

The Oregon Grapevine

2015-2016 November, Issue III

This is the season to give thanks, to reflect upon our blessings and share our gratitude. We are all so lucky to be a part of the Oregon ESA family. Think about how fortunate we are that 86 years ago, Oregon's own Adelia Prichard had a great idea, to start a national educational and service organization. That organization, ESA, has brought us together in the 21st century. If not for her foresight, we may never have met each other. Forty-some years before I was born, twenty-some years before my mother was born, Adelia brought dear friends into my life- and for that, I am thankful.

I hope that each and every one of you has a wonderful holiday season and I wish you the very best in 2016.



Speaking of 2016, we are making plans for winter meeting in February in Lebanon. The hotel is brand-new and very nice. We will have a Service is in Style event with a fashion expert, and a paint and pour fundraiser for St Jude. Additionally, all are invited to wear a hat on Sunday- your hat can be fancy, crazy, tall, old, or weird- but it should definitely showcase your personal style. Please encourage your fellow members to attend- and you can help your Omega Mu hosts by

registering early!

I am also happy to be making early plans for convention. I am so excited to announce that our IC representative will be IC Treasurer, Kim Kummer. I hope that by the time our convention rolls around, Kim will be a candidate for a 2016-2017 IC office- what a great opportunity to get to know her better!

We will also be joined by a VIP guest from Easter Seals. Barb Moss would like to see Oregon once again lead ESA's efforts to support Ardyce Moore, who had Let's put our work-boots



Easter Seals. We all know the story of another Oregon dreamer, a great idea 30 years ago, to bring Easter Seals and ESA together. on and show some more love to Easter Seals.

Thanks to Delta Xi for recently sharing photos of their Hope for Heroes project on the ESA Oregon Facebook page. Please feel free to use this page to share your upcoming events and to post photos. Especially photos of new members.

Have a Merry Christmas,

Kaycee

From the desk of the 1st Vice President

I had a busy October. I attended 4 District meetings and missed the other two because one was on the same day as another and the other was across the state from the last district meeting I attended and it was held the next day. I will be making it a point to attend those two district meetings – probably in the spring. Winter makes travel iffy.

I had a great time at all the meetings. Everyone made me feel very welcome. Thank you, Central, Douglas, Southern and Willamette Valley Districts. I talked about Paint and Pour parties to which everyone should invite one person. With information regarding ESA available and seeing how much fun we all are,

some of our invitees could become members. Either way, it would be an evening of fun and everyone goes home with a finished painting. I think Kaycee is planning such a party for Winter Meeting.



I, also, talked about different themes for Rushing or just for socials; namely, Oscar night (*put those long dresses in your closets to good use!*), or style shows, play movie trivia, dress up as your favorite character, etc. Have fun with your socials.

Most of my appointed board and standing committees have been selected. I am so grateful that everyone I asked said "yes". I still have a few more Chairs to fill, so expect a call from me.

The rains have returned as has standard time. Lawns are turning green again and the leaves are falling – can Christmas be far behind?

Merry Christmas to all. See you next year at Winter Meeting.

Lani Shimer

Corresponding Secretary

As the days quickly pass, bringing us ever closer to the end of another year and I can't help but think of the many joys being in ESA has brought me. My wish for all of you in the New Year is that you'll also find this happiness through the love of your ESA sisters and brothers and the satisfaction of knowing your efforts to help others in so many aspects of their lives is greatly appreciated.

I hope 2016 will be remarkable for all of you and may the spirit of Christmas remain with you all through the year. Happy Holidays!



Joy Serkowney

Disaster Fund

Welcome to fall. I hope everyone is enjoying the rain. Are you having a nice time getting ready for the holidays? Remember to take a little time for yourself, during this busy time.

As you take a moment for yourself, during this busy next couple of months, let's think about the people in our country, France and around the world that have had trouble in their life. The Disaster Fund is set up to help the members of ESA that need some assistance. This is our organizations way of helping the members, we do so much for others, let's help ESA by giving a little to the fund.



As I asked at the beginning of the year, please continue to collect a little money for each of your little "disasters" in your day. It doesn't take much when we all work together.

Thank you all for the support at Leadership. The drawing for the Scentsy brought in \$250 for the Disaster Fund.

Looking forward to seeing you all at Winter meeting.

Happy Thanksgiving, Merry Christmas and Happy New Year.



Leianne Stinton
Disaster Chairman

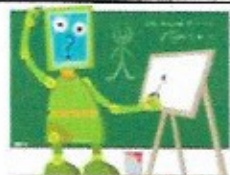
EDUCATIONAL

"MORE WORK GETS DONE WHEN WE'RE HAVING FUN"

I was looking through the Educational "Notebook" and came across pages of Chris York's workshop when she was Educational Director in 2006-2007. YESSSSS, I thought ... here are some

great thoughts! Chris' notes are underlined and enclosed in quotation marks. My comments are in smaller font.

"Are the people in attendance doing their grocery lists or their To Do Lists? Is there a soft sound of snoring during the presentations?" Oops ...! "If something is not working, do something else." Yes, please do! "Challenge each other - don't play it safe." Absolutely! "Don't limit your scope. Don't limit yourselves at all." Yaaaayy! Reach for the stars! Get outside your comfort zone! "Make it interactive." Yes, it keeps everyone awake! "Each member does not have to approach the program topic exactly like the others."



Think outside the box! Do something wild!

And very important (for Chapter Education Directors): "Prepare your reports as you go, while the information is fresh in your mind." YES! YES! YES! Don't wait until mid-March! Start now!

So ... I will be looking forward to doing some fun reading. Meanwhile, I'll see you at Winter Meeting! Gee, that "sorta" rhymed...

Linda Gratteri

Philanthropic



This is a reminder for chapters and districts to keep your hours, mileage and do the year-end report. This report is absolutely mandatory to maintain profit status. Remember, the deadline is April 1, 2016. It would be most helpful if each chapter would advise me of communication can be with them.



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your Philanthropic Chairs so

Marlene Nash

ESA Foundation

We missed many of you at the Leadership meeting in Florence. The weather was great and the sisterhood was even better. Thanks to the Florence girls for a great weekend

Just returned from a trip to Houston (missed the tornados by hours) and the International Quilt Show. Then I spent a week in Quinta Roo south of Cancun. Jeri Longacre, Past Washington State President, went with and my sister and her friend joined us also. We had a wonderful two weeks. We had two great snorkeling adventures. This is what getting to know ESA sisters outside your area can do to give you traveling companions.

I want to remind you all that membership in the ESA Foundation is very affordable, just \$15.00 a year. You are helping many young people to reach their dreams when you support the foundation. Your membership dues must be paid by March 1 to be a voting member for 2016. In the past I have challenged those of you who have become inactive to reinstate your membership. A few did, but many more could and we would have greatly increased membership numbers. If you need a form you can go on the ESA Foundation website and pay your dues or download a form. Also if you know any Federal employees, give them the ESA Combined Federal Campaign #10031 to use to contribute to ESA.

It is scholarship time again. application process now: can apply for as many scholarships know or have contacts at local information. Everything is done on



You may go to the website and begin the esaintl.com/esaf. Again this year each applicant as wanted, not just three. If you have students you schools please give them the scholarship line and it seems to be going well.

Congratulations to the following Foundation Awards.

chapters for the

Use of Turn- Around Funds: (7 chapters, 3 districts, and state participated)

1 st Place	Delta Xi	\$4,287.23
2 nd Place	Willamette District	\$975.00
3 rd Place	Oregon State Council	\$923.65



Most Monies to Oregon Scholarships: (5 chapters donated money to scholarships)

1 st Place	Gamma Beta	\$10,300
2 nd Place	Beta Eta	\$600
3 rd Place	Delta Xi	\$450

Thank you all who donated monies or bought 50/50 tickets from Gavels. Hopefully each chapter will consider donations to the Oregon State Scholarship in your Philanthropic Budget.

Hope to see you at Winter Meeting. Give me a ring if you have any questions. Enjoy the holidays and give thanks for our many blessings.

Love in ESA
Judy Huntley

Circle of Life

Hello everyone.

First off I want to thank all of our Oregon ESA members who participated in our Oregon St. Jude Virtual Walk. It was held September 26th during State Leadership in Florence Oregon. According to ALSAC we brought in a grand total of **\$5,166**. Our total before our walk totaled \$4,351. Right after our walk we brought in another \$815. Great job.



A special thanks to Judy Huntley and Kathy State for their help that day.

The kids of St. Jude Children's Research Hospital thank you. St. Jude is working to drive the overall survival rate of childhood cancer to 90 percent in the next decade.

Right now we are in the planning stages winter meeting. I am sure it will be a lot of fun skills. Watch for an announcement in the near



ALSAC-St. Jude is having a Radiothon in

December 15th and Wednesday, December 16. They are asking for help from our ESA members. Time slots are from 5am to 7pm each day. Shifts last four hours. From what I have heard it is a lot of fun and they even serve goodies. The Radiothon will be held at KUPL, 1211 SW 5th, Portland, OR.

A note from Erica Hall of ALSAC states, there are only 5 spots to fill in each time slot and you will be on a computer, so our volunteers must be computer efficient or feel comfortable typing. It can sometimes be loud in the room, due to the excitement of donations and volunteers wear headsets to take calls. Please call Andrea Storm at 503-537-5005 or email me at andreagen@aol.com if you have questions or if you can help.

Lastly, I would again encourage you and your chapters to keep track of time and money donated to St. Jude.

Thank you,
Andrea Storm

for a *Paint and Pour* event at and will bring out our artistic future.

Portland, Tuesday,

Easter Seals



I would like to thank everyone for all the school supplies, you brought to Leadership. Jamie gave a guess of approximately \$500.00, in supplies.

Again THANK YOU for all your help.

It was so wonderful to work with Jamie, she was a joy to help.

I have had the pleasure of meeting a young man, Dylan Whitehorse. He told us about the Easter Seals camps and how he enjoyed them. Dylan was a joy to meet. Thanks to his wonderful grandparents for the love and support to Dylan.



Dylan & Barb

Jamie also reported a total of \$80.00 in cash and checks for school supplies, \$160.00 in gift cards. In addition, there is a total of \$405.50 in cash and checks that we received from the raffle and games. Her had miscounted when she originally counted the raffle money. So super job ladies and gents.

I am looking forward to seeing everyone at Winter meeting. Hope everyone has a great holiday season with family and friends.
Love to all.

HUGS, Barb Moss, Easter Seals Jr.



Hope for Heroes

There is a new process concerning the coupons many of our chapters have been collecting for our heroes and their families overseas. Please make note of the following:

The coupons must now be divided into two separate 'piles'. One for **food items** and one for **non-food items**. The **\$\$ totals should totaled for each separate 'pile' but**

your chapter may continue to be reported combined, one single total in your annual Philanthropic report.

These separated coupons should be placed into separate baggies for shipment.

If you are mailing them to a specific base yourself...(or through another organization at this time)

OR...if you'd rather take a monetary amount by weight rather than actual count... they should be weighted. Food items counted as = \$138.88 in value per ounce and Non-food items counted = \$265.83 in value per ounce.

As per Emmy Neustrom, IC Hope for Heroes Chair... you may to decide which way (actual face value or by the ounce) you'd like to value the coupons for your report to your state Philanthropic Chair. Just, please, be consistent.

If your chapter does not now have a coupon-gathering project but would like to 'Adopt a Base' and need some help with that... Please go to website: <http://ocpnet.org> and adopt a military base. There are many there who would be so grateful. Follow the simple and complete directions by beginning at "**Base List**" Choose a base and then follow further instructions on the "**adoption Page**".

Please.... Do Not Send Your Coupons to the IC Chair!

If you have further questions on this new way of separating coupons and/or mailing them... please contact our Hope for Heroes Chair, Jo Kellar 541-963-7294



Also: If you have sons or daughters, grandchildren, nieces or nephews serving overseas and would like them to receive a Care Package... IC is working on putting that together. Please contact Emmy Neustrom, IC Hope For Heroes Chair emmyneus@aol.com . She'd like the name and address of your loved one.



Oh...and, PS. Don't forget our heroes who are in hospital during the holidays. Holiday cards and notes from you and your chapter members would go a long way to let them know they are being thought of with caring over the holidays, especially. Give OHSU VA Center a call and ask if they could use cards as well as Roseburg VA Hospital

A Veteran's Day Experience
By Jeannette Rhodes Wednesday, November 11, 2016



Not knowing how to post pictures, and possibly my first post.... But I wanted to share a Veteran's Day experience...

Last night my NSDAR chapter hosted a reception for almost 100 Josephine County Oregon Vietnam Veterans, (over 140 people in attendance), to "welcome them home"...

This was a two year project that includes an Honor Book and permission from the United States Post office for a Cancellation Stamp to honor the event and these "veterans".

That all needed special thought~

We had so many tears, thank yous and remembrances... We were very proud that we could give them this special salute. My Gamma Beta ESA sisters were most receptive of my educational that highlighted this event. DAR and ESA both have tremendous Hope for Hero's programs.

Bylaw Changes

OFFICIAL NOTICE

Bylaw Amendment Notification (to be voted on at State Winter Meeting
2015)



ARTICLE V: Qualifications of the Executive Board

Section 1: add: *In the event no candidate is forthcoming for a given office, the Oregon State President shall appoint a member to assume those duties and responsibilities with the approval of the Oregon Executive Board.*

Reason: This has never been a problem, however it came to our attention that in the future a candidate might not be found that met the qualifications and to keep within our Bylaws this would cover that situation. Wording suggested by a Registered Parliamentarian.

ARTICLE V: Qualifications of the Executive Board

Section 1 e) Corresponding Secretary

Old: The Corresponding Secretary need only be from the same Chapter and/or area of the presidential nominee.

New: *The Corresponding Secretary need only be from Oregon and is not limited to the same Chapter and/or area of the presidential nominee.*

Reason: With today's technology and if both parties are willing to commute if need be then there is no reason for the Presidential nominee and the corresponding secretary to be from the same Chapter and/or area.

Submitted by 2015-2016 Documents/Parliamentarian Chair Jeannette Rhodes

Documents and Parliamentarian



Please if anyone has a proposed Bylaw or change to the Policy and Procedures it would be appreciated if they were received before Winter Meeting in order to bring them before the group and then to be voted on at the appropriate time, they need to be published at least 30 days prior to the meeting. The updated Bylaws and Policy and Procedures are now posted to our website, thank you Chris.

Winter Meeting

Well, it looks like Winter has arrived and with that my on our next ESA 2016 Winter Meeting. Kaycee has some wonderful planned and you don't want to miss out. The location of Boulder few miles off I-5 and is brand new.

The hotel features beautiful rooms and suites, luxurious amenities, onsite dining and lounge, and tranquil Japanese gardens. Features and amenities are internet, complimentary breakfast, a fitness center, in room microwave, refrigerator, in room safe, and speaker phones. Our meeting room will have 10ft by 10ft screens for all the computer stuff and state of the art audio systems.

You can check it all out at, Best Western Premier Boulder Falls, Lebanon

Reminder of deadline dates: Jan 19th for rooms (remember to say you're with ESA when making your reservation)

Feb. 6th for on-time registration.

Enjoy the holidays and see you in Feb.
Linda Brown Winter Meeting chair



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2016 Convention at Canyonville



“Love What You Do!”

Welcome ... for some Southern Oregon Hospitality...

Please put on your calendars to attend this year's State Convention at Seven Feathers in Canyonville. The registration form is on the web, and also in this Grapevine. We are planning on lots of fun and are anxious to see everyone at this "great" yearend Celebration! Bring on the "Love"....

We are going to include ads again in this year's program. Please consider taking out an ad to "congratulate" someone, to "welcome" someone, to "encourage" someone or just a great "pat on the back". If you care to be included please send a check to Billie Patino (on the Registration form – made you look didn't we)... and made out to Gamma Beta Chapter.

business card size	\$ 5
1/4 page	\$10
1/2 page ad	\$15
full page	\$25

You'all come, you hear? Love Lynn and Jeannette



2016 INTERNATIONAL CONVENTION "REACHING NEW HEIGHTS IN ESA"

July 10 - 17, 2016

Embassy Suites Loveland - Hotel, Spa and Conference Center
Loveland, Colorado



Mark your calendar now! The Rocky Mountain Regional Council invites you to attend the 2016 IC Convention. Join the states of Colorado, Idaho, New Mexico, Utah and Wyoming as well as President Rickie Brown and the International Council at the Embassy Suites in Loveland, Colorado where we will be "Reaching New Heights in ESA".

The Embassy Suites Loveland, Hotel, Spa and Conference Center is a beautiful, award-winning facility. Amenities include free parking, free breakfast, and manager's reception with complimentary drinks.

Member full registration is \$250. Room Rates are \$144.00 single/double, \$154.00 triple, \$169.00 quad plus tax. (Current tax rate is 9.55%.)

Be watching the ESA News and your state newsletter for more information throughout the year.

It is not too early to start making plans to attend the 2016 IC Convention where you can meet new friends, renew old friendships and create lasting ESA memories.

The 2-page Registration is at the back of this Grapevine

See you there,

Members of the Rocky Mountain Regional Council

Embassy Suites Loveland - Hotel, Spa and Conference Center

Plan to spend the week of July 10-17, 2016 at the Embassy Suites Loveland - Hotel, Spa and Conference Center, 4705 Clydesdale Pkwy, Loveland, CO 80538. This is our award-winning hotel for the 2016 IC Convention.

Expect spacious suites, featuring a private bedroom and separate living room, with a wet bar, mini-refrigerator, microwave and coffeemaker. Each suite features two queen or one king bed and a pullout sofa sleeper. Savor the complimentary cooked-to-order breakfast as well as an evening reception with free drinks. Other hotel amenities include free parking and a complimentary shuttle within a five-mile radius of the hotel. There is a 50% discount in the suites for Wi-Fi or free if you are a current Hilton Honor's Member. You must have stayed at a Hilton in the last year. Wi-Fi is complimentary in the hotel's lobby and business center.

Room rates are \$144.00 plus tax single/double; \$154.00 plus tax triple, \$169.00 plus tax quad. \$15.00 plus tax for each additional person (current tax rate is 9.55%) Rates are good July 9 through July 18, 2016. To receive the group rate, you **MUST** make reservations by **June 18, 2016**. Call **1 800 EMBASSY. (1-800-362-2779)** Ask for the ESA block with booking code **EPS**. Should you experience any difficulty in making your reservation, please email Ann Marie Cole at annmarie.cole@jqh.com with your name, confirmation number and the issue you are experiencing. She will work with hotel personnel to find a solution for you.

2016 IC Convention Committee

Easter Seals Honors ESA Member



Happy Birthday, Ardyce!

Easter Seals Oregon is fortunate enough to have one of the most caring, intelligent, generous individuals on our side. Ardyce is a board member, volunteer extraordinaire, and longtime supporter. As her 90th birthday was in November, we celebrate and honor her and all of her accomplishments. She is truly an inspiration to us all.



Chapter News

Alpha Upsilon - Hillboro

"FUR"EVER FREINDS in ESA

Fall is in the Air! Leaves on the trees have changed color and have started to fall on the ground covering it in many shades of Autumn.

Halloween has passed, and yes, it was a wet one. Thanksgiving is just around the corner. November is also Veterans Remembrance Month. As we give thanks for all our blessings on Thanksgiving day, let's all take a moment to honor our Veteran's by saying Thank You for their sacrifices and reflect upon the freedom we enjoy today. We are busy clipping, sorting, and mailing "COUPS FOR TROOPS" in our support for the men and women and their families who are serving in the armed forces today. It's a small way we can "Thank You". November is also COAT DRIVE

Group and member of Alpha Upsilon. Time of giving

Fall Leadership was held at The Three rivers



President of NW District, our very own Linda Gratterer, was responsible for lining up a program for the meeting. Noted speaker. Dr. Uzi R. Luzit (translation: Dr. Use it or Lose it) demonstrated on how to memorize 10 grocery items without writing them down. She promised everyone they would have them memorized and probably remember them even later on and into the evening. If you were there, do you remember the items? Everyone participated in her demonstration and there was much laughter.

Claudia and Bob Hale, with their family and spouses, vacationed in Costa Rica for a week. I am sure they all enjoyed the sunshine and warm weather. She and husband Bob are now in Eastern Oregon hunting. A big difference in temperature...They will be home the end of November..

Susie Parks hosted a Ladies Brunch in her home for AU members and guests. All enjoyed Brunch (fantastic food), coffee, and laughter while telling tall tales, old and new. A fun and relaxing way to contribute to the chapter treasury for upcoming projects.

We are gearing up for Christmas. We began by "SHOPPING WITH A CAUSE" at the DOODLE PAD, a very unique card and gift shop in downtown Portland. Susie Parks owner and member of AU

donates 20 % of the total sales of the day to AU general fund which in turn is used to support families in need in our community during the holidays and throughout the year.

Looking ahead, we have Thanksgiving, Christmas, and The New Year to celebrate. We will be busy, but not too busy for a fun social to celebrate the Christmas Season. Our December meeting is a combination of business and social. This year we will start off the night with Baked Potato Bar accompanied by many different toppings, followed by business meeting the "FUN" will begin with a Christmas dessert. After a very brief gift exchange.

Jo Thomas and Claudia Hale will be recognized and honored for over 50 years of service. Jo has been a member for 55 years and Claudia has been a member 52 years. Claudia and Jo have served on all elected offices, including President, a number of times. And also served as chairman on all major committees.



It's the time of year to wish happiness and good will to friends, sisters and loved ones, near or far away. Share the joys of the past, and hopes for the future, and remember to give Thanks for all that we have.

WARMEST WISHES
for a
CHRISTMAS HOLIDAY SEASON
FILLED WITH LOVE AND PEACE
and
A NEW YEAR FULL OF PROMISE

Pearl Lushina

Alpha Zeta - Eugene



In keeping with our theme - *"Have Boots, Will Travel"*, we visited the Newport Aquarium which is always wonderful. It was a nice day (Not hot, not rainy) and there were no crowds. We trekked all over the facility, visited the gift shop and went to lunch at Nana's (so we got some Irish food to go along with our Oregon site visit).

In September, we, also, visited Brownsville and attended a lecture given by Jane Kirkpatrick regarding one of Brownsville's earliest residents, Eliza Spaulding. Jane's book is entitled "Memory Weaver". It is a very interesting book about how our memories are warped because they are seen from the perspective and experience of a child. Some of our future visits will include: Shore Acres, Oregon Gardens, Wildlife Safari among others.

On the second Monday of each month, those members who can go to Bags of Love to help in any way we can. We spend about three hours doing things like making fleece blankets, sorting quilting squares, sorting clothes, books, etc. Then we go out to dinner. (Food seems to be involved in a lot of things that we do!!) This last time, we were allowed to pack some bags for Head Start and Pearl Buck children. Very satisfying!!

Many of us were able to attend Leadership and had a great time. Kaycee and Marsha did a wonderful job organizing our weekend. Thanks to you both and Delta Gamma.

Right now we are selling Holiday Bows, packages, etc. If any of you would like to see what type of choices you make bows for other holidays during the Easter Seals and St. Jude. Hopefully, we will sell lots.



These can be used for decorating wreaths, mantels, order some, please let me know. Su will take photos have in colors. If we are successful, we would like to year. The money earned will go to Bags of Love,

We were going to celebrate Ann Malarsie's 99th birthday but she decided to have surgery instead. Consequently, we will be celebrating on December 10. This was Ann's first surgery and she is lamenting the fact that she will no longer able to wear her bikini!! Most of us should be so lucky. 'Nuf said.

Happy Thanksgiving and Merry Christmas to all.

Lani Shimer

Delta Gamma - Florence

Delta Gamma in Florence, Oregon hosted at their Charity Auction on Saturday, November 14, at Three Rivers Casino & Resort. These creative and dynamic women are known throughout their coastal community for their generosity and giving spirit. This annual gala is their signature fundraising event to fund local scholarships, philanthropic projects in Florence and beyond.

125+ on gift members. cookies purchase. however,



husband/ wife team of Robert & Kay King, long-Gamma. Bundles of hand-split cedar work quilt, original watercolors, and baskets of crafted beers were just a few of the items on the of good-natured and highly competitive bidding. ESA State and WVDC District officers and several members from other chapters throughout the Willamette Valley District Council.

President Lori Johnson greeted the convention center packed with guests as they enjoyed a variety of appetizers while placing their bids baskets and hand-crafted items artfully arranged by Delta Gamma. A Buy-it-Now table featured hand-pressed apple cider, freshly baked and breads, jewelry items and many other items for immediate

The was an



main event of the evening, oral auction conducted by the time supporters of Delta kindling, wine tours, a piece-home-canned tuna and locally auction block during an evening

Honored guests included

Since 2001, this annual fundraiser has raised 107,089, providing funding for a host of philanthropic projects. This year's event raised nearly \$14,000 and will be put to use immediately as Delta Gamma members assemble Thanksgiving baskets and provide much needed assistance to low-income families during the holiday season.

Delta Xi - Portland

Delta Xi Vice President Jean Braden has been busy working on our Rush program. To date we have had 3 gals attend our meetings and have a couple more interested. We are excited to report that we have one joining so far. Karen McNeil, Educational Director, has been putting together a very interesting educational program. Our theme is "Discovering Ancient or Other Civilizations." So far we have learned about the mysterious Village of the Dead and several ancient lost Civilizations. Looks like a very interesting year ahead of us.

Philanthropically we are in our busy mode - providing meals at the Clark Center; volunteering at the Independent Living Resource Center; providing lunch at the HIV Day Center and also bringing Bingo prizes and personal hygiene products like shampoo and soap. We delivered 12 bags of yarn and numerous back packs to the Morrison Center for the "Drop In Youth Program". We are still donating gently used or new clothing to Dress for Success and Mercy Corps. November 11th saw many of our members helping distribute cookies and coffee after the Veteran's Day Parade in the Hollywood District. Also prepared lunches for the annual USO Show held at the Hollywood theater hosted by Tony Starlite. And thank you Andrea for spearheading the St. Jude's Walk at Leadership.

Our latest Secret Event was hosted by Carol Cookson and Laurie Stapleton with the entire dinner based on corn. Entertainment included "Corny Jokes."

Several members ventured into Washington to attend the Annual Salvation Army Doll Tea put on by Bev Gilmore's chapter. And since Delta Xi members love those luncheons several also attended a salad luncheon with a holiday theme put on by another sorority.

Our latest event was a Silpada Jewelry Party hosted by Jean Braden's daughter.

There are extra ESA aprons that we used when hosting IC Convention and will be available at Winter Meeting in case anyone is interested in getting one. Also would be nice for our new members.

As we approach the holidays our wish for you all is to have a safe and Happy Holiday Season.

Pat Stupur



District News

Southern District - Gamma Beta & Alpha Lambda

"Embrace the Wonder and Excitement of ESA"
Are we not all "wonder woman"
Often "wondering" what we are all about!



Anyway, Southern District recently met at the Meadows in Central Point with Alpha Lambda hostesses. We were honored to have Lani Shimer with us as well as Joy Serkowney. It's always a pleasure to have guests.

Alpha Lambda outdid themselves with lunch as they often do. We had a condensed meeting as Gamma Beta had a commitment to decorate for the Pregnancy Care Gala in Grants Pass, a project of passion with the Chapter. And of course we had our "faithful gavels in attendance, Ellen Ellis also State Gavels Chairman, Jeannette Rhodes and Billie Patino. Lynn Hughes was still a bit under the weather but is now doing well!

The two chapters are very involved with Hope for Heroes Projects, signing 250 Christmas Cards each for the Vets at the White City facility and collecting items for the Josephine 4H Christmas Stocking Project. These stockings have been clothing articles a check for \$40 was also sent to help with the shipping. go to our Southern Oregon National Guards members who deployed to Afghanistan. Members are also collecting good for both men and women to donate to the White City Facility. We are also collecting clothing for the "dress for success" project, clothing to allow women to present themselves in their job interviews. And of course blankets, socks and good clothing items for the Women's Shelter, as well as supporting the food bank.



The two chapters continue to sponsor the "1st Saturday Dances" for Easter Seals in Medford. Over 100 were in attendance at the last dance. Chapter members participate and hand out refreshments that we donate.

In case you think we are "dull", we also have fun with potlucks, Alpha Lambda a Halloween dinner and a miniature Golf with Desert Educational.

The two chapters are in a dilemma... Winter Meeting is scheduled the same time as our St Jude's Radio-thon... making our volunteers divided. Hopefully it goes well and next year will not be a competition.

A report on our summer Founder's day lunch at Shirley Reese's home was made where Lynn Hughes reported on the founding of ESA. We took a moment to remember our dear Betty Bedingfield who passed away this year; Betty was a long time ESA member, Past District President, past member of the State Board. We miss her. Also thoughts went out to our beloved Marjorie Peterson; she is now in an assistant living home and would welcome cards. Southern District Chapters are a "team", we often work together on projects.

Alpha Lambda's President Pam Smith chose "Fun and Success for ESA" with an educational theme "All Work and No Play Spells Dull Day"

Gamma Beta's President Shirley Reese has chosen "ESA...We Are on a Mission of Love". Our Educational theme The Sisterhood of your Traveling Shoes"

Don't Forget to attend the 2016 State Convention in Canyonville.... The District is also very involved with planning this event for you!... Lynn Hughes Chairman, Jeannette Rhodes co-chairman We all wear many hats!

Willamette Valley District - Alpha Zeta, Omega Mu, Delta Gamma & Epsilon Theta

WVDC had its Fall meeting in Waldport, Oregon at the local Fire Hall on October 17, 2015.

It was a beautiful day with sunshine, good company and good food. We had a very good turnout with 18 present. Epsilon Theta provided a tasty menu which consisted of soup, salads, sandwiches and dessert. Dessert was Birthday cake in celebration of **Alpha Zeta's Ann Malarsie. She is 99 years young and going strong.** She received cards and accolades from all of us. She is a model for all of us. In fact, she can walk better than practically all of us except for those who are under 40.



Su McDonell presented information on acquiring insurance for events sponsored by the various chapters. The costs are prohibitive from most companies but Mary Davis is going to contact the insurance agent Epsilon Theta deals with and see if there is some way to be insured without going "bust",

Each chapter told us about their doings. And, I must say, we are BUSY. Delta Gamma just finished hosting Leadership for the State and did a remarkable job. They are responsible for the Luminarias for Relay for Life which was held last summer. Now they are concentrating on their annual auction which will be held on November 14 at Three Rivers. Tickets are \$25 and is the major fundraiser for the year. They have done this for many years now and are very successful. With this money, they give scholarships, adopt a family for the year and help their community in any way they can.

Epsilon Theta is busy regrouping with a much diminished membership due to deaths, moves, etc. Recently they lost Marion Burriss to cancer. We will miss her. A Celebration of Life will be held November 14 in Yachats. In the meantime, ET is helping at Waldport High School by selling tickets to the athletic events. All monies go to the athletic department.

Alpha Zeta has gained a new member in Joy Serkowney. She has moved from Seal Rock to Eugene. We are so glad to have her in our midst. Our members have been traveling and learning about sites in our State that are day trips. Our theme this year is "Have Boots, Will Travel". We have gone to Thyme Gardens, Brownsville and the Newport Aquarium so far. Further trips will include Shore Acres, Oregon Gardens, Wildlife Safari and others. We have been having a wonderful time. Right now, we are making bows for Thanksgiving and Christmas arrangements as a fundraiser. We will be selling bows for \$4.00 which can be used as table centerpieces, wreath decorations, package bows and tree ornaments. If you are interested, contact Lani to order.

Omega Mu has two new members as you all know. Madison was installed by IC President Ricki Brown at IC Convention. Madison then sponsored her grandfather who became the first male "sister" in the state. As Madison stated in her "#Because of ESA" blurb - her mother, grandmother and grandfather are now her "sisters". We all had great fun with that at Leadership. After the birthday celebration for Ann Malarsie, we all bid each other fond adieus and prepared to leave the beautiful central Oregon coast.

Oregon State Board
Leadership 2015



LEADERSHIP REPORT

Sept 26-27 found 64 Oregon ESA members and one guest at the Three Rivers Casino in Florence for a fun filled weekend of interesting workshops, good food and business as needed. President Kaycee kept things moving with a great balance of business and fun.

Leadership chair Marsha Klosterman, and Delta Gamma wish to thank everyone for their patience and good humor while little glitches were fixed. The all-you-can-eat buffet was a hit, and I'm not telling how many times our guest, Will, went back for more food.

Dyland Whitehorse, the Easter Seal speaker did an incredible job speaking to a very receptive audience.

Marsha Klosterman, Leadership Chair

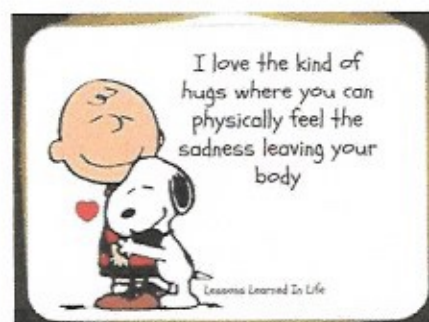
Kaycee leads
the way



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New Pledges
Will Warren &
Jerry Saxwold
Team up in
Easter Seal
game



EPSILON SIGMA ALPHA INTERNATIONAL
 OREGON STATE LEADERSHIP CONFERENCE
 THREE RIVERS CASINO, FLORENCE, OREGON
 SEPT 26-27, 2015
 FINANCIAL REPORT

INCOME

Registration for 64 @ \$60	\$3,840
Registration for 3 @ \$70	<u>\$ 210</u>
Total Income	\$4,050

President's room comped
 President's meals absorbed

EXPENSES

See attached summary from casino	
Food and gratuity \$2,513.36	
Room rental /fees 220.00	
Total casino bill	\$3,185.76

(Includes 4 lunches and 2 dinners for Easter Seal guests at \$119)

Refund \$10 late fee	10.00
Refund two registrations	120.00
Supplies	
Centerpieces	47.00
Folders	10.00
Printing expenses	<u>30.00</u>
Total expenses	\$3,402.76

Total income	\$4,050.00
Total expenses	<u>3,402.76</u>

Profit \$ 647.24

Leadership Workshop Idea by Donna Bush

(as requested by not just a few...)

Words are important and we were asked to think about the words we are saying instead of merely '*chanting*' them in a sing-song manner by rote. These are the changes we came up with and shared with each other.

Can your chapter think of more?

OPENING RITUAL

Members of Epsilon Sigma Alpha, we meet again to 'commit' ourselves anew to the vows of our ritual which we accepted in the golden glow of a candle lighted room. Let us be ever mindful of the 'accountabilities' we pledged to our organization, keep 'trust' with ourselves and our members, be 'charitable' and 'genuine' and ever 'deserving' to wear the badge that 'embodies' 'character', 'respect', 'honesty', 'kindliness' and 'beauty'.

(replaced were the words: pledge, responsibilities, faith, tolerant, sincere, worthy, symbolizes, honor, truthfulness, friendliness and loveliness)

CLOSING RITUAL

Eternal Father, Master of all good works, guide and direct us that we may remain 'unwavering' in our hearts and faithful to our pledge. May we be reminded that 'mercy', 'dignity' and friendliness are our goals; and as we go our separate ways, to ever hold aloft the ray from the lamp of learning that those who follow in our footsteps may be guided by it's light.

(replaced were the words: steadfast, graciousness, and poise)

Annual Leadership Conference – all new just for you!

Experience Epsilon Sigma Alpha's Annual Leadership Conference. Whether you currently hold an office or want to take the first step in trying something new, we hope you will seriously consider this opportunity to gain personal leadership skills and skills that will benefit the future of ESA.

For more than 86 years, ESA has established a reputation for being a premier leadership and service organization while implementing fun and new ideas. This year is no different with brand-new content. Now you have the opportunity to pursue ESA's tradition of excellence in leadership.

Reserve your spot today.

Return the attached registration form and necessary payment to ESA Headquarters to register.

Call Headquarters and speak to them about this Registration 'form' BEFORE MAILING IT because of dates!

Dates

February 4-6, 2016. The meeting will begin Thursday evening (February 4) at 7:00 p.m. The meetings conclude Saturday evening (February 6) at 9:00 p.m.

Location

Holiday Inn Denver East-Stapleton, 3333 Quebec Street, Denver, CO 80207. Phone: 303.321.3500. Fax: 303.322.7343

Registration Fees

- \$625.00, double-occupancy, **before December 1, 2015** (\$675.00 **after December 1, 2015**)
- \$695.00, single-occupancy, **before December 1, 2015** (\$725.00 **after December 1, 2015**)

Registration Includes:

- Lodging for Thursday, Friday, and Saturday nights
- Lunch on Friday and lunch and dinner on Saturday
- Innovative and in-depth leadership training
- Applicable ideas ready to use locally

Travel Tips

Arrange your flight into Denver International Airport, Denver, CO. The Holiday Inn Denver East-Stapleton has a complimentary shuttle to and from the airport.

If you wish to attend this year... Please call Tracy Swanson at Headquarters, immediately

970-223-2824

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Oregon State E.S.A. Winter Meeting 2016

February 20th/21st, 2016

Best Western Premier Boulder Falls Inn
505 Mullins Dr., Lebanon, Oregon
541-451-1000

Complimentary breakfast, microwave, refrigerator, and on-site bar and grill
Room rate is \$119 plus tax for two queen beds
The block will be held only till Jan. 19, 2016
Be sure to mention ESA Winter Meeting

Registration deadline is February 6th, 2016
Please make checks of \$60.00 (Saturday lunch and dinner included)
late registrations add \$10.00
payable to Omega Mu
and mail to

Jill Rankin
650 Baker Street
Lebanon, Oregon 97355

Phone 541-928-3663 or e-mail questions to lindasue.Brown@comcast.net

With Work Boots On

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Name _____ Chapter name and number _____

Address _____ City _____ zip _____

Phone _____ e-mail _____

Diet Needs _____

Exec. Board Member

Appointed Board

Gavel



“Love What You Do!”

2016 Oregon State Council Convention Form & Information
Hostesses Southern Oregon District Council

Date: April 22 – 24th, 2016
Place: Seven Feathers Casino Resort Canyonville, OR 97417 Exit #98-#99 off of I-5

REGISTRATION DEADLINE: April 1st

ESA Members Registration (includes Banquet) \$125.00

Men & Guests Banquet \$ 40.00

(After April 1st a late fee of \$10.00 is added to the Registration fee)

Refund Policy:

Request for refund must be received by Convention /or Registration Chairman in writing by April 17th

PLEASE COMPLETE AND MAIL YOUR CONVENTION REGISTRATION TO:

2016 Registration Chairman: Billie Patino
1725 NW Crescent Dr., Grants Pass, OR 97526
Phone 541-474-5052
Email: BilliePatino@yahoo.com

Checks made payable to: Gamma Beta Chapter

HOTEL RESERVATION INFORMATION

Call or mail reservation to:

Attn: Hotel – Seven Feathers Casino Resort
146 Chief Miwaleta Lane
Canyonville, Oregon 97417
Phone 1-888-677-7771

Room Rates:

Single or double occupancy \$99.00

Triple or quad \$5 per additional person


Suite \$180.00

12% occupancy tax on the rooms

Check in: 3pm Check out: 11am

BE SURE TO STATE YOU ARE WITH ESA 2016

(Blocked rooms will be released on April 7th, 2016)

.....Cut off Send to Billie..... 

Member Name: _____

Address: _____ City, State, Zip: _____

Phone: _____ email _____

Chapter Name & Number _____

Husband or Guest Name: (if attending) _____

Banquet choice _____ Salmon _____ Pork

Special Dietary Needs _____

PLEASE CHECK THOSE THAT APPLY: Chapter President _____ Board Member _____ Gavel _____

First Convention _____ Pledge _____ Guest _____ MAL _____



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970-593-6200 (local) or 1-800-362-2779 (reservations)**

MEMBER NAME _____ MEMBER NUMBER/STATE _____ / _____	
ADDRESS _____	
CITY, STATE, ZIP _____	
PHONE _____	CELL _____ EMAIL _____
CHAPTER NAME _____	CHAPTER # _____ STATE COUNCIL _____
DATE OF ARRIVAL _____	TIME OF ARRIVAL _____ FLY/ DRIVE USING SCOOTER Y/N
ROOMMATE(S) _____	
CHECK ALL THAT APPLY	
<input type="checkbox"/> First IC Convention <input type="checkbox"/> Pledge <input type="checkbox"/> Collegiate Member - Campus _____ <input type="checkbox"/> HQ Staff <input type="checkbox"/> ESA Foundation Board <input type="checkbox"/> IC Elected/Appointed Board <input type="checkbox"/> Past IC President (yr) _____ <input type="checkbox"/> 2015-2016 State President - State _____ <input type="checkbox"/> 2016-2017 State President - State _____ <input type="checkbox"/> Previous State President - State(s)/Year(s) _____ Served with: _____ <input type="checkbox"/> I will be recognized at convention for my years of ESA Service: 25 30 35 40 45 50 55 60 65 70 <input type="checkbox"/> Medical Food Allergy: The hotel will do its best to accommodate MEDICAL Food Allergy requests <u>only</u> . Allergy alert for _____ (Additional costs may apply.)	
CIRCLE AMOUNT	
MEMBER FULL REGISTRATION FEE: Includes general assemblies, workshops, welcome party, recognition luncheon and banquet	<input type="checkbox"/> Postmarked prior to May 1, 2016 <u>250</u> <input type="checkbox"/> Postmarked May 1 - June 1, 2016 <u>275</u> <input type="checkbox"/> After June 1, 2016 (see note on payment*) <u>275</u>
MEMBER FRI & SAT REGISTRATION FEE: Includes general assemblies, recognition luncheon and banquet	<input type="checkbox"/> Postmarked prior to May 1, 2016 <u>225</u> <input type="checkbox"/> Postmarked May 1 - June 1, 2016 <u>250</u> <input type="checkbox"/> After June 1, 2016 (see note on payment*) <u>250</u>
MEMBER SAT REGISTRATION FEE Includes general assembly and banquet	<input type="checkbox"/> Postmarked prior to May 1, 2016 <u>125</u> <input type="checkbox"/> Postmarked May 1 - June 1, 2016 <u>150</u> <input type="checkbox"/> After June 1, 2016 (see note on payment*) <u>150</u>
MEMBER WALK-IN REGISTRATION FEE: Includes everything in full registration	<input type="checkbox"/> (See note on payment*) <u>300</u>
PICP NO-HOST LUNCHEON (all past and present state presidents/IC presidents) If served with multiple presidents, indicate with whom you wish to sit? _____	<u>40</u>
SUBTOTAL MEMBER REGISTRATION: _____	
CONVENTION HOTEL ROOM RATES	
Room Rates are \$144.00 plus tax single/double; \$154.00 plus tax triple, \$169.00 plus tax quad. \$15.00 plus tax for each additional person (current tax rate is 9.55%) To receive the group rate, you MUST make reservations by June 18, 2016 Call 1-800 EMBASSY (1-800-362-2779) You MUST Ask for the ESA Block with Booking Code EPS.	

