



The Oregon Grapevine

2018-2019 June, Issue 1

From your President



Nancy Reid

What an incredible State Convention at Eagle Crest! I really can't remember having more fun! I felt like I was in Mary Lambert's theme all weekend ... higher than a kite (or balloon), especially during Sister Barb's special installation ceremony. Thank you to Central District for making the weekend such an absolute fairy tale. The weather, specially ordered, was perfect, and everything in between was simply amazing. It was extra special to have Harold there with me to 'walk me down the 'aisle', give the wine workshop, and meet all of my favorite ladies. There were so many people responsible for making it such a successful weekend; those who came out and participated, helped out, or filled a position ... a big thank you! Thank you, Jill, for all you did. And what a delightful surprise to have our very special Marlene Nash present.

We were so fortunate to have LeAnn Wray, IC Treasurer, as our IC Representative this year. She not only has an endless amount of energy, and love for ESA, she is such a cheerleader for Oregon and a down-to-

earth representative of what all of us love about ESA. It was truly a joy to have her among us and call her our friend.

We are also very lucky to have such impressive representation at the IC level among us in Oregon. Chris York - Credentials Chair, Leianne Stinton - Credentials Committee, Kaycee Headley - State Presidents' Chair - Senior, and Foundation Board of Directors - Secretary, Su McDonell. We are grateful to have these ladies give of their time and energy.

The first part of May, I was able to visit Douglas District Council for their spring meeting in Bandon. It was a great luncheon meeting at the Edgewater's Restaurant. It was such fun to meet some new members and see some members I haven't seen for a long time. I also got a special tour of the Cranberry fields by Mary Anne Puhl. What a wonderful day!

Here are a few dates to keep in mind: Leadership will be September 22-23, in Boardman at the River Lodge and Grill. Be sure to get your registrations in to Kathy Rudd as soon as possible. Winter Meeting will be February 23-24, 2019 in Sutherlin, Oregon. Connie Russell is working away on this. They should both be lots of fun!

I received a beautiful set of stained glass coasters that was left on the head table at convention. I don't know who they're from, so if you are the coaster angel, please let me know. 😊

Be on the look-out for my newsletter,
'The Happiness Hotline' (1-800-SMYL).

See you soon,
Nancy

Just a thought: "Sticks in a bundle cannot be broken."
East African Proverb





From your 1st Vice President

My dear ESA sisters: thank you for your kind words thru cards and friends! Mike is as healthy as he can be, I am dealing with it all by the grace of God! Am looking forward to this next year! Can't wait for the next opportunity to see you all again.

With love, Ann Choate



From your 2nd Vice President

State Convention was so much fun. I didn't anticipate the feelings I would have when I was installed as 2nd Vice President. First of all I am thrilled to be able to serve with President Nancy. She is the epitome of what ESA should be on all levels, and she has a terrific board to assist her move ESA along this year. I'm excited to be a part of it. I have to say that for many years, I did not have any plans to ever, ever run for 2nd Vice. What I have realized it that this state is full of really dedicated, fun ladies who are very willing to work hard, have fun and help however they can. How can I fail? The ideals and goals of ESA are worthy of support. I think I have some ideas that could perhaps make a difference.

I'm looking forward to helping fill Ann's board for the following year. I'm asking all of you to think about how you might contribute. Talk to me and we can find a great fit. I'm hoping to attend as many district meetings as I can next fall or winter in order to get to know more of our membership. I'm very open to suggestions and ideas.

I'll see all of you at Leadership in September.

Marsha



From your Corresponding Secretary

I would like to let the State Officers know that I am so sorry for making you stand through installation as I forgot to have you sit down. I was to have you sit down when I had the Honor Guard sit down. Soooo Sorry!

I would like to thank all the Chapters for getting me their rosters so fast, I can get started on Nancy's yearbook and not feel so rushed.

If you see something that needs to be changed, please let me know.

Hope everyone has a wonderful summer. I am looking forward to going to I.C. this year.

Take care of yourself and be safe.

Hugs,

Barb Moss

From your Jr. Past President & Disaster Fund Chair



Wow! How time has flown by! We had a wonderful State Convention at Eagle Crest. The weather was beautiful, the air smelled clean and the Central District did such a wonderful job putting it altogether for all of us.

I want to thank everyone who made the weekend so successful for me and thank you for all the gifts. I am not very good at writing 'Thank You's', so please know that I really do appreciate every gift I received!

We had a fun Friday night mixer and getting to know our IC Rep LeAnn Wray, who is also the IC Treasurer and running for 2nd Vice President of the IC Board. Kaycee and I had forewarned LeAnn about the fun and crazy crowd there would be at our convention. She thought we were joking! Then she met all of us in Oregon and said she wants to come back every year, for it was the most liveliest, relaxed, and awesome group of people she could have spent a weekend with.

Saturday we got to work with the first assembly. Our workshop chair had us all set up to hear all about wine and how it's made, how to pick your wine for meals, or just to drink. It was really great to have Harold Reid (Nancy's husband) do this workshop. He answered a lot of questions I know were going around in our heads. 😊

LeAnn Wray held a workshop that was given at IC Leadership; everyone had a great time with our drawings and what they meant. Some people were surprised on what their drawings meant and, others like me, said "Yeh, that's me!"

Some awards were presented later in the afternoon, and at the banquet, more were given out. This year our IC President, Sandy Alexander, asked for an Inspirational award to be given out. LeAnn Wray, with the help of Kaycee and me, selected not one individual, but a chapter. Congratulations to Delta Kappa for receiving this award.

We had a beautiful banquet Saturday night installing Nancy Reid as the new state president for Oregon ESA. I could not be any prouder to have Nancy follow me; she will do a great job and be a great asset to Oregon.

Sunday, we were visited by Judge Debbie and her entourage; boy did some of us get busted for not excepting new members or potential members in the right way. So remember no matter what they look like, what they are wearing, the fact they have little kids, don't seem to have any money or whatever it is, don't look down on them, step up and accept them for who they are. You never know who just might surprise you to be one of the most valuable members of your chapter, district or state through ESA.

Again, thank you to all of the districts, individuals and gavels for all the wonderful gifts. I truly appreciate all of you for helping make this past year easy for me, with all of your help and suggestions.

Jill Rankin, Jr. Past President 2018-2019



**Oregon State's 2018-2019
Board of Officers**



Front:
2nd Vice President
Marsha Klosterman,
President Nancy Reid, and
Corr. Sec. Barbara Moss.
Back:
Workshop
Coordinator Linda Gratteri,
Jr. Past President
Jill Rankin,
Rec. Sec. Katie Hobson,
Treasurer Debbie Sanguras, &
Melanie Swann standing in for
1st Vice President
Ann Choate.



**The newly installed
Oregon State President Nancy Reid
and her husband Harold Reid.**



**Jr. Past Pres. Jill Rankin &
IC Treasurer & Rep. LeAnn Wray**



From your Treasurer

Judge Debbie strikes again as Treasurer! I hope you all enjoyed our state convention in Redmond. I know I did!

I know it doesn't seem possible that we just celebrated another successful year and already paving way for a new year in ESA. Before you get too busy with summer activities, please be aware that your chapter's state dues need to be sent to me with a copy of your current roster & new officers. Dues are \$15.00 per member and were due May 1. Thanks to those chapters who have already responded. For those who have not sent ... I don't want to have to haul you all back to court to settle this matter!

Please help me out and get those dues and rosters mailed! Many Thanks!

Debbie Sanguras



From your Workshop Corrdinater

Ralph Rhea once wrote, "What happens to us in life is important. The real question in life is, do we take advantage of the opportunity to grow? To grow is to develop, to learn, to increase our ability, to improve our methods."

So what am I getting at? LEADERSHIP!! Workshops are being planned with you in mind ... elected officers, new members, longtime members ... everyone. It seems that fear of not doing the job correctly and criticism are the main reasons that members don't want to run for an office. Put those fears aside! You will go home with renewed confidence and hopefully give some serious thought to holding an office in the near future, whether it would be chapter, district or state.

Linda Gratteri



Flag Bearers for the Opening Ceremony at Oregon State Convention



From your Philanthropic Chair

After the fiasco concerning this year's cents-per-mile on the Philanthropic form, rest assured all will be consistent with headquarters next year.

All pertinent forms will be distributed and explained at Winter Board, so bring your questions, complaints, and suggestions to me.

Have a great summer, and be sure to track the information you'll need to report to your chapter's philanthropic chair this fall!!

Jeri Fine, Philanthropic Chairman



From your Documents Chair/Parliamentarian

It doesn't seem possible that we are now beginning another ESA year. Convention, which was so much fun, is now past and time to look forward to another fabulous year ahead. President Nancy has selected a Documents Committee so that we can look at the Guidelines and update any changes. If you were or will be a new officer or chairman, please look at your specific job and let us know if you see anything that needs to be added or deleted to that task. Also look at any forms for that same purpose. We would really appreciate your input in this process.

If you don't have a copy of The Guidelines, you can find them on the Web Site, or contact me and I can send you a copy of your specific office or appointment. If you have any particular questions, please feel free to contact me, Sandy Diess or Diane Smith, committee members.

Kathy State



From the Gavels

The Gavels met at State Convention and we had election of officers.

Officers are:

President-Leianne Stinton

Vice-president - Joy Serkowney

Secretary- Lani Shimer

Treasurer- Sandra Bristow

We had a successful 50/50 drawing, with the winner, Delta Xi receiving \$406. Look for your tickets in the fall, a small amount for a chance at a big amount.

The Gavels will be selling charms from the past years at Leadership in Boardman.

We hope to see you all this fall at Leadership and some of you at IC Convention.



From your Foundation Counselor

Hi Oregon members,

Historically, The ESA Foundation Fun Fest, aka Fund Fest, on Tuesday night at I.C. Convention holds an auction of "baskets". Oregon has usually donated a purse filled with gift cards and/or money. It usually sells

for one of the highest auction items. I am filling a beautiful gold evening purse I am hoping all the Oregon chapters will donate items for the purse. You can send them to me at: Claudia Hale, 4275 SW River Rd. Hillsboro, OR 97123 before July 10 or bring them to convention if you are attending. The Fun Fest is held on Tuesday night prior to the beginning of convention so I must have it by 6:00 the night of July 17th. Thanks.

Claudia Hale ESA Foundation Counselor

ESA Foundation Fund Fest

Tuesday, July 17,
Phoenix, AZ

ESA IC Convention 2018

In years past Oregon ESA members have graciously and generously supported the ESA Foundation's efforts to create and maintain scholarships which have impacted so many lives in a positive way over the years! The members of the ESA Foundation Board of Directors look forward to having another successful event at this year's IC Convention in Phoenix. We can't do it alone.

WE NEED YOUR HELP.

The ESA Foundation truly appreciates Oregon's willingness to pitch in and give both money and time. This year there are a couple of new things we've added for the fun and enjoyment... dare I say overall success of the evening.



The following assistance would be most appreciated:

- A sponsorship or partial sponsorship of a table at the Fun Fest on Tuesday night, July 17, .. anything from \$100 to \$1,000. For such a sponsorship donation your names will be proudly displayed and *the donation, for such, is tax deductible.*
- Working an event/table
- Assisting with the Silent Auction
- Set up or tear down of the event itself

Call or write to : Linda Schmidt, FFF Chair if you are able to help with any of the above. She would appreciate hearing from you as soon as possible in order to enable her to pull it all together more easily. 913-486-2814 or... Ischm79148@comcast.net

**The Foundation Directors and the Fund Fest Chair, Linda Schmidt,
send their most sincere thanks
for your thoughtful consideration of these requests
on behalf of the ESA Foundation.**

Any Sponsorship/Donations should be made payable to: the ESA Foundation and noted/earmarked "*for the Fun Fest*".

**Send to: Linda Schmidt, FFF Chair
2101 South Downing St. Olathe, KS 66062**

**VFW Post 12141
Madras Oregon
Color Guard
Lead by Leonard Parsons**

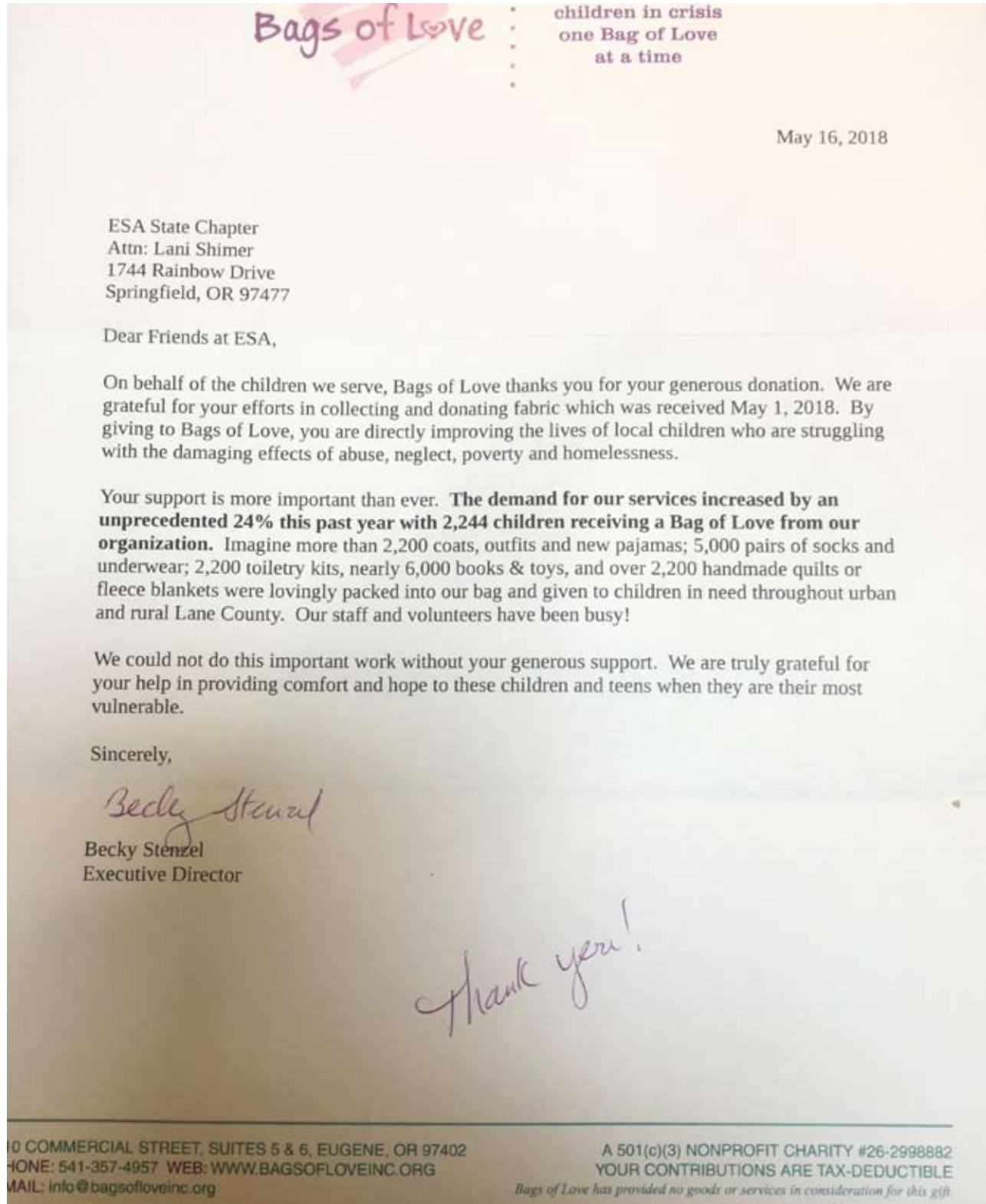


A Big Thank You

Alpha Zeta and Bags of Love send a big thank you, mahalo, merci, danke, grazia, gracias, etc., to all of you who donated fabric, yarn, blankets, stuffed animals.

This is just another example of the big hearts of our members. We received enough donations to fill two cars and Bags of Love was thrilled to receive them. A call was put out at the last minute before State Convention and you all responded.

Thank you, thank you, thank you from Alpha Zeta. A letter of thanks from Bags of Love is included in this edition of the Grapevine which has the 501(c)3 number for your 2018 taxes.



CHAPTER AFFAIRS

ALPHA OMICRON



Having recovered from the 2018 Convention at Eagle Crest, Alpha Omicron has continued to support various ongoing projects.

We bake cookies for the local Wounded Warriors program; prepare and serve foods the Community Kitchen; assist in distributing groceries for our local food banks; work at the Blood Bank; and, as always, help our sisters in need.....whether providing rides to medical appointments, food, errands or emotional support.

Officer elections held in May, finds Jeri Fine, president; Sharon Comingore, vice-president; Pat McKenzie and Kay Wiles, co-secretary; Louise Muir, treasurer; Nancy Jolstead, Educational Director. Other chairs will be determined at a later date.

With summer well on the way, our activities are curtailed to social events, or the occasional business meeting, and usually a Community Kitchen obligation. Catering still remains our basic fundraising, and we're always ready to support our community with that service.

We recently met for dinner, and a toast was given to Jean Davis, recently departed member-at-large.

Happy Summer to all.....be safe and healthy!

Jeri Fine



ALPHA ZETA

Has it already been over a month since State Convention. Congratulations to Jill Rankin for her tenure especially in the face of family medical problems. We all enjoyed being "Hooked on ESA".

AZ has been busy finishing out our year and we have elected new officers. They are:

Sandra Bristow - President

Joy Serkowney - Vice President

Su McDonell - Secretary

Sandi Diess - Treasurer

Linda Howes - Educational Director

Lani Shimer - Publicity

Becky Diehnel - Philanthropic, Ways and Means

Jayne Merz, our newest member, will be helping Becky.

Our installation will be held at the June meeting.

After our regular meeting, we will reconvene at Su McDonell's house to box up donated Levi pants and shirts. These will be distributed to underserved veterans at Lane County's StandDown in October. We are very grateful to Levi Strauss for the donations.

A "packing-up party" was held at Linda Howe's home. Packages were assembled to send to troops to bring a little of "home" to those who are deployed.

We will continue to work at Bags of Love this summer but otherwise are looking forward to all our summer activities.

Lani Shimer, Publicity



ALPHA UPSILON

Ms. Owl, President Susie Parks, led twenty five of her Best Feathered Friends of ESA, Alpha Upsilon, to the Meriweather Golf Course, for the May Business Banquet Meeting and the Installation of 2018-19 Officers

Claire Duren presided over the installation of: Barbara Freersksen, President,; RENNIA MEEK, Vice President: Linda Gratteri: Treasurer: Pearl Lushina: Recording Secretary: Carolyn Fowler: Corresponding Secretary: Marlene Nash: Parliamentarian,; and Susie Parks. Jr. Past President,

It was a night of recognizing member's accomplishments and years of service.

Our own Linda Gratteri was elected Workshop Chairman for the State year 2018-19. CONGRATULATIONS Linda! I know you all are looking forward to seeing what she has in store for you! You will not be disappointed!

Susie Parks presented 15 year service pins to Patsy Williamson McLean and Shirley Woodford, and State Convention Awards to: Barbara Freerksen for first place in Rushing and to Joann Lumaco and Pearl Lushina in Philanthropic for placing 2nd and 3rd in money and hours respectively.

A Jewel Pin Ceremony was conducted by Claudia Hale for Ann Torgernson, our newest member. Ann is a retired elementary school teacher and a longtime friend of Linda Gratteri. She and her husband, a retired General, were at the IC Convention in Portland representing the Hope for Heroes program. Ann was taken with ESA's focus on our military and the huge attendance of ladies from all over the United States. She knew then she was definitely interested in learning more about ESA.

Congratulations Alpha Zeta!, Eugene, Outstanding chapter of the year 2017-18 Volunteers do not necessarily have the time, they have the HEART!

With a saddened Heart, but with smiles on our faces we bid good-bye to our treasured sister, Jo Thomas. Her husband Mick, passed away and Jo will be moving to Oak Harbor, Washington to be closer to her two daughters. It hasn't quite hit us that Jo is really going to be living out of the state. We don't see each other much in the summer but I'm sure, when all the activities start again in the fall and she isn't with us cracking her funny jokes, we will truly feel the void. She is the matriarch of ESA, Alpha Upsilon History. For all who would love to keep in touch and want to send her a card now and then, here is her current address:

Jo Thomas, c/o Home Place,
171 SW 6th Avenue Apt. 32B, Oak Harbor, WA 98277



Quote from President Barbara Freerksen

"Life may not be the party we had hoped for, but while we are here we may as well Dance"



DELTA GAMMA

June 2018. We're almost halfway through the year. Oh my goodness! How did that happen?

Since the last issue, we have awarded three scholarships, each \$1,000.... two for graduating seniors and one for Continuing Education. Awarding these three scholarships is an ongoing annual project, because we love investing in the young people in our community.

In addition, we welcomed a new member to our chapter.....Shannon Graham. Let me tell you... Shannon has philanthropy running through her veins and we couldn't be more thrilled to have her on our team. She brings with her fresh ideas and a smile that absolutely lights up a room. How lucky we are to be able to call Shannon our newest 'sister-friend'!

And lastly, it is with such pride that we named Sue Scarberry our outstanding member. Sue joined Delta Gamma in 1977. She took a break for several years and then returned to our Delta Gamma family in 2015. Upon her return, Sue brought with her a tremendous amount of energy and challenged our chapter to really examine how we spend our money and our time. Because of Sue, we started thinking outside of the box. At Sue's suggestion, we created a Steering Committee comprised of the Chapter President, Vice President, and Treasurer plus four members at large to serve as the core committee. The primary purpose of the Steering Committee is to evaluate donation requests and special projects and make recommendations to the membership.

Our chapter chooses a yearly project to financially support and Sue suggested for our 2017-2018 project a Medicine Voucher Program for patients who aren't able to pay for prescriptions ordered in the Emergency Room. Sue is coordinating the program with the local hospital and our ultimate goal is to form partnerships with other service clubs in our community in an effort to affect a sustaining, on-going Medicine Voucher program.

Not only is Sue a critical thinker, she is very passionate about doing good work in our community. How fortunate for Delta Gamma and our members that Sue returned to our chapter!

Have a lovely summer!

Until next time! Janet Huston, Secretary

**SAVE THE DATE FOR OUR ANNUAL AUCTION:
October 27, 2018. It will be here before we know it!**



OMICRON OMEGA

Omicron Omega had a busy spring.

Several of us went to Convention and had a great time. Thank you Central District for a wonderful time.

We did a plant sale, which was very successful. Now all of us and our friends have beautiful pots of flowers.

Election of officers was in May. New officers are:

President: Leianne Stinton

Vice-President: Twyla Reed

Secretary: Shannon Willis

Treasurer: Judy Palmer

We had installation, with Gertie Chapin, Leianne's mom doing the honors. ESA is good for the Soul is Leianne's theme.

We will be having a couple of socials this summer.



DELTA KAPPA

Delta Kappa continued to be busy with our Outstanding Member Luncheon, with two gals being honored. First place Tami Arthur and Second place

Dorothy Stearns received their crowns and small gifts for always volunteering throughout the year. Penny Phelps received her 35 yr pin & Martha Hoskins and Tami Arthur received their Fourth Degree Charm.

Every year we order Tulips from Blossom Fest and pick them up at Multomah Falls from Ardyce Moore with all proceeds going to Easter Seals.

Spring Fling Bingo was a huge success with many other chapter members attending. Our auctioneer Rob Norton always gets the ball rolling with the silent auction and wine pull being the main attractions. Saint Jude, Easter Seals, Scholarships, Hope for Heroes receive donations from the proceeds.

Convention fun with Judge Debbie doing her thing along with Tami being the old lady was priceless. Delta Kappa received recognition for outstanding achievement to 'INSPIRE' from IC presented by LeAnn Wray & signed by Sandy Alexander IC President.

Our business meeting for April was held at Beneventi's in Bingen, WA. with our Educational on Color Me A Chef, presented by B.G. May Business meeting was held at the Char-burger with the Educational "Color Me Happy being a Grandmother" was presented by Martha Hoskins

We presented two \$500.00 Scholarships to High School Seniors at their awards nights and Columbia Gorge Community College student will also receive a \$1,000 scholarship.

We hosted the Northwest District meeting where Karen McNeil from Delta XI was installed as their new President for the coming year. Other members installed were, Vice President Martha Hoskins, Secretary JoAnne McKenney, Treasurer, Jean Braden.

We will installation our new officers at our Luncheon meeting June 2nd at the Columbia Gorge Hotel. President Tami Arthur, Vice President B.G. Brackman, Treasurer Penny Phelps, Secretary Debbie Sanguras, and Education Director Dorothy Stearns. "Get Your Sparkle On with ESA" our theme for the year.

Very sad note: Founder of Delta Kappa and Loyal friend Betty Draper passed away with her family around her. She always inspired us to do our best & she was the first to say "I can do it" or "I'll go". We will miss her so much.

Martha Hoskins, Publicity



BETA OMICRON

Beta Omicron members are looking forward to the 2018-19 Epsilon Sigma Alpha year with our sister Nancy Reid as Oregon State President. The Oregon ESA State Convention held at Eagle Crest in Redmond gave the Central District a chance to invite fellow ESA sisters to come visit the High Desert. Thanks to the hard work of Barb Moss from our chapter, Nancy's installation was a very meaningful ceremony.

Beta Omicron will have their final meeting as a catered dinner at the private home of a local restaurant owner. Fran has a panoramic view of the Harney Basin, and as the sun sets, it is a breathtaking setting for this dinner. In addition to our business meeting, Secret Sisters will be revealed and the drawing held for next year's Secret Sisters. This is always a fun way to end our year.

Later in the summer, Beta Omicron members will be busy getting ready for our food booth at the Demolition Derby ... a good practice, leading up to five days operating the food booth at the Harney County Fair. This is our big fundraiser for the year. After the fair we all have a greater appreciation for those who make their living in the food service industry!

BI

"ESA...Finding the Music Within"

This past year was a memorable year for us. Our checkbook needed help!! So Beta Iota hit the road running to raise Philanthropic and Ways & Means money when our 2017-2018 year began. A plan was created by Pres. Jenni Dickinson, Joanie Chambers, and Vicki Boler. At our first meeting in September, members filled in more ideas. Everyone was enthusiastic and ready to get started.

The first fundraiser was "An Almost Instant Thanksgiving Dinner Basket"!! The winner of the drawing didn't need to do any shopping for Thanksgiving! Just some of the cooking!! Beta Iota members, Cheryl Barrett and Julie Perron, helped presell tickets from their Sutherlin businesses. Then, for two cold, windy days over Veterans Day Weekend, tickets were sold at Sherm's of Roseburg. Many people bought tickets for local Veterans. The basket's huge beautiful bow, donated by Joanie, seemed to be the best attention getter!! Or possibly watching us chase the bow in the wind was entertaining. A couple days later, the basket was delivered to a grateful family.

We next tried selling garage sale items on our local 'Buy and Sell'. We discovered we need more time and experience to make this idea work.

We found Christmas gift wrapping for donations at our local Fred Meyer store a lot of fun! Don Barrett volunteered to wrap packages for his wife, Cheryl. She had a big family Christmas dinner at their house!! It was fortuitous to have Don's help because he was able to wrap so many big packages. Sorry, Don, we want you again next year! Vicki's granddaughter, Shawna, also assisted, making it possible to take a lunch or shopping break. The day was more of a social than work! Many people were interested in ESA and our local paper, The News Review, took a photo and did an article on Beta Iota. We did so well, we already have our dates set with Fred Meyer for 2018 Christmas!!

We were all looking forward to our Christmas Social, but the flu struck. We weren't able to meet at Joanie's home until after Christmas. Food and refreshments tasted great! And Joanie's home was so beautiful and so festive. In addition, members brought cans of food for a needy family. Joanie's son helped us pack these into Julie's vehicle. All the items were intended for a family in Grants Pass. Also, during the evening, we officially recognized Joanie as our new member with a transfer ceremony and years of service recognition. We had so much fun and were so relaxed, we may escape the holiday rush and schedule next year's social between Christmas and New Year's again!!

January was dedicated to planning the St. Jude Paint N' Pour event to be held in February with Carolyn Warren as Chairman. But the flu struck again. We discovered how easy it was to plan this event over the phone, texting and using our Facebook page. Cheryl graciously volunteered her Fitness Center building, Julie provided all the tables, Carolyn was able to borrow the brushes and easels from our fellow chapter in Albany, and other members donated food and wine. The Paint N' Pour was such a success, we discovered two challenges... use a bigger room for more guests, and secondly, another outlet for canvas and paint!!

In April, Bloomfest for Easter Seals became our focus. Chairman Jenni made it our biggest success for Easter Seals. Tulips were mostly presold, but Cheryl and Julie helped sales from their businesses also. Les Schwab, a corporate sponsor of Easter Seal's Bloomfest, let us sell tulips in front of their Roseburg tire store. But the person who sold the most tulips was Jenni.

In May, the day before Mother's Day, we held a food concession at the Umpqua Community Plant Sale. Chairman Vicki, after looking at our profits, advised a different plan to make it more successful, if we do it again.

That was our year in a nut shell!!! Next year we will focus on the fundraisers most successful. We are looking forward to our new Educational Program - "Happiness is ESA."



DELTA XI

Delta XI started the new sorority year with a luncheon at *Gustav's Restaurant*. Chris Dole received her Jewel Pin and was welcomed into our Chapter.

Donna Cassidy did the installation of new Officers using the new President's theme of "Toot Your Own Horn!" All had been given toy horns and we blew those horns for each Officer and as noisy as we were, they let us stay!!!! New Officers are: President Karen McNeil, Vice Pres. Pat Stuper, Treasurer Mary Lambert, Recording Sec. Chris York, Corresponding Sec. Chris Dole, Educational Director Jean Braden, and Jr. Past President Chris York. The Planning Meeting will be later in June when Committees will present ideas for the next Sorority Year.

Mary Lambert is recuperating nicely from her surgery for a hip replacement. Mary is not up to doing high kicks just yet, but she no longer has pain and the high kicks may be coming soon! We will be waiting!

ALL FOR THIS TIME - ROOTY TOOT TOOT,
DONNA ORTH



Delta Xi Chapter in Portland Oregon has been busy putting together baskets and bags.

On March 23, 2018, 77 Easter Baskets were filled and delivered to SnowCap for distribution. Baskets were of many different styles, and colors and they were filled with stuffed animals, toys and candy.



On April 10, 2018, 44 bags for homeless Veterans were filled with soap, shampoo, caps, socks, Toothpaste, toothbrushes and many other items. The bags were delivered to Easter Seals for distribution.



Front: Harold Reid, President Nancy Reid, and Corr. Sec. Barbara Moss
 Back: Escort & Sr. Easter Seals Rep. Jerry Saxwold, Workshop Coordinator Linda Gratterer, Jr. Past President Jill Rankin, 2nd VP Marsha Klosterman, Rec. Sec. Katie Hobson, Treasurer Debbie Sanguras, Melanie Swann standing in for 1st VP Ann Choate, Escort & Past President Lianne Stinton, and Escort Will Warren



President Nancy escorted by her husband, Harold



Raising and Lowering of the gavels with Barb Moss pinning President Nancy Reid and Kaycee Headley pinning Jr. Past President Jill Rankin



IC Treasurer LeAnn Wray and Oregon State President Nancy Reid



DISTRICT AFFAIRS

WILLAMETTE VALLEY DISTRICT COUNCIL



WVDC will be meeting again on June 9th which is past the deadline for this issue of the Grapevine.

We will be meeting in Waldport at DaNoble House. At that time, we will be discussing plans for the 2019 State Convention, installing a new slate of officers and enjoying the weather at the coast.

We will, also, be presenting Jayne Merz, AZ's newest member with her 30 year and 40 year service pins. Alpha Zeta inherited Jayne from Washington state where she served ESA for 40 years. AZ is delighted to have her and look forward to many more years of her service.

We look forward to seeing our district members and enjoying Epsilon Theta's hospitality.

Have a great summer.

Lani Shimer, Publicity

Calendar of Events

July 15-22, 2018 - IC Convention, Sheraton Grand Hotel, Phoenix, AZ

July 16, 2018 - Easter Seals Golf Invitational, Tualatin Country Club

August 1, 2018 -

Jonquil Deadline

Chapter/District Dues due to IC Treasurer

September 1, 2018 - Grapevine Deadline

September 15, 2018 -

Tax Facts due to ESA Headquarters

ESA Foundation Dues due

September 22 - 23, 2018 - Leadership, River Lodge & Grill, Boardman, OR

September 22, 2018 - St. Jude Walk/Run, Oregon Zoo

October 20, 2018 - Southern District Meeting, Elmer's, Grants Pass, OR

December 1, 2018 - Grapevine Deadline

February 1, 2019 - State Officer Nominations due to Second Vice President

February 23 - 24, 2019 - Oregon State Winter Meeting, Sutherlin, OR

March 1, 2019 - Grapevine Deadline

April 1, 2019 -

Year-end reports due

Service & Chapter Anniversary Pins

Assoc. of the Arts entry form

Disaster Fund Donations

Distinguished Athenian Service Award & Educational Report

Outstanding Chapter Report

Outstanding Member Recognition

Philanthropic Report

Easter Seal Sr. Chair

April 19 - 21, 2019 - Oregon State Convention





Jr. Past President Jill Rankin being welcomed as the newest Gavel with small and fun gifts, expressions of their love and joy that she is joining them.



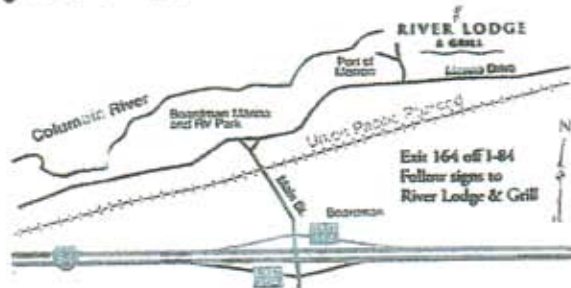
Above:
Claudia Hale presenting her gift to Jill. In the background from left to right are Barb Moss, Kathy State, Sandi Bristow and Bunnie Barrett





from all of us in
 Eastern Oregon District Council
REGISTRATION \$75.00
 Oregon State Leadership
 September 22 - 23, 2018
 River Lodge & Grill
 6 Marine Drive, Boardman,
www.riverlodgeandgrill.com

541-888-988-2009
ROOM RESERVATIONS
 Be sure to mention ESA Leadership
All Rooms - \$99.00
 (subject to state & local tax and fees)



Members Name: _____ Phone # _____

Address: _____ Chapter Name/# _____

Board Member _____ Gavel _____ Guest _____

Registration includes Saturday lunch & Dinner - Sunday- Brunch

Checks payable to Eastern District Council

Mailed to: Kathy Rudd -
 541-910-6122

708 C Ave, LaGrande, OR 97850

Friday Night Mixer Candidates Fair Questions & Answers



No idea what the question was to 2nd VP Marsha Klosterman ...
but the answer was funny!



Guess what? Yep, Nancy
sang her answer!



President and
Candidate Jr. Past
President Jill Rankin
enjoyed giving her
answer!



Melanie Swann, on the left, kept
her Mother,
1st VP Candidate Ann Choate,
present by texting and skypeing
with her throughout Convention.
She was even able to answer her
questions at the Candidates Fair.
Nancy and Jeri enjoying
the moment

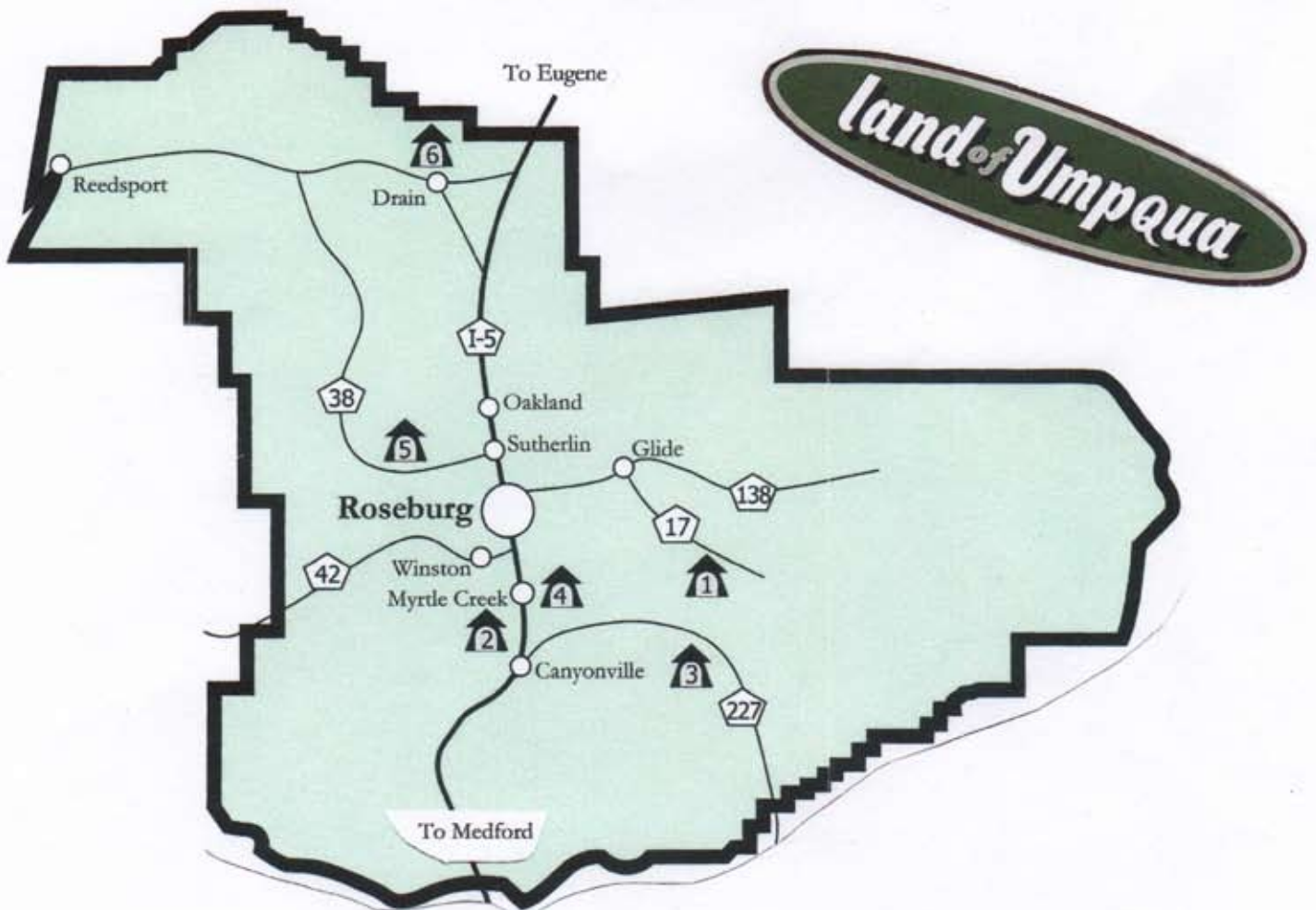


Save the Date for
2019 Winter Meeting
February 23rd & 24th, 2019
Sutherlin Oregon

Douglas District is excited to show you our beautiful area
Come early and enjoy a winery tour (maybe in a CAVE)
Friday night will be a relaxing get away

Saturday the meeting starts and we welcome you all to
Sutherlin (the city of flags). The Best Western in Sutherlin is saving
rooms and will give you a discount when you mention ESA.

Mark your calendars, there will be more info to come as we get closer
to 2019 Winter Meeting.



Willamette Valley District Council

Cordially urges you to

Save the Dates!

April 26, 2019 –April 28, 2019



‘Happiness is...’

Coming to you.. sooner than you’d think,
at the Hilton Garden Inn

in Springfield, OR

Rooms will be \$109.00 + tax (dbl dbl)

Registration is: \$120.00

🙄 More later.....

**Su McDonell presented this report at Convention.
It is loaded with facts and many in attendance wanted a copy.
Here it is!**

Did You Know?
Oregon ESA Annual Convention
April 2018
Eagle Crest Lodge

There are 3 entities within Epsilon Sigma Alpha

We are in the *business* of making money to benefit others.

What are the 3 entities?

1) ESA International Council, 2) ESAMC, 3) ESA Foundation

❖ **What is the International Council?**

- It is the entire body of ESA membership belonging paying dues to IC.

❖ **What is IC Executive Board ?**

- It's the governing body of ESA International Council comprised of for State Councils, Chapters, Districts, and Regional Councils and ESA members who pay dues to the International Council.
 - Leadership of this body consists of 8 annually elected ESAMC members for:
 - President, 1st Vice, 2nd Vice, Rec. Sec., Corres. Sec.,
Treas., Parliamentarian, Workshop Coordinator, Jr. Past Pres.
 - appointed Chair positions, Sr. Past Pres., and the ESA HQ Rep..

❖ **What is the purpose of ESA International?**

- Founded in 1929 it is a powerful network of people who, as individuals or members of ESA's nearly 800 local chapters throughout the USA, Canada and Australia who donate nearly 860,000 hours and raise more than \$15 million annually in cash and pledges to worthy causes.

❖ **What is the 'ESAMC'?**

- Epsilon Sigma Alpha Membership Corporation.
- The governing body is the ESAMC Board consisting of nine voting members; including a rep. from the IC Exec. Board, a rep. from the ESA Foundation and the Exec. Director of the ESAMC (now Charlotte Carloni), chapter members who do not serve as representatives of any other governing boards. Term of service to the ESAMC Board is 3-year terms (limited to 2 consecutive terms). The rep. from the ESA Foundation serves a 1-year term by virtue of their office or as designated annually. The ESA Exec. Director (now Charlotte Carloni) serves for his/her tenure in that position.
- The Membership Corporation is organized solely for the purposes of benefiting the membership. Their mission is to promote, build and advance the good works and best interests of Epsilon Sigma Alpha International.

❖ What do the ESAMC Board of Directors do?

- They oversee the budget for the ESA Headquarters and set priorities for the program development and for work of those at ESA HQ office. The Board also works to do strategic planning for the use of the resources provided by the membership and works to develop continuity in membership services for the long-term development of these resources. All of the ESAMC Board's efforts are focused on building long term strength for the organization and its ESA Headquarters office.
- ESA members wishing to serve on the ESAMC Board are encouraged to contact Board members to indicate their interest in serving. Future applicants will be considered on the basis of the strengths and skills they can contribute to the board. Applicants do not need to have served on any other ESA board or in any specific ESA office in order to receive consideration for service on the ESAMC Board.

Who serve on the 2017-2018 ESAMC Board ?

Bob Brandis: CO member	Kim Kummer: IC Exec. Board
Angie Butenschoen: MO member	Charlotte Carloni: Exec. Dir.
Patricia Gale: AZ member	Brian Haug: KS member
Pat Josey: KS member	Audrey Kidwell: FL member
Susan Winters: KS member	Kim Mandrell: Vice Chair/ESA Foundation Liaison

❖ What is the ESA Foundation?

- It is a non-profit/tax-exempt organization pledged to develop the philanthropic activities of volunteers, provide assistance to established programs that serve human needs and programs to improve the quality of life.
- ❖ Did you know you don't have to belong to ESA to belong the ESA Foundation?
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- ❖ Have you ever said: "We're a Non-Profit sorority and we give to St Judes"?
- Did you know you weren't telling the truth and why?
 - ✓ The ESAMC pay taxes on the building/land we rent or own.
 - ✓ The ESAMC pays payroll taxes for the employees at the ESA HQ
 - ✓ The ESAMC is, in fact, a business; run as such and listed as such in the records of the IRS
 - i. Because its 'business' is to aid and coordinate ESA members in making money for charities... it makes no profit for itself.
 - ii. Because it makes no profit for itself... the IRS allows it to be a 'NOT-FOR-PROFIT' (a 501©4 coded business) designated business and it does NOT pay income tax.

If audited or asked by the IRS, at any time, the ESAMC must be able to document and prove it has not violated its IRS status by making money *not* being used to aid and coordinate ESA members abilities to make money for charities.

This explains the reason annual Tax Facts is mandatory reporting!

In 1970, or there about, some extremely far-sighted ESA women gathered together their collective wisdom and created the ESA World Center Foundation. That entity is now known only as the ESA Foundation.

In addition to funding and giving Grants and Scholarships annually, the ESA Foundation provides a venue for ESA members and others to expand their charitable giving, utilize Planned Giving, receive legal tax deductions while ensuring their legacies will be handled by a caring and reputable organization helping others into the future.

The ESA Foundation is a NONPROFIT/TAX EXEMPT organization pledged to develop philanthropic activities of volunteers, provide assistance to established programs that serve human needs and produce new programs to improve the quality of life.

The Internal Revenue Service has ruled that the ESA Foundation is exempt from federal income tax under section 501©3 of the Internal Revenue code as an organization operating exclusively for charitable and educational purposes.

Because of its status with the IRS the ESA Foundation enables the ESAMC membership, member State Councils, member Chapters, member Districts, member Regions and others to validate their purpose in raising and giving money to legally designated 501©3 charitable organizations.

All realize ESA members give to other than 501©3 charitable causes. There is no restriction, with due diligence as to the appropriateness of those charitable donations.

**We do represent a nationwide, and documented organization known for its ability to raise money for charitable causes and that brings with it the tacit responsibility to also include donations to our International Projects:
St Jude Children's Research Hospital, Easter Seals, and
Hope for Heroes**

The BOTTOM LINE....

When you request donations to ESA, for any reason, you may NOT say you are a NONPROFIT-TAX EXEMPT organization.

You may NOT tell anyone
“you can take it off your income tax”!
if they ask... you may say, “you’ll need to ask your CPA
or tax consultant about that”.

You **MAY** say: “we are a not-for-profit; a 504©4 status organization
raising funds for charitable causes”.
(St Jude, Easter Seals, Billy-Bob’s hospital fund, etc.)

If the money you are raising will be going to a 501©3 charity (try here: <https://www.guidestar.org/NonprofitDirectory.aspx> to get the EIN#) then you may ask the donations be made payable to the 'ESA Foundation' (have the specific charity noted on the “For” line ...bottom left corner of check) and send your collected donations through the Foundation's Turn Around Fund. (a check will be returned to you almost immediately made payable to the charity and you can, in turn, present it or mail it to that charity)

We, (ESA Members, States, Chapters, Districts, Regions),
are NOT a charity.

When looking for the proper amount to multiply your
Philanthropic miles for reporting... go to:
<https://www.irs.gov/tax-professionals/standard-mileage-rates>
AND... Remember we are a 'business'.
(a really terrific and special business)

As for 2018 reporting, here's what I found...

Beginning January 1, 2018, the standard mileage rates for the use of a car (vans, pickups or panel trucks) will be: **54.5 cents per mile** for business miles driven, up from **53.5 cents** for 2017. 18 cents per mile driven for medical or moving purposes, up from 17 cents for 2017.

[IRS Releases 2018 Standard Mileage Rates](https://www.ifebp.org/news/regulatoryupdates/Pages/2018-irs-mileage-rates.aspx)

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A Question about Receipts to Donors

Awhile ago one of our chapters asked about giving receipts to Donors when we ask for donations to and for our money-making events.

Below you will find the answer given by our own Doug Mills, HQ Accountant and Registered Agent

for the ESA Foundation.

His qualifications and training are more than adequate for his advice to be listened to.

Below is his answer:

1. The deductibility of tangible personal property (non-cash) is determined by (at the minimum):

a. To whom the gift was given (if it's given to anything other than a 501 c 3 nonprofit (like ESA Foundation), it is not deductible). This means if the gift is being given to a chapter or council of ESA, it is not tax deductible.

b. The amount of the deduction, if it is gifted to a 501 c 3, is determined by its fair market value at the time of the gift. Therefore, you would have to have an appraisal of the gift by someone in the position (expert) of determining that value.

2. Not ever being privy to the exact nature of a given transaction, I rarely, if ever, give personal tax advice. As such,

3. I advise the Board of Directors of the ESA Foundation to follow suit.

For the above reasons, I advise ESA chapters, councils to not give receipts. If you decide to go ahead and give a receipt, make sure you make no mention of the amount of the gift or the deductibility of said gift.

Please know I wish we could claim charitable status for all of ESA but that is just not the case.

Doug Mills