



The Oregon Grapevine

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From your President



Nancy Reid

I hope everyone had a great Thanksgiving, full of family, friends, and food. Hopefully most of you had good roads to travel if you left home. Our family was very grateful to have my brother-in-law home from the hospital on Thanksgiving day. He is feeling so much better, and we were able to spend a lot of time with him and his family.

I know you're going to hear a lot of reports about District Meetings and some very special fundraisers. I would have loved to have been present at all of them, but maybe I can join Annie next year.

After our Central District Meeting in Burns, the first part of October, I took a break so I could prepare (mentally, I guess) for my hip replacement the end of October. About six weeks out from surgery, I am really feeling good. As all of you who knew, it was so much easier than I had thought. I had a fantastic doctor. I have to say, Harold took his care-giving position very seriously. He was so good and so attentive.

In fact, I gave him the #1 Caregiver Award in Burns (just a hand-made thank you card - no award involved). 😊

I would like to thank all of you ladies, chapters, and districts for the get well cards and the e-mails you sent. They were amazing, and I loved hearing from each of you. What a treasure of sweet and funny cards with the kindest notes written inside. I am sure they really did speed up my recovery.

I am happy to announce, a bit early, that the Executive Board decided to keep Easterseals as a State Philanthropic project. They are working very hard to improve their communications, and I think it will be evident through the rest of the year. They have gone through so many changes, and they are really working hard to communicate better. If things don't seem to go the way we would all like them to go, we can certainly revisit the topic.

Again, if you were the person who left me the beautiful set of stained glass coasters at installation, please let me know. I would love to be able to thank you.

Remember, we have our fantastic Winter Meeting in Sutherlin, February 23-24, 2019. Connie Russell and the Douglas District are working very hard to make the week-end a special one. I'm sure it will be.

Chris has updated our Web site, and everything looks great. This is such a labor intensive job.

See you soon! Call or email me anytime for anything: 541-589-2071,
nandog.reid@gmail.com

Love, Nancy 😊





From your 2nd Vice President

I hope this finds everyone happily weaving their way through the holiday season. As I "age", I realize how many bumps there are along the way which become part of this process. Seems like a lot of my friends have a variety of medical issues they have to deal with these days. Support from friends and family play such an important part in getting through all of these. We finally sold our house in Florence. It presents new challenges for me. I feel so connected to Florence and all my friends. I'm going to have to work at

keeping those ties. I plan on staying a member of Delta Gamma, for example. Thanksgiving was a time of reflection for me about what has been lost and gained this year. I am truly grateful for all the good in my life, one being all the friends I have in ESA. You are appreciated.

I am happy to report that I just about have at least one person running for each office on Ann's board next year. I'm still looking for a recording secretary and would love to have more than one running for other offices. I'd love a call from someone who wants to join a really fun board next year and is willing to do that job. I will be contacting people soon if I don't get any phone calls.

I am looking forward to seeing everyone at winter meeting. Have a great Holiday Season.

Marsha Klosterman

2nd Vice President



From your Corresponding Secretary

Hope this find everyone doing well and ready for the HOLIDAYS.

Thank you to everyone who helped with the corrections to the yearbook.

It is not a easy job, and so many numbers to enter my fingers hit wrong buttons.

I have all the new information now, just a few updates to put in.

I hope you all have a great holiday season with your loved ones and special friends also.

Looking forward to seeing everyone at Winter meeting in February.

Hugs And Love to all,

Barb Moss



From your Treasurer

Twas a month before Christmas and all through the state
Dues reminders were sent - Chapters, please don't be late!

I stewed and I fretted as I checked my list twice
To determine who had been naughty or nice!

When what to my weary eyes did appear
All chapters paid - we're good for the year!

But one final note to all those hard working elves
Send your bills to Santa as you're stocking those shelves!

I promise to pay them quick as a wink
The year's moving fast and will be gone in a blink!

But for now "Merry Christmas" with those you hold dear
And best wishes to all for a "Happy New Year!"

Your State Treasurer,
Debbie



From your Workshop Coordinator

I hope those of you who attended the Workshop at Leadership enjoyed the "Parade of All Stars" show. Because so many of you couldn't hear with the background noise, I am repeating portions of my closing message here:

"It's fear of the unknown and fear of making mistakes which discourage us from accepting leadership positions. The truth is ... we learn by doing! We all make errors, so don't let that stop you.

We also need to remember that WE DO NOT WORK ALONE! The Gavels are right beside us with encouragement. They are a force that is willing to help and ready to answer our questions ... so rely on them. The Oregon Guidelines is our best friend, and we are given a copy with each State office and chair position. It details our duties through the year, one month at a time. It is **INVALUABLE** and **MUST BE PASSED ON!** As we become involved in leadership positions, our rewards are many: We make new best friends, we build our self-confidence, and when our year is finished, we realize how much we have learned.

So when asked to run for an office, whether it is your chapter, district or state, do say 'YES!' Step out of your comfort zone and get a taste of excitement! Above all, have fun ... make it the best time of your life! Don't let fear hold you back. Enjoy the journey!"

AN ADVERTISEMENT FOR WINTER MEETING WORKSHOP:

Are you stumped when filling out the Philanthropic Form that's due in March? Do you have questions about where to put your hours/miles/monies? Well, help is on the way! State Philanthropic Chair Jeri Fine is going to present a workshop on this very subject. **HOWEVER, WE NEED YOUR INPUT! WE WANT TO KNOW YOUR QUESTIONS** so that they can be addressed at the Workshop. Please email them to Jeri Fine, oldfinefolks63@gmail.com, as soon as possible. This is for **YOUR** benefit, so please write them down now... don't wait!

I'm looking forward to seeing all of you in February!

Linda Gratteri



From your Chaplain

As your Chaplain, I would like to get some happy news, one of these days!

We lost a member, Mary Davis of Epsilon Theta, Waldport. She passed on October 3rd. She joined ESA in 1992 and was an active member at chapter, district and state level. Cards may be sent to Marcia Bradley, 55 E Rainbow Road Waldport, OR 97394. She will forward them to her family.

Delta Xi has been very accident prone this last couple of months-

Pat Stupur fell while on vacation in the Northeast looking at the colors. She broke a few ribs, and is moving slow. Her address is 1010 NE 108th Portland 97220.

Jean Braden was serving cookies at the Veteran's Day Parade. She was taken to the hospital and had to have a hip replacement the next day. Her address is 18711 SE Giese Road Gresham, 97080.

Also, Sandy Bowen's brother passed away. Her address is PO Box 220297, Milwaukie 97269

Our President, Nancy Reid, had hip replacement on October 23. Last report she is doing well. Her address is P O Box 504 Burns 97720.

I hope everyone has a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

Love, Leianne



From your ESA Foundation Counselor

EACH ONE REACH ONE is a new ESA Foundation program designed to expand the monies available for Grants. If each Lifetime member would reach out to someone and invite them to become a lifetime member, it would increase the funds available for this program. This last year, Scholarships took a small hit in that not all of them were applied for and given. We had two in Oregon with no applications. It seems that the Grant program is becoming more useful for people who are looking for a shorter path to job changes. The Grant committee awarded several Grants to ladies who had families and needed to have jobs that produced more income than they were getting. More Grants were awarded this year than ever before. The \$500 Lifetime status of an ESA Foundation member supports the Grants. Thus, the EACH ONE REACH ONE program.

Anyone can do this, Just send in \$500 to the ESA Foundation for your lifetime membership before May 31st of the coming year. You will be honored at our State Convention. In addition, there will be a big party at I.C. Convention in Memphis next year to honor new members. Plus, there will be tours of the St. Jude hospital if you attend convention. The \$500 can be paid in two increments of \$250 each if that is easier but it must be paid in full by May 31st to count for convention. Feel free to contact me if you have questions. Email: claudiahale@aol.com.

Thanks

Claudia Hale ESA Foundation Counselor



From your Hope for Heroes Chair

The cold weather is here and many of our veterans are homeless. We have warming centers for the nights, but I know, in our area, it is only open between 6:00pm to 7:00 am when the temperature is below 32 degrees.

I am asking each chapter member to buy a bag of socks or some gloves for the homeless veterans in your own area.

Talk with your Veteran Service Officer and they will be able to tell you where to take them for distribution.

Please bring a picture of your donations to Winter Board for all to see how we can be of help in Oregon.

Thank you for your service to our military, both active and inactive.

Hope For Hero's Chairman

Louise Muir



From your Western States Council

Hi everyone,

First, just want to let you all know that I missed being at Leadership in Hood River, but I can tell you that I had a great time in Spain, France and Germany the month of September.

Just got the list of those going to Western States Fling in Palm Springs. Looks like there will be 13 of us going from Oregon. Ruth is still looking for any more members who would like to register, so contact me if you have any questions. There are eight from Delta Xi, three from Willamette District and me from Beta Eta. We would love to have you support the Western States Fling walk that supports scholarships for Western States members by a donation to one of these members. They can take your donation and add it to the total which will be awarded at the Fling to members or relatives who have applied for funds. This scholarship is for anyone that is needing funds to further their education. Please give \$5, \$10, or any other amount you can afford so we can have funds to award more than one scholarship.

Hope you are all weathering the rain which has been badly needed. I just keep saying I wish we could spread it out and not have it all at once. Am in the midst of Christmas decorating and hope to be done tomorrow or Monday. Such a busy time of the year with parties, Christmas fair, Festival of Trees, community tree decorating, baking, wrapping, and more. Wow! I need to breathe and just enjoy. I wish you all a very Merry Christmas.

Looking forward to seeing many of you in February at Winter Meeting in Sutherlin.

Judith Huntley, Western States Treasurer and Oregon Rep.



From your Outstanding Member Chair

Outstanding Member: Just an early reminder—If you plan on honoring your chapter's outstanding member at state convention, please send a brief note about your member and \$10 to Sharon Comingore, 1273 NE Westview Dr., Madras, OR 97741. Please indicate if it's a surprise. Deadline for this information is April 1, 2019.

Please delete addresses before forwarding.

Sharon



Leadership Boardman, Oregon

What a great time we had at Leadership. Even with a few inconveniences, like no microphones, and the meeting room open to the downstairs restaurant, we persevered, had many laughs, and enjoyed each other's company.



The full board was present: left to right,

Back row: Katie Hobson, Recording Secretary, Ann Choate, 1st Vice President, Marsha Klosterman, 2nd Vice President, Nancy Reid, Oregon State President, and Debbie Sanguras, Treasurer.

Front row: Barb Moss, Corresponding Secretary, Linda Gratteri, Workshop Chair, and Jill Rankin Jr. Past President.



President Nancy Reid leading the meeting, under not optimal conditions, with grace and a shout out voice. (no sound system)



Our walk for St. Jude Children's Research Hospital, while celebrating 46 years of support, (we joined in 1972), we also raised \$610. The year saw a total of \$167,950 raised.





From your Association of the Arts Chair

It's not too early to start thinking about submitting something at 2019 Convention Association of the Arts.

If you have any questions, please call me any time.

Ellen Ellis - Inls1215tx@gmail.com

ASSOCIATION OF THE ARTS

For STATE CONVENTION, 2019



To my wonderful Sisters In Oregon's ESA Chapters

Are you receiving these "encouraging" letters to BUY more magazines, support more Veteran's groups for more types of Veterans; and now you can travel all over the world with about six different travel agencies!

The latest "encouragement" was from a fashion magazine: It was directed at how they believe that I am "elegant, intelligent; have grace and energy to seek new and valuable things for my life".

We ladies experience this every day in our activities with the world we live in.

I hope you are still with me, as I, too, *have a commercial coming your way:*

In ESA, we are blessed with many talented artists, and our group is growing every year.

There are six divisions for you to select from:

#1 Quilts



#2 Needlework



#3 Painting (Acrylic, Water color, oil)

#4 Crafts (of all kinds)



#5 Literature/Music



#6 Photography



So, please take your pick; you can enter more than one group. Just submit your entries to me here at 483 Colonial Dr., Grants Pass, OR 97526. I think April 1st is the deadline. We will be with you all the way!

May God bless you in your artistic efforts, Ellen Ellis, Chairman

Workshop Coordinator Linda Gratteri interviewed those special people who have said yes to the question

WHO? ... ME?

**You want me to run for WHAAAT???
ESA's "Parade of All-Stars!"**

An informal talk show with those in the know.



Linda with her Treasurer hat on.

The cup you say ... well it was an attempt to use as a microphone since there were none. Not too effective when you laugh!



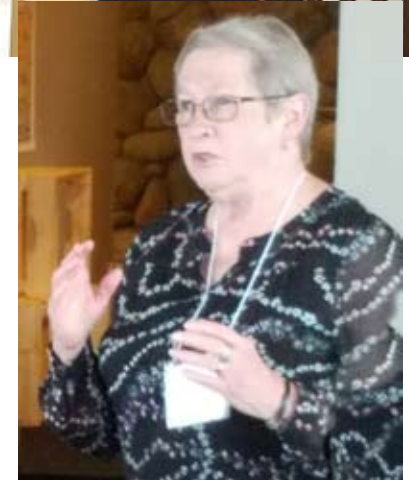
Linda, the interviewer.



Kathy State talked about Parliamentary procedures with handouts!



When Recording Secretary, Marsha Klosterman, walked out in costume everyone lost it! Including Marsha & Linda



Joy explaining the joys of being Corresponding Secretary.

Loni gave the scoop on being a successful Workshop Coordinator ... work well with others & think outside the box!



Su McDonnell remarked that you had to be nuts to say yes to being 2nd VP, but being a part of Board and all those !yes! ladies was a fabulous reward!

Su & Sandy, talked about what is involved in being 1st VP, (fun!), and they gave expert advice on being Jr. Past President (they should know!)



Sandy Diess gave a riveting account on what it takes to be State President ...





CHAPTER AFFAIRS



ALPHA UPSILON, HILLSBORO Dance "Til your Hearts Content"

CHRISTMAS IS IN THE AIR

We are ESA! Helping hands ready to reach out to the less fortunate with kindness, open arms and loving hearts that care. We give with a smile that we hope will brighten their day. No matter how busy or harried our days are, let us keep in mind the true spirit of Christmas, this day, and every day.

Let us keep Christmas a time to share the joys of ESA in the past, and the hopes of joys in the future. A time to wish happiness and good will to all our friends and our loved ones, near and far away. Especially a time to remember all we have to be thankful for. Celebrate Christmas and celebrate the reason. It's meaning never ends.

Alpha Upsilon wishes you the blessings of Christmas now and throughout the coming year!

MERRY CHRISTMAS

Pearl Lushina/Alpha Upsilon



DELTA XI, PORTLAND

Delta Xi Doings - Autumn Edition

Delta Xi has been busy this autumn. We began in September with participation in the Standard Insurance Volunteer Fair. In October, for Easter Seals, we assembled and donated 50 2.5 gallon bags filled with socks, hats, mufflers, toiletries, protein bars, rain ponchos and other assorted items for Homeless Veteran outreach. They went to various places around the state where the Veterans Housing Program grant is funded. The new Development Director Raeann Salchenburg and Catherine Todd, the Director for Outreach, attended our meeting and accepted the bags. They talked about the various programs Easter Seals has around the state.

October we had our 2nd Annual Joint Bingo Party with Milwaukie Elks. (See article) We split the proceeds and our half goes to buy items for children at the Trillium. This year we doubled our net and will be purchasing shoes for the children. There was also a giving tree for individual items requested by the children. We also had our annual Bunco social this fall and had a great time with fabulous food, as usual.

In November we provided support for the Hollywood Veterans Day Parade. We baked cookies (about 40 dozen) and served cookies, cocoa and coffee to the attendees and participants. Then we assembled and served lunches at the USO show that followed. The day was mostly a success - the one down side was that Jean Braden fell at the cookie window and broke her hip. She is currently recovering from a partial hip replacement (they only needed to replace the ball) and hopes to be home in a couple of weeks. She may be able to make an appearance at her family's Thanksgiving celebration.

Also in November we provided dinner for 90 women at Jean's Place - a transition housing residence.

Looking forward to the holidays and Winter Meeting.

Wishing safe and happy holidays to everyone.



BINGO

The Milwaukie-Portland Elks
In partnership with
Delta Xi Chapter, ESA
Invite you to enjoy an afternoon of BINGO fun!

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Saturday, October 7th
1-4pm

~Food and beverage service will be available for your enjoyment~
\$1 Cards / \$2 Black out

★★★★★

Proceeds will fund local community service programs
Milwaukie-Portland Elks -
Care 'n Share Christmas Basket Program
Delta Xi Chapter, ESA -
Trillium Family Services

HAVE A BALL
BINGO

Milwaukie-Portland Elks Lodge 13121 SE McLoughlin Blvd, Milwaukie, Oregon 97269

Delta Xi, Portland, Oregon, and the Milwaukie Elks co-sponsored a night of Bingo, Raffles, a Wish Tree and fun. DX raised money for Trillium, a local agency that works with troubled children. We will be able to provide pajamas and shoes as well as holiday gifts again this year. This is the second year of the partnership and we doubled what we raised last year. We are looking forward to another successful event next year.

Epsilon Sigma Alpha was represented by members of Delta Xi Chapter #2703, Portland, Oregon on September 6, 2018. They participated in Standard Insurance yearly Volunteer Expo, held in Portland's Living Room, Pioneer Square, in downtown Portland. Over 125 non-profit organizations took part in displaying their purpose and giving out information regarding their activities. Our table had a poster display and pamphlets covering several projects we support and information for the St. Jude Children's End Cancer Walk on September 22nd at the Portland Zoo. Those working the event were, Karen McNeil, JoAnne McKinney, Chris York, Donna Cassidy and Jean Braden. Pictured are Jean Braden, JoAnne McKinney and Karen McNeil.





ALPHA ZETA, EUGENE

Where did Fall go? Thanksgiving is over, and Christmas is staring us in the face!

We in Alpha Zeta have been busy doing our normal things: Coupons for Hope for Heroes, pull tabs for dialysis, working at Bags of Love. But above and beyond that, we worked at StandDown which helps underserved veterans in our

area; we had another Paint and Pour which earned us another \$500.00 for St. Jude; we had two more educationals, plus we attended Leadership in Boardman.

For one of our educationals, we went to Deep Woods in Elmira. Deep Woods is a venue which can be leased and is beautiful! The function was a fundraiser for the Fern Ridge Library. A wonderful, tasty meal was served, and the speaker was Bob Welch. He discussed his new book, "The Wizard of Foz". For those of you who are too young to remember, Dick Fosbury developed the Fosbury Flop for high-jumping. You should read the book.

We also attended the Ballet Fantastique at the Hult Center. The ballet danced a Western version of Shakespeare's "As You Like It". That was a very interesting balletic interpretation. Afterwards, some of us attended the cast party as it was the final showing of that ballet.

Then we attended the successful Delta Gamma Harvest Party and Auction. Those gals know how to throw a party!! A good time was had by all.

In December, we will be having two more educationals and our Christmas party where we will find out who our Secret Sisters are.



Hope everyone had a foodie's Thanksgiving and here's wishing you a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.



The photo of all of us sitting around the table was taken at Deep Woods. Bob Welch is in the center. The person to my right is my sister, Margo, who accompanied us. The other two photos were taken at the Paint and Pour. The

subject was of a sunset reflected on a lake. If you have any questions, please call me.



**Are you a
fabric hoarder?
Alpha Zeta and
Bags of Love can
help you!**

Once again, Alpha Zeta is asking for all sewers and quilters for their excess yardage which will be given to Bags of Love. As before, if you can bring your donations to Winter Meeting, we will deliver said yardage. These donations will be converted into quilts, pillow cases, duffle bags, etc.

Bags of Love fills the duffle bags with toiletries, clothing, pjs, age appropriate books ... in other words, everything except shoes. The Bags of Love are given to children who are left with nothing due to fires, meth houses, etc.

Everything that was donated at last April's convention was gratefully received and put to good use. Thanking all of you in advance.

Lani Shimer for Alpha Zeta



Hot off the press!

Alpha Zeta didn't even toot their own horn, except on Facebook. As the Editors of The Grapevine, Janet and I decided this needs a great big YAHOO! The Chaptered work the St. Jude Radiothon and they helped raise lots of money. Good going, ladies! (Sandi Bristow & Linda Howes with a gentleman from the radio station).



DELTA EPSILON, LA GRANDE

Every year Delta Epsilon LaGrande makes gift bags for the local foster children in our county. Typically, there are anywhere between 35 to 50 children ages from birth to 18 years old. Each member brings whatever they would like to put in the sack. Some years there have been Christmas mugs, hot chocolate, gummy bears, mittens, hats, pencils, and everything in between. At our December meeting, we have a potluck and everyone brings their goodies and we have sacks donated by a local business and we start an assembly line of goodies and we full the sacks. Then one of us takes the sacks full of goodies to the supervisor of Foster Kids and they hand them out to the kids. We have been doing this for about 12 years. It is a fun project and we hope the kids enjoys their gifts.





BETA ETA, SUTHERLIN

Members of Beta Eta addressing Christmas cards to soldiers in the Walter Reed Hospital, wishing them a Merry Christmas & thanking them for their service. We also wrote cards for our local veterans in the Roseburg Veterans Hospital. What an easy way to thank our service men & show them how much we appreciate their sacrifice.

Members are:

Judy Huntley, Margie Creacey,
Jeanne Hobson, Pam Hughes.



GAMMA BETA, GRANTS PASS

Gamma Beta is off to a very Happy Year. Ellen Ellis chose "HAPPY DAYS ARE HERE AGAIN" as her theme. She was delighted to talk to Nancy Reid on the phone to discover both ladies were using the Happy faces of the emoji's (spell?)

At our "welcome back" tea on Shirley Reese's redecorated patio and back yard, WE HAD TWO PROSPECTS FOR MEMBERSHIP. But alas, neither could add our activities to their busy schedules. Both ladies were very impressed with the love we share with each other in Gamma Beta.

October kept us busy as we decorate the tables for Our Pregnancy Care Centers Gala to raise money for their three day program. This year was phenomenal and we raised over a third of the budget!

Our keynote speaker at the Gala was Jill Stanek, a nurse from Chicago. She related some stories of how detrimental abortions can become. She expressed some concern about how some abortions are handled by some hospitals. She mentioned that, at one time, there were 2,176 abortion clinics in America. At present, the number is down to 748, and still falling. Jill is presently associated with the Susan B. Anthony Association, and has devoted her life to the fight.

Getting back to Gamma Beta, in December, we will be helping the Toys for Tots program with the Young Marines.

MERRY Christmas to all. ELLEN

Lynn Hughes' educational theme is "Look on the bright side".



DELTA GAMMA, FLORENCE

In the months since the last issue of the Grapevine, our chapter has been quite busy. In late October, we had our annual auction and we are thrilled to report that we raised just over \$13,000 (after expenses) which allows us to make a difference in the lives of families in our community & beyond. In our community, we are now able to give a helping hand to citizens when they experience a health crisis or a rough patch. For example, we recently paid the utility bills of a woman battling cancer, and we provided gas money and a 'hospital stay' care basket to our adopt-a-family whose child required yet another surgery.



Delta Gamma Sisterhood L to R: Shannon, Marsha, Annette, Kim, Janet, Lori, Sue, Ellen, Sarah, Jane, Julie, Karen, Carrie & Karen in front.



The DG Sisterhood worked really hard and it paid off at our Annual Auction. We had some wonderful help from the Kindness Club, what a wonderful group (left to right: Claire, Talia, Melody, Lily, Chloe, & Macy)



In November, we provided Thanksgiving Baskets to seven families needing a helping hand. Working with Grocery Outlet in Florence we provided all the makings for a Thanksgiving dinner and more. Plus we provided 2 cooked meals to two different couples. Two very nice and appreciative gentlemen let us take a picture with our member Ellen Henson.



Not only do we adopt-a-family, but we also adopt-a-need. We have adopted The Kindness Club. This club was created by Kaylee Graham, the daughter of our member, Shannon Graham. Shannon and her husband, Todd, by example, taught their children very early on about volunteerism and helping others, which prompted Kaylee to start the Kindness Club at our elementary school while she was still in high school. Kaylee is a freshman in college now and her mother, Shannon Graham, and Carrie McNeil, both teachers at Siuslaw Elementary School and both members of Delta Gamma are in charge of the club. They have between 60 and 70 students in the club, and many of these students come up with ways to raise money so that they can make a difference. Delta Gamma supports the Kindness Club monetarily for special projects as well as snacks and supplies.

The following is just one example of the work of the Kindness Club students: Emma, who is a 10-year old fourth-grader at Siuslaw Elementary School, began cleaning headstones for her project. Along with the help of Emma's mother, Nicole, who is a kindergarten aide at the school, classmates, teachers and other volunteers, Emma and her team ended up cleaning and restoring 25 of the 300 headstones at the Deadwood Pioneer Cemetery, which was established in 1883. In order for Emma to purchase the appropriate supplies, she had fundraising projects, such as bake sales.



Just think.... these students could possibly be future members of Delta Gamma!

Delta Gamma wishes you all a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year!



BETA OMICRON, BURNS

Beta Omicron's 2018-2019 year began with five days in our food booth at the Harney County Fair. Comments made in retrospect usually include words like "wasn't that fun to see people we know, visit with chapter members, interacting with young people, and serving the public." However, when we are in the middle of the frenzy, they aren't so true! It was a successful five days and Beta Omicron was able to give four "Pay to Play" scholarships to the Burns School District, provide money to the Helping Hands Fund at the Senior Center, and donate \$75 to Oregon Trail Electric Co-op for four months to be paid toward four families struggling to pay their electric bill.

The Chapter members are currently getting ready for a Holiday Bazaar that they have taken part in for many years. A few years ago the Chapter bought a cotton candy machine, so it will be put to work again (having rested since fair time) to make green and red cotton candy as one of the items offered for sale at the table.

Beta Omicron's Christmas dinner will be held the first Thursday evening in December. It is always a festive occasion with a well decorated restaurant and members in their holiday finery. Past members, friends, and visitors interested in joining ESA are invited for a special evening with great food, good company, and fun gift exchange. Beta Omicron is hoping to announce three new members in the next Grapevine. Happy Holidays to everyone and wishing you a great beginning to 2019.

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!



SOUTHERN DISTRICT COUNCIL

Shirley Reese is completing her second year as District President. We have two Chapters left: Alpha Lambda and Gamma Beta. Many of our members have 40-50+ years as ESA members, so our sisterhood is quite strong.

Our Fall meeting was held at Elmer's in Grants Pass. We were delighted that Jeannette Rhodes, now a Member-at-Large joined us.

The new officers for the coming year were elected. Diane Yarrish (AL) is the president-elect, with Bonnie Cook (GB) as vice president. Shirley Reese (GB) is secretary; Norma Pittman (GB) is treasurer, and Tallie Lastiwka (AL) is the parliamentarian. Billie Patino acted as nominating chairman.

Our members support the Disaster fund, as well as our Chapters. Last May we raised \$65.00, and this Fall meeting raised \$53.00.

Bonnie Cook (GB) is chair of the Hope For Heroes program. This year we collected items for Christmas stockings. Chapter reports from the presidents gave us a list of all the activities taking place. Carol Murray, Shirley Reese, and Ellen Ellis decorated with fall accents.

Our Outstanding Member Luncheon will be held in February, with Alpha Lambda hosting. We wish everyone a joyous Christmas holiday.
Ellen Ellis

DOUGLAS DISTRICT COUNCIL

Douglas District is eagerly waiting for all of you to join us in February for Winter Meeting. We've been planning and working away to make the weekend full of information and fun and filled with good friends, good times and good works. In the name of good works, President Nancy Reid, aka Dolly, has approved us to sponsor a gathering of supplies to assist Safe Haven Maternity Home, a non-profit organization under 501(c)(3), that provides a safe home environment that inspires and provides resources to pregnant young women and those young women with babies who are in crisis. For more information on this wonderful organization, please visit their website SafeHavenmaternity.org. They are not a federal program and therefore do not receive federal funding and are solely funded by grants, churches, and the community. We are gathering needed supplies for Safe Haven, list is below, and are hoping for them to visit with us for the presentation.

In the name of good times, we have some special fun planned along with a tour and sampling at an award winning winery (please see registration form for additional information) and with whatever crazy ideas Social Chair Carolyn Warren has thought of. Needless to say, all of you are our good friends and we can't wait to see you. Put all of that together, there's no stopping us from achieving any goal. Registration form is on the OR ESA website and deadline is February 1, 2019.

Needed items for Safe Haven: Paper towels, all sizes of Tupperware, toilet paper, all sizes ziplock baggies, foil, plastic wrap, digital thermometers for babies and children, diapers toddler sizes 4-5, play pens, towels, pillows. Items may be gently used or new, they receive donations of baby items, but usually are lacking items for everyday living and items for toddlers.

CENTRAL DISTRICT COUNCIL



Central District installation of officers was held on October 6th, 2018 at the home of Nancy Reid. Nancy installed officers (L to R), Diane Duke of Madras, Vice President, Sharon Comingore of Madras, Recording Secretary, Melanie Swann of Burns, Treasurer, and Barb Moss, President of the Burns chapter.

WILLAMETTE VALLEY DISTRICT COUNCIL



Willamette Valley District Council held their meeting on October 20 at the Sizzler in Springfield. There were 15 members attending.

The BIG topic of the day was Nancy's convention April 19 - 21, 2019, which we are hosting at the Hilton Garden Inn in Springfield. We were able to check out the venue after the meeting, although most of us remember it from the last time we hosted convention there.

There were lively discussions about: favors, center pieces, colors, themes, name badges, bags, aprons and a plethora of other vital subjects. But, of course, I can't tell you anything because it's a secret Shush! Don't ask!

Our next meeting will be February 9, 2019. Time and location to be announced.

Julie Rassmann, Publicity



Happiness is Attending Winter Meeting 2019

February 23th & 24th, 2019
Hosted by Douglas District Council

Meetings and meals will be held at the Sutherlin Community Center, 150 S Willamette (behind the Train in the park). Maps will be available at the motel.

Best Western Plus will give you a 15% discount for mentioning ESA, 1st come 1st served for rooms. Breakfast included with your reservation. Best Western Plus, 150 Myrtle St., Sutherlin, OR 541-459-1424.

\$40.00 if paid by February 1st, \$50.00 if after February 1st
Registration includes, Lunch & Dinner on Saturday.

Friday night, Feb 22nd Social --- Wine tasting at Ruestle Winery \$15.00. (includes very light hors d'oeuvres) . Meet at Best Western in Sutherlin by 6:30pm.

Must PAY & RSVP by February 1st for wine tasting tour.

Registration

Name _____ Phone _____

Chapter name & Number _____

Email _____

Special dietary needs: _____

Remit Registration to : Judy Huntley, 378 Valley View Rd, Sutherlin, OR 97479. 541-459-2550.

Checks payable to Douglas District

_____ Elected Board

_____ Appointed Board

_____ Gavel

_____ Guest

Amount Enclosed:

Registration \$40.00 _____ Wine Tasting \$15.00 _____

Connie Russell, Beta Eta President, 2019 Winter Meeting Chairman

509-954-6743 or cjrseattle@msn.com

Best Western Hartford Lodge, 150 Myrtle St., Sutherlin, OR - 541-459-1424

Motel 6, 400 Hospitality Place, Sutherlin, OR - 541-459-6800



ESA Oregon State Convention 2019

"Happiness Is A Gift"

April 26 - 28, 2019

Hilton Garden Inn at Springfield, OR



- 'Earlybird' Registration (received prior to February 28, 2019)
(qualifies to win a full refund of registration.)
- Convention Registration deadline: April 6, 2019
- Late Registration (received after (April 6,)) must be accompanied by a late fee of \$10
- Requests for refunds must be received by Convention City, in writing, by April 6, 2019
(as per Policy & Procedures)

To make your reservation at the **Hilton Garden Inn**: call 541-736-3000
 Rooms are: \$109 + taxes Dbl/Dbl Be sure to mention '**Oregon State Council ESA**'

 Please fill out ALL applicable spaces & mail this portion

Member (or guest) Name _____ Member # _____

Address: _____ City _____ Zip _____

Chapter Name _____ Chapter Number _____

Phone () _____ Email _____

Husband/Escort Name (if attending) _____

State Board (position) _____ Chapter President _____

District President _____ Pledge _____ 1st State Convention _____

Gavel (year) _____ MAL _____ Guest _____

*I require strictly Vegetarian meals _____ I require Gluten-free meals _____

*I have a Medical Allergy to: _____ and I require special care taken with my meals.

*Please note and select one of Saturday's Banquet entrees here:

____ **Apple Stuffed Pork Loin** (apples, onions, almonds & brown sugar) topped with pan jus served with Roasted Sweet Potatoes. Dessert: NY style Cheesecake

____ **Char Grilled Salmon Filet** w/Rice Pilaf topped with a citrus butter sauce. Dessert: NY style Cheesecake

Member Registration \$ 120.00 _____

Late Fee (if applicable) \$ 10.00 _____

Guest for Banquet only \$ 42.40 _____

Guest Full Registration \$ 120.00 _____

Guest for Luncheon only \$ 19.20 _____

Enclosed Total \$ _____

Checks payable to:

WVDC - ESA 2019 Oregon State Convention

Mail Registration to:

Sandy Diess 26072 Crow Road Eugene, OR 97402

Western States ~ ESA Fling 2019

REGISTRATION

Palm Springs, California

Arrive: Tue., January 22, 2019 **Depart:** Fri., January 25, 2019

Palm Mountain Resort

155 South Belardo Road, Palm Springs 92262

3 Nights Accommodations

3 Breakfasts, 2 Lunches, 3 Dinners, 3 Hospitalities

Palm Springs Tour ~ and MORE

Per Person ~ Double: \$625.00: **Triple:** \$600.00: **Quad:** \$575.00

Name _____ email _____

Phone # () _____ Cell Phone# () _____

Address _____
Street State Zip Code

Roommate _____

August 1, 2018: \$100 non refundable Deposit

October 1, 2018: \$100 deposit

November 1, 2018: \$200 deposit

December 1, 2018: Final Payment

Check payable to: Ruth Rockwell

Mail to: PMB 320 - PO Box 189003, Coronado, CA 92178

Any special requirements? Diet / Handicapped Room

See you in Palm Springs!



End of the
day at
Leadership
in
Boardman,
Oregon



As co-editor of the Grapevine I'm always looking for a good moment. Look at this moment! I found & surprised Sandy sitting outside our hotel, the River Lodge & Grill. It was a beautiful evening to just sit and watch. ESA has given me so many "fabulous" moments. . . Julie



Happiness is...



Calendar of Events

- January 22 - 25, 2019 - Western States ESA Fling in Palm Springs CA
- January 29, 2019 Policy & Procedure update requests
- January 29, 2019 Oregon State Bylaw Changes
- 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 15, 2019 - Easter Seals 28th Annual Bloomfest
- April 19 - 21, 2019 - Oregon State Convention - Hilton Garden Inn, Springfield, OR
- July 14 - 21, 2019 IC Convention - Memphis, TN

