. Our President Linda Roadman and her husband have been making trips to Arizona where they bought a Snow Bird home. They will be spending winters in Yuma. We'll miss them in the winter. The rest of our members have been doing well and we thank God for that. We pray for those who are not doing well.

Five of our members attended the State Convention at Seven Feathers. It was a great convention and we managed to pick up a few awards. We are still doing the First Saturday Dances for Easter Seals. We are looking forward to a new ESA year. We will celebrate Founder's Day with Gamma Beta. In September we will have a golf tournament; in October a rush ,Thanksgiving dinner and our Christmas Party. At the Christmas Party we will bring gifts for the children who have their names on the Christmas trees around town. Trying to make their Christmas brighter.

We hope all our ESA sisters are enjoying life. After all, we have only one life to live, make it the very best See you at Leadership!

**ALPHA ZETA**  
**Eugene/Springfield**

"We're crowing 'cause we're growing"!! This is our mantra this year.

We have three reinstatements and one transfer to bring the total membership to ten!!! Kathy Erickson, Bev Hedgers and Jayne Merz are former members and now have been reinstated as of May 28, 2014. Lani Shimer of Epsilon Theta has transferred her membership since she has relocated to the Eugene/Springfield area. She, too, was a participant of the reaffiliation ceremony held at Su McDonell's home.

At the May 1, 2014 meeting new officers were elected and those officers were installed at the same gathering at Su's home. The new officers are:

President	Liz Rust
Vice-President	Lani Shimer
Rec. Secretary	Su McDonell
Treasurer	Sandy Diess
Educational	Ann Malarsie
Publicity	Lani Shimer

Su conducted a beautiful reaffiliation and installation ceremony. Afterwards we all reconvened at The Olive Garden to partake of scrumptious Italian food and drink. The American Legion had its poppy sale for the veterans and some members participated in the sale. We will be helping more in this area as Bev Hedgers is very involved in the American Legion. We are, also, clipping coupons for military families. On June 4, 2014, we will be having our monthly meeting at Su's (I am sensing a pattern here). It will be a potluck and we will be planning our events for next year. I hope everyone has a wonderful summer.

Lani Shimer, Publicity



## **Delta Kappa–Hood River–Martha Hoskins–June 1, 2014**

April brought sunshine, showers and a new slate of Officers for 2014–2015. We went to State Convention with our new incoming President as a FIRST TIMER. She was welcomed by our outgoing President with open arms and all said hello almost every day. We saw Betty Draper receive the Gold Link Award along with Third Place for Outstanding Chapter. First Place in Rushing and our Debbie Sanguras receiving a special achievement award.

May Installation of Officer was beautiful with our new theme of: "STRUT YOUR STUFF THE ESA WAY" was met with smiles and enthusiasm. Our sweet Betty Sollman has had some Health issues with her Heart and had a Triple By Pass. As of today, she is back in the Hospital due to



Cruzin' for Crab, a local C of C function every year, was cancelled due to the typhoon from China the last weekend in September. Anyone who would like to purchase a crab bracelet (no, they are not made from real crab!!) may contact a member of Epsilon Theta. They are really nice-looking. A meat loaf dinner will be hosted on November 16, 2013 at the new Waldport High School. This is one of our fundraisers. The money goes to local non-profits. PLUS....ticket selling at HS athletic events, helping Lions with vision and hearing tests at the local school, selling tickets for the Harlem Globetrotters on November 9, and we have sent 4-6 boxes to Hope for Heroes.

Omega Mu's theme this year is "Catch the Buzz" and they have been supporting the local bars...NOT!! Their activities have included a family potluck, concert in the parks, Corn Maze at the Bryce Family Farms and they become hat check girls for the square dancing get-together. They have been very involved in planning for 2014 IC convention since Kaycee Headley is one of the co-chairpersons.

State President Su McDonell gave a brief report on Leadership. Everyone was reminded to get their registrations in for Winter meeting which will be held in Portland at the Airport Radisson. The Oregon State Convention will be held at the Seven Feathers Casino and our next District Council meeting will be February 15, 2014. (Can it possibly be 2014 already?)

We had a super delicious lunch of homemade soup, sandwiches and apple cobbler with ice cream. We all left with full tummies and hugs all around.

Lani Shimer, Publicity.

