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Executive Board

State President

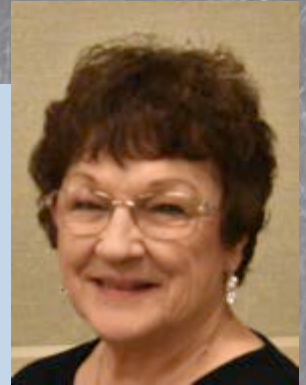
These ill winds keep blowing, but we continue to adjust our sails ... and we WILL get through this year successfully!

With this in mind, we have reset our Winter Meeting to be on ZOOM. It will be on Saturday, February 20 probably at 10 am. So mark that date on your calendar! Details are being worked out as this goes to press. I received many positive comments about the virtual Convention/Leadership in October. It was so uplifting for members to actually visit before and after the meeting. It gave us energy and hope and put sunshine into our cloudy day. I think we all felt the euphoria of getting to see each other!

While it feels like the year has only just begun, the days are going by fast and it is actually halfway over! I'm sure we all share those same feelings of being swept into a whirlwind. But although we have faced many challenges this year, life does go on; and ESA chapters are continuing to do what we do best ... helping where needed in each of our communities; raising funds for St. Jude Children's Research Hospital, EasterSeals and scholarships; supporting ESA Foundation; working on various Hope For Heroes projects and taking care of each other in time of need. No one expects us to do as much as we did in the past; these are difficult times. But I'm hearing about the innovative ways chapters are raising funds and offering help. That is wonderful! The important thing is, we have kept on going, just like the Energizer bunny!

A statement made during one of the talks at IC Leadership last February says it all: "Start where you are, use what you have, do what you can." That's what we're doing ... and that's why we're going to get through this ... together! Keep up the good work, and God bless all of you!

Linda Gratteri



**** Editors Note – Linda's new email address is lindagratteri@gmail.com ****

Editors Note: Linda's Acceptance Speech is attached.



1st Vice President

All I want for Christmas is to be with those we care about again, right?
And a few new members would be extra nice!

I know Covid makes it seem an unlikely time to try to recruit new members.
But just take a look around – how many new faces have you seen in the last several years? New members should continue to be a priority for our organization! This could be just the time to be making a list and checking it twice!

Another important part of “membership” is the need for retention! How about hosting a meeting that focuses on answering those questions newer members still have about ESA? Sometimes we forget how important it is to share information on how we function at the Chapter, District, State and National Level. It is a way of mentoring our members to become future leaders! Remember, if you have a question, most likely someone else has the same question! The more involved you become, the more ESA means to you.

This meeting does not have to be a “boring” question and answer session. Think outside the box! Incorporate the information into a game format with prizes, for example. Even long time members can use a reminder or learn something new!

Do you have a current brochure that provides information about your chapter, what you do in the community, your current activities, meeting dates and your contact information? If not, take time to do this and hand them out when you invite guests, have events, etc.

And lastly, please remember to let me know as you get new members. I want to welcome them! I so miss seeing all of you in person but know a time is coming when that will happen and what a “joy” it will be!

Merry Christmas to all of you & good health in the new year!

Debbie Sanguras



DESCHUTES RIVER
TRAIL

2nd Vice President

Ladies and gentlemen, I am still looking for volunteers to willingly step up and run for any Oregon State Executive Board position serving under Debbie Sanguras. It will be loads of fun! How could it not, since Debbie is so much fun!

I especially need a treasurer and a recording secretary. Remember, there will be lots of support so you can step out of your comfort zone and know that we have your back. And don't forget... there are only three meetings! Please call or email me!

Julie Rassmann
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Jr Past President, Disaster Chair



Greeting to everyone. What a strange year. I missed saying goodbye to you last May when our convention was cancelled. It was really nice to see some of you on our virtual convention, and I look forward to when we can be together again. Leadership and Winter Meeting were so much fun and I truly understand the power of friendships in ESA. Again, the incredible support I received from everyone any time I needed something is what makes these jobs doable. And again, a huge thank you to Carolyn Warren and Patty Anderson for the incredible work they did on the virtual convention.

Of course I am concerned about raising money for the Disaster Fund. I'm thinking of coming up with some items to offer that chapters or individuals could purchase for a set amount on a first come basis. If you have ideas of what you would like, let me know. I'm working out details of how to get word out. And of course, hoping that chapters continue to donate as they have in the past. And remember, this fund is yours. If you have been affected by fires or something equally devastating, information on how to apply is in the President's Book and application is on the website.

Marsha Klosterman



Treasurer

Welcome to fall and winter, I'm writing this as the ground is frosty white this morning and it is very chilly. I hope you have been able to enjoy the fall colors in your part of the state, they have been very brilliant around Douglas county.

As Treasurer I just have a few items of business to remind Chapter Treasurers and Presidents about. There are only two chapters that still need to pay State dues. Thank you to all other chapters I appreciate your cooperation. Several chapters have not paid your IC Dues. I have a list if anyone needs the info, the IC Dues are payable after August and before May 1, 2021, so your chapter is in good standing and can vote at convention. Send IC Dues to Brenda Meyers, 242 Oxford Drive, Fairborn, OH 45324

Included in the Grapevine is a Treasurers report for activity since June 2020. Please contact me with any questions.

Please be safe and enjoy the holidays, whether it is in person or by video it's always good to remember our blessings. Family and friends don't go away just because we can't touch them.

"My life is so blessed with some of the most amazing people. Thank you for being part of my Journey".

\$\$\$\$\$\$ Connie \$\$\$\$\$\$

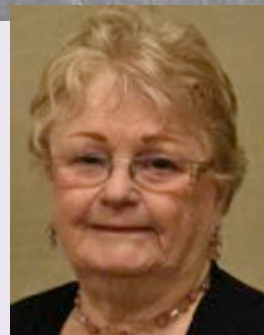
Editors Note: Treasurer's Budget Report is attached



CORRESPONDING SECRETARY

Hello and greetings to all my Oregon State Council ESA Sisters.
Hope you are all in a Happy Place and staying safe.

Just a reminder to those of you who have not yet paid for your President's Yearbook whether it be for the hard copy at \$7.25, or the thumb drive at \$2.90 please be aware that payment is due now.
Please send your check to Connie Russell, our State Treasurer.



I have heard from several of you and below please find the corrections to the yearbook and any additions that were made after printing. If there are still other corrections please let me know and I will get them out to the membership by email. You can send to me at Patstupurathome@comcast.net.

Alpha Omicron – Madras

Janet Rose updated email address Janetrose1934@gmail.com

Alpha Upsilon – Hillsboro

Carolyn Fowler New Cell phone number 971-246-4661

Sue Horton Chapter President No land line/ new cell number 503-407-1584

Delta Gamma – Florence

Jean Forsman new email jeanforsman04@gmail.com

She is also listed under Association of the Arts Chairman

Beta Eta – Sutherlin

Connie Russell - area code on her phone numbers should be 509-459-4826 H 509-954-6743 C
Connie is also listed under Oregon State Council Board, Beta Eta Sutherlin, Budget Committee Chair, State Meeting Chair (Leadership) Douglas District Council President

Omicron Omega –Portland

Lianne Stinton – New address 22696 SW Kruger Road Sherwood, Oregon 97140
Lianne is listed under NW District Council President, Chapter Presidents and Gavels.

Delta Xi – Portland

Chris Dole – Address should be 1635 N. E. 50th Avenue Portland, Oregon 97213

Active Gavels Membership

Jeannette Rhodes - new address - 82410 Murray Canyon Dr, Indio, Cal. 92201

Have a Happy Thanksgiving and be careful and be safe. These are certainly not the times we are accustomed to but things will be better. I am sure of that.

Cheers!!!!
Pat Stupur

Editors Note: From Pat - As the cost of Linda's yearbook was only \$7.25, please let me know if you feel you may have paid too much. Thanks Pat you

General Board

ESA Foundation Counselor

HELLO, EVERYONE, HOPE YOU ARE ALL DOING WELL AND STAYING SAFE. SUCH A CRAZY TIME BUT HOPE IT STARTS TO GET BETTER SOON.

I HAVE SENT OUT LETTERS TO SCHOOLS LETTING THEM KNOW ABOUT SCHOLARSHIPS, PLEASE SHARE WITH MEMBERS AND FAMILY THE LINK TO THE SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION PAGE IS

<https://epsilonsigmaapha.org/scholarships>

JUST A REMINDER THAT FOUNDATION DUES ARE DUE BEFORE MARCH 1ST. BE SURE TO USE THE TURNAROUND FUND WHEN MAKING CHARITABLE DONATIONS TO OUR VARIOUS CHARTIES,

BY USING THE TURNAROUND FUND HELPS STRENGTHEN THE FOUNDATIONS 501c3 STATUS.

DOES ANY CHAPTER STILL HAVE JARS WITH CHANGE FOR THE FOUNDATION? IF SO PLEASE SEND IT TO ME. I WOULD LIKE TO GET IT SENT IN TO THE FOUNDATION FOR ONE THE GRANTS. THANK YOU FOR ALL YOUR HELP.

EVERYONE TAKE CARE AND HUGS TO ALL.
HOPE TO SEE EVERYONE SOON, MISS EVERYONE.
BARB MOSS, FOUNDATION

DOCUMENTS

The vote for the Policy and Procedure changes for State Meetings has passed. They will be updated and distributed shortly. The new document will be sent to all who receive the Grapevine when it is updated. Thank you to all who worked on these revisions.

If there are any other areas that you feel needs to be looked at, please contact me to put this in process. I hope everyone has had a chance to review their Guideline for their job this year. Please look it over and let us know if we need to make any additions or corrections. We appreciate your input to bring some positions up to date.

Kathy State
Parliamentarian/Documents Chairman

Awards Chairman

Hello my dear ESA family!

To say I miss you all is an understatement! Who could have ever imagined not being able to hold our Convention back in May or our Leadership Meeting? I know it had never entered my mind even after this whole mess began last winter.

It has been an interesting year to say the least. I congratulate all of you who have been able to continue with your Chapter functions in whatever form they have taken. And to all of you who placed in our Awards categories, great job!

A huge thank you to Carolyn Warren who is going to assist me by emailing each of the award certificates to the winners listed below. They will be sent to the actual winner if they have an email address, or to their Chapter President or Secretary. If anyone has a problem receiving their certificate or getting a copy printed, please let me know. I wish that I had been able to give them to the Chairmen for each category who would have presented them to you in person at The Mill in North Bend. If you are unable to get a copy of your certificate I would be happy to print and mail it to you. Or I can print the certificate and bring it to our next "in-person" get together, hopefully Winter Meeting!

There were no Association of the Arts awards due to the 2020 Convention being held via ZOOM. The "in person" Convention, due to be held at The Mill Casino in North Bend, was cancelled due to the COVID 19 virus.

My sincere thanks to President Marsha for asking me to be the Awards Chairman this year. It is a position I really enjoy, even in these very strange circumstances!

My very best to you all,
Mary Anne Puhl

Educational Program - "Journey Of The Heart"

Since the ESA year is more than half done, I hope you have all begun your educational journeys and are progressing toward your goal of either six or nine programs. One thing in your favor this year is that, regardless of the fact that we probably can't meet regularly for our chapter meetings, we can still share our educational programs either in person when possible, through email, or by having zoom gatherings with our chapter members.

I have always found that our educational programs are one of the most fun and, occasionally, possibly could be one of the most mind-blowing experiences in our ESA lives. Besides being given a real opportunity to impart some new knowledge to your chapter members, this could also be a time to share your innermost thoughts and feelings with them or, as sometimes happens, even surprise them with a bit of trivia they didn't know they didn't know.

Whatever your programs are, I hope you're all learning something and having fun with it. I can hardly wait to get your reports to see what you have come up with this year.

Joy Serkowney

Philanthropic

I want to remind chapters how important it is to keep good philanthropic records throughout the year. We have many projects in our communities and with St. Jude and Easter Seals. So set up a good system for record keeping right away. Records are key, and every chapter will need to send reports to the Philanthropic Chair, the St. Judes Chair, and the Easter Seals Chair.

Go to the esaoregon.org website. Click on President's Yearbook, scroll down to Philanthropic Information Forms.docs and Philanthropic Service Guidelines. Print the information for your files.

Depending on what form your meetings are currently taking, determine a system to collect members' hours, money donated, value of donated goods, and mileage on each philanthropic project. If you have any questions, please contact me. Happy counting.

Lynn Hughes
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Gavels Auxiliary

Although 2020 has been a year like no other we have ever known, the Gavels have still managed to remain active through email contact and lots of virtual hugs. We all miss seeing each other and getting together to share our thoughts and friendships, but we know this pandemic will be over one day soon and life can get back to normal.

After our May state convention was canceled, the Gavel's executive board (with the approval of all our membership) decide that we should remain in office in order to eliminate any problems in electing a new board. Therefore, the Gavel's board remains as:

President	Joy Serkowney
Vice President	Pat Stupur
Secretary	Lynn Hughes
Treasurer	Judy Huntley

If you watched our Convention/Leadership on zoom, you know that we had a winner for our 50/50 drawing. Congratulations to Sandy Diess for her big win! Now we would like to announce that we are immediately beginning sales of tickets for our 2020-2021 drawing at this time. Tickets are still 6/\$5.00 and if you would like to get some, please contact me or any of our members and we will be sure to get them to you.

We were very saddened by the loss of our member, Ellie Allen, in June. She was a dear friend and a devoted member of ESA and will be truly missed by all of us. The Gavels have made a donation in her name to the Oregon Scholarship Fund.

We are excited to have our 2019-2020 Oregon State Council President, Marcia Klosterman, join us and we look forward to the day we can all get together and give her the best initiation we can and that she so deserves.

Until we are able to meet again,
Joy Serkowney

Chaplain

Alpha Upsilon, Hillsboro

Notified on 10/27 that Claudia Hale's husband Bob, passed away. He was such a delight and will be sorely missed.

Claudia Hale, 4275 SW River Rd, Hillsboro, OR 97123

Omega Mu, Albany

Alex Anderson, daughter of Patty Anderson member of Omega Mu, is legally blind and has accepted a position as a Customer Associate at Walgreens. She did this all on her own, interview, follow up, drug testing....all of those she was transported by Chris (long time boyfriend - and we feel the lucky charm in this). This is her first real job and a major step towards independence.

Delta Xi, Portland

Tim State, son of Kathy State, and Michael Norpell met on 10-10-10 so on their 10th anniversary they decided to get married. They had an elaborate weekend planned in Palm Springs, but then Covid hit, things were canceled. They decided to go ahead with the wedding as the date 10-10-20 was very significant for them and will have a huge weekend celebration on 10/10/20. The wedding was very special and held at Casa de Monte Vista with only 9 people in attendance. Many friends and relatives were able to view through ZOOM. Tim is the Director of Alumni Relations for the University of Chicago, Booth Business School and Michael has his own design business, both inside and outside, specializing in Mid Century Modern.

Omicron Omega, Portland

Ardyce Moore celebrated her 95th birthday on Nov 3. Omicron Omega celebrated her at their 1st 2020/2021 meeting.

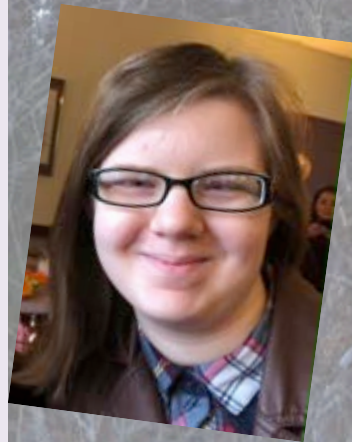
Note from Ardyce: THANK YOU, THANK YOU

I would like to take this opportunity to let my Oregon ESA sisters and out of state sisters know how much I appreciated all your cards and emails for my 95th birthday. I was overwhelmed and did not know it was possible to find that many ways to say "Happy Birthday". I wish I could have sent each and everyone of you a personal thank you but as it was impossible for me so I took the next best thing I could think of. TO SAY ALL OF YOU ARE THE GREATEST AND I AM GLAD I AM YOUR ESA SISTER!

Beta Iota, Roseburg

Carolyn & Will Warren were featured on the front page of the local paper for their elaborate Halloween decorations and dedication to giving to the kids. Link to article below.

https://www.nrtoday.com/news/local/roseburg/dragon-house-comes-alive-in-spite-of-covid-19-pandemic/article_edd8c49b-fb9a-5684-bb2c-47d270c668a5.html



Editors Note: Please continue to share happy news, birthday/ anniversary milestones, and other news with the State Chaplain, email cwarren@charter.net

Easer Seals

Easter Seals has unfortunately had to cancel most of their money-making events this year – the three major ones in fact – The Bloomfest and two golf tournaments. To make up a bit the loss they sponsored a virtual walk in October and made over \$18,000 thanks to all the kind donors. Easter Seals in the Portland area helps vets get resettled in housing and with other needs. If you have always supported Easter Seals please continue to do so in your way or save your Easer seals dollars in your budget until something comes up in your area that you can help with. Hang in there and stay safe.

Karen McNeil

State Convention 2021

The convention committee has contracted with the Best Western Plus Hood River Inn for our 2021 State Convention.

The dates are April 23-25, 2021 and our theme is **“The Heart Knows the Way”**. As of October 24, 2020 per the hotel representative, they are able to host gatherings of 50 persons. We are hoping that by spring that number expands. If not, we will Zoom the convention. Fingers crossed.

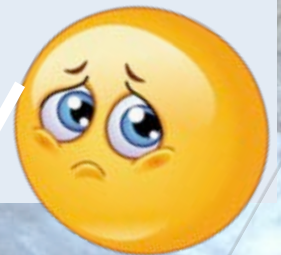
Convention Co-Chairs Martha Hoskins and Chris York.

Western States Regional Council

It is with sad news that I report that the ESA WESTERN STATES FLING, Will not be taking place in January 2021. Due to **COVID-19**. The tentative plans were that we would be going back to Palm Springs, where we would be staying in the same hotel as before, which was nice and convenient to so many things, and close to downtown. Ruth Rockwell had suggested many things we hadn't seen before, Desert Art Center, Annenberg Home, O'Donnell House Tour and Carnival Cabaret, just to name a few.

Last, but not least, our WVDC meeting. Most of all just getting together with everyone. Let us hope that next year that 2020 will be the thing of the past and we will be getting together once again in 2021, like we have done for so many years in the past. In the mean time I want to wish all of you a Happy Holiday Season, which for many it will be very different. Please, all stay safe and healthy and most of all, stay **SANE**. For this too, shall pass with hope and prayers that things will get better for everyone.

Sandy Diess
Oregon Western States
Representative



Editors Note: Carolyn and Chris have been able to upload the 2020 Virtual Convention/ Leadership Zoom meeting onto the ESA Oregon Website. Please find it in the News section

Editors Note: We wish to thank Joyce's daughter Kari Engdahl for videoing Joyce for the Candidate's Fair and Debbie's daughter Tracy Norton for videoing the Celebration of Life

Distinguished Athenian



Ann Widick came to our planning meeting after experiencing a devastating fire in her home where she lost everything. But she came prepared and presented a theme that went along with the State Educational Theme of “I Heard It Through the Grapevine”. Our chapter approved of her decision of “Amazing Women Who Have Changed Our World.”

We have learned about many of the women who have not only changed our world but have contributed in their own way to many different aspects and different areas of our lives. We have heard about Louisa Mae Alcott, Coco Chanel, Ruth Bader Ginsberg, Cokie Roberts, Clara Barton, Alice Walters, and Mati Hari with subjects covering politics, journalism, cooking, writing, and our former first lady Michelle Obama and her experiences in the White House and her life afterwards.

Ann has kept us on track and made sure we were ready for our assignments.

I would like to nominate Ann Widick as our Distinguished Athenian for the year 2019-2020.

Respectfully submitted

Pat Stupur
President
Delta Xi Chapter
Portland, Oregon



District Diaries

Central District Council

Just a little note to all, we so wanted to have a meeting in October but just no place to hold it.

We are going to trying for one in the spring with hopes that the crazy world will have settled down so we can get back to somewhat is normal, will never be the same.

We are still look forward to meeting the bend ladies. Looking forward to seeing them and greeting the new chapter.

Everyone take care and i send my love and a big hug to all.

Barb Moss

Willamette Valley District

WVDC had nine members, representing all four chapters, attending a wonderful outdoor meeting at Marsha Klosterman's vineyard on October 17th. It was a bring your own lunch & drink event with lots of laughs and fun while social distancing.

We quickly took care of business. The big discussion regarded the next WVDC meeting which would normally coincide with Winter Meeting. Since that is going to be a ZOOM meeting, we will try to plan a meeting on February 13th in Waldport hosted by Epsilon Theta.

Julie Rassmann



Chapter Check-ins

DELTA KAPPA, Hood River

Hopefully all of you had a safe summer and were able to have some "fun times" with your family. As we begin a new year, let's keep our spirits up and figure out ways that we can help our community without endangering anyone.

As we began our new year we decided to hold our monthly business meetings at members homes rather than at restaurants. This way we could social distance plus not have to worry if a restaurant was open.

Bingo was cancelled in May, which is our biggest fundraiser so we had to come up with some alternatives. Our social committee decided on a garage sale (held last month) and selling Christmas gifts/items from a catalog (ended this month). Both turned out to be profitable and it was nice to put some money back in our coffers. Every little bit helps in times like these!

Tami hosted the zoom Northwest District Meeting at her home. Although not everyone was able to attend, it was a good turnout. Our chapter ended up winning two awards for our yearly reports:

First place for "Outstanding Chapter", written by Tami Arthur.
First place for "Rushing" report, written by Martha Hoskins.

Congratulations ladies, well done!!

Our October social was held at Stave & Stone Winery. Since we were unable to have our installation banquet as scheduled, Martha did the honors and installed Patti Fortier. It was long overdue because of COVID, but not forgotten. Congratulations and welcome again Patti!



As we head into the holiday season, lend a helping hand whenever possible -- even if it's just opening a door for someone. It's been a rough year for everyone and any act of kindness is appreciated. Take care of one another and have a blessed holiday season with family and friends!!

From your sister chapter in the Columbia Gorge

Delta Xi, Portland

Delta Xi held their meetings in September and October on decks and patios, outside. With the change in weather, we have decided to try ZOOM for the winter. We can at least see each other and can conduct business.

Even though we are maintaining social distancing, we are providing and delivering meals to the HIV Day Center and Clark Center. We continue to clip coupons and are gathering items for Vet Kits for Easter Seals. Snowcap is another one of our projects where we have collected canned goods for their food bank. Members also participated in the St. Jude Walk and the Walk for Easter Seals.

While we are going what we can, we all miss not being together and working together.



We have been busy learning to have our meeting by ZOOM. At the end of each meeting we take time for each of us to talk about what we have been doing in our lives. By doing this we have a sense of connection with each other. Our committees are working on Thanksgiving Baskets letting each recipient family decide if they prefer we shop for them or give them a gift certificate. We love to do the shopping but understand that this year will be trying.

The Sisterhood decided not hold our annual charity auction. Instead we are sending out letters to all our past supporters to support us once again but this time with a monetary donation.

We finally recognized our Outstanding Member, Janet Huston. Presenting her with Oregon States Outstanding Member Certificate and a beautiful cheese board & knife. The Sisterhood presented her with flowers in her favorite color, red!



ALPHA UPSILON, HILLSBORO, OREGON

Charlie Brown is about to kick the football into the end zone and over the uprights when, lo and behold, Lucy pulls the ball from the tee and he ends up kicking air. Isn't that what we feel like this year hoping to go from Phase 1 to Phase 2 and beyond as we combat Covid-19 with face masks, hand sanitizer, and social distancing? We think we're going to kick that ball into the next and more open phase only to get the ball grabbed away - AARRGGHH! Hang in there sisters!

Do you wonder what we are doing to cope with the **Covid Rules**? My recent "survey" says rock painting, puzzles, fly fishing, BBQ poolside, listening to music, country rides, book reading, more TV movies than usual, mask making (over 450), house painting, landscaping, refinishing a garage, walking (therapy), sunset gazing, rides along the coast, making phone calls, American Legion Auxiliary, baking **and** eating and feeling blessed and grateful as we think of grandparents who coped with the 1918 Spanish Flu!

We loved that after a couple of cancelations, the **74th Oregon State Council Convention** was held via **Zoom** this year and it was great! We congratulate our newly installed officers, wishing for a great year and knowing it will be one they **never** will forget! We are so proud of our own **AU Chapter's Linda Gratteri**, State President! Linda has been a hard worker from first joining Alpha Upsilon over 17 years ago, serving as Chapter President, Northwest District President and now State President! She is a bundle of pure energy and her enthusiasm is the best medicine ever! She is working with a great team too!

Alpha Upsilon has a new Philanthropic Project, **Acts of Kindness**, for the benefit of **Easter Seals**. A basket of goodies is delivered by an AU sister who has drawn another sister's name, perhaps staying for a visit. In turn, the receiving sister draws another sister's name, replaces the goodies with new ones, writes a check to Easter Seals, sending it to the Philanthropic Committee and delivers the basket of new goodies to the next sister. This is a fun way to brighten a day of a sister, keep in touch and contribute to **Easter Seals**.

Our **Families in Need Project** for Christmas will be to help a family who lost their home in the recent coastal fires. We have also contributed to the Detroit Fire Department to help replace equipment lost in the fires of central Oregon. We certainly wish every one of our ESA sisters a safe and healthy Holiday Season.

Last month we reported on **our Hope for Heroes Project** and all the boxes of treats that were sent plus the softball gloves. This month we even made the **Hillsboro Tribune**, with photos. It is always good to receive community recognition for our philanthropic efforts.

Stay well sisters!

Mask-wearing Patsy McLean, AU Publicity Chair

ALPHA UPSILON, HILLSBORO, OREGON



ALPHA ZETA, Eugene

Since we last met in the Grapevine, we have had meetings in August, October and November. So far, all the meetings have been held outdoors enabling us to keep 6 feet apart all the while wearing our face masks.

Our meeting in September was cancelled due to the heavy smoke enveloping the state.

However, we have been able to present three educational about our Bucket List Journeys. As of this date we have traveled to Yellowstone, Kenya and Alaska. We are looking forward to places such as Italy, River Cruise in Europe, etc. The requirement for the educational that it be to a place the presenter has not visited. Hence the Bucket List Journeys. Our newest member, Melissa Gilliam, did a bang-up job taking us on a trip to Yellowstone. We were a little sorry we let her go first. She raised the bar VERY high for the rest of us. She is making us shake off some the dust. Did I mention that we love her?

Speaking of our newest member, an installation ceremony was held in October for Melissa. She is now a full-fledged member and we are expecting big things from her. Linda Howes performed the ceremony.

We continue to collect pull tabs, clip coupons and any individual volunteer efforts.

We are looking forward to our annual Christmas lunch at Sandy Diess' house at which time we will reveal our Secret Santas. This is always a good time for conversation and excellent food.

Happy Thanksgiving and Merry Christmas to all.

And then she said...



Control, Alt
Delete??

...and then she said,

"Yes, but I can't get it to do that!" "No, I'm not stupid" I know where the 'escape' button is

Of course, she was talking about that dang blamed computer. Where do they find the names to describe what you push, when, and in what order to get the du-hicky to make that what-cha-ma-call-it come up on the screen?

Are we supposed to have to memorize what F2 does? Yes, I can see it but I'm not going to push it until I know exactly what's going to happen when I do! And what about F9? There's an itty-bitty, little picture that looks like a side-ways popsicle.... Even with bi-focals I can see what the picture is on F6.

Oh, and what the dbl H E toothpick is a GIF? a lossless format for image files that supports both animated and static images. Or: a file in GIF format. That explains it.

Why can't it just be a comic face... Where do they come up with these new words? And, an icon? An icon is a person or thing regarded as a representative symbol or as worthy of veneration. "*this iron-jawed icon of American manhood*" No? Could have fooled me.

...and now.... ZOOM. Oh, yes indeed. I need another thing to learn at my age just to be able to talk to people I know and see them smile back at me. Worth it, sure. Since hugs are out and my soul requires the participation of others in my life if even only superficially... I'll learn it.... but I don't have to like it!! Oh... and don't forget to brush your teeth. On Zoom you can take off your mask. 😊

You know, I might have become something of a wizard on this silly thing if they'd use English words to define what they're talking about!

Remember: [YouTube Zoom tutorial](#)

Type that in the little box, hit the X and watch the video... take notes... See Ya!

I Call Shotgun...

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Oregon State Highway Map

Oregon's roads take you to vistas unlike any you've seen. Descend into deep, colorful canyons or drive along blue, cascading rivers.

Oregon's 7 Regions – have you visited them all?

Central Oregon – high desert playground – skiing, hiking, climbing, cycling, fishing, rafting, golf

Eastern Oregon – where history & adventure collide – canyons, twisting rivers, alpine wilderness and lonesome ghost towns

Mt. Hood & Columbia River Gorge – outdoor wonderland home to tremendous river gorge, scenic vistas, gushing waterfalls and the state's highest peak

Oregon Coast – 363 miles of stunning public coastline dotted with lighthouses, fishing villages & dramatic scenery

Portland Region – bustling urban core famous for culture & communities ringed by forests, farms, rivers & rolling hills

Southern Oregon – ethos of arts & culture thriving among wild rivers, deep caves & awe-inspiring Crater Lake

Willamette Valley – woodsy cityscapes cradled by vineyards, forests, farms, inspiring crafts, adventures & everyone

**ESA – Journey of the Heart
2020 – 2021**

Greetings from my heart to yours! What a journey we are on!! Who would have thought our always so much fun Convention would be cancelled? Who would have thought we would be using something called ZOOM? This is certainly a new dawn, a time of expanding our horizons and learning new ways to get things done.

Do you remember how you started on your own journey in ESA? Mine began when I finally made the decision to join Alpha Upsilon. Those members were so active and had so many projects that I didn't feel I could devote that amount of time. But when I finally joined, I immediately learned what I had missed. My first State Convention in Pendleton with Donna Cassidy as President was so memorable with the Flag Ceremony, the beautiful Celebration of Life, the camaraderie of sisterhood, loving and friendly members from all parts of Oregon, and just being there with my chapter ... what an awesome experience! The more I got involved, the more I became convinced that ESA is a truly special organization. There is none other like it! I think of the members who joined when their children were young, and now those children have children and even grandchildren! And the sisterhood and friendships have stayed intact. Many of our precious members, sadly, have passed away. But they leave their legacy of love for ESA and all that it stands for, and it is up to us to keep this wonderful organization vibrant and alive.

We in ESA are so lucky to have each other – to laugh with and to lean on – and I am so honored and humbled to be your President, especially right now, during this time. We are going to face many challenges on our journey this year, but WE CAN DO IT! The bigger the challenge, the greater the opportunity! Let's keep on loving and laughing and leaning on each other while we continue on our journey.

Linda Gratteri

Oregon State Council President





ESA State Council	Treasurer Report	6/19/2020 to 11/10/2020	
Beginning Balance 6/19/2020			\$10874.54
Income			
	State Dues	2070.00	
	Presidents Yearbook	261.30	
	Grapevine	15.00	
			\$2346.30
Expense			
	Grapevine	143.97	
	Presidents Yearbook	346.40	
	IC Dues	45.00	
	Presidents gift	75.00	
	Zoom License	149.00	
	Western States Dues	10.00	
	2020 Convention & Winter Mtg		
	Zoom fee	53.33	
			\$822.70
Ending Balance			\$12398.14
Certificate of Deposit	(Matures in July 2021)		\$4085.07

Douglas District Council	2020 Proposed Convention Budget	
INCOME		Actual
Registration Fees	\$11700.00	\$4969.00
Banquet Guests	350.00	
Late Fees	0.00	
Sale of Decorations	0.00	
State Buffer Fee	500.00	
Douglas District Advance		\$750.00
TOTAL	\$ 12550.00	5719.00
EXPENSES		
Mill Casino Deposit	500.00	\$750.00
President & Representative Rooms	680.00	
President & Representative Reg.	260.00	
President & Representative Gifts	125.00	
Printing	600.00	\$35.50
Decorations and Favors	400.00	
Registration Refunds	300.00	\$4969.00
Perks, Coffee Service, Etc.	172.00	
Meals & 18% Gratuity	7550.00	
Facility, Equipment	1275.00	
No Host Bars & Misc.	688.00	
Postage		\$18.15
TOTAL	\$12550.00	\$5772.65
FINAL TOTAL		- \$53.65

ESA Oregon State Council Awards 2019-2010

Outstanding Chapter

1st Place – Delta Kappa, Hood River

2nd Place – Delta Xi, Portland

3rd Place – TIE between Alpha Zeta, Eugene and Gamma Beta, Grants Pass

Educational

1st place – Linda Howes, Alpha Zeta, Eugene

2nd place – Lynn Hughes, Gamma Beta, Grants Pass

3rd place – Anne Scissons, Omega Mu, Albany

DISTINGUISHED ATHENIAN – Ann Widick, Delta Xi, Portland

Rushing

1st place – Delta Kappa, Hood River

2nd place – Alpha Zeta, Eugene

3rd place – Delta Xi, Portland

Philanthropic

Philanthropic Hours:

1st place: Alpha Zeta, Eugene, 136.44 hours per member

2nd place: Omega Mu, Albany, 110.56 hours per member

3rd place: Alpha Upsilon, Hillsboro, 107.43 hours per member

Philanthropic Monies:

1st place: Delta Xi, Portland \$14,190 per member

2nd place: Alpha Zeta, Eugene, \$7,366 per member

3rd place: Alpha Upsilon, Hillsboro, \$6,336 per member

Easter Seals

Easter Seals Hours:

1st place: Omicron Omega, Portland, 18.60 hours per member

2nd place: Delta Xi, Portland, 10.29 hours per member

3rd place: Delta Kappa, Hood River, 2.19 hours per member

Easter Seals Monies:

1st place: Omicron Omega, Portland, \$1,317.60 per member

2nd place: Delta Xi, Portland, \$390.00 per member

3rd place: Beta Eta, Sutherlin, \$71.29 per member

Circle of Life (St Jude) Awards

Circle of Life Hours:

1st place: Delta Kappa, Hood River, 37 hours per member

2nd place: Omega Mu, Albany, 16 hours per member

3rd place: Delta Xi, Portland, 8 hours per member

Circle of Life Monies:

1st place: Delta Xi, Portland \$12,193.00 per member

2nd place: Gamma Beta, Grants Pass \$4,190.00 per member

3rd place: Omicron Omega, Portland \$971.00 per member