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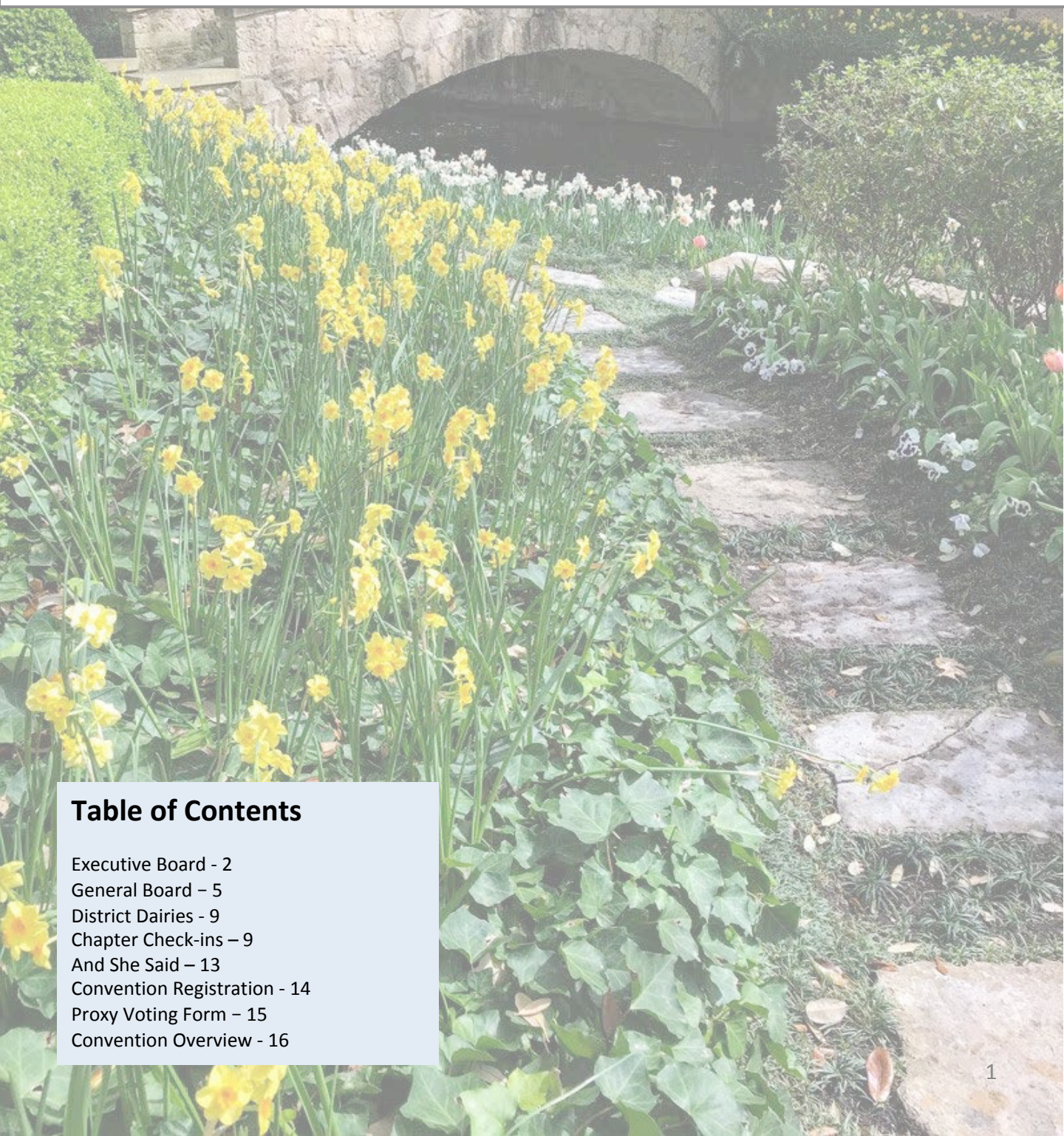
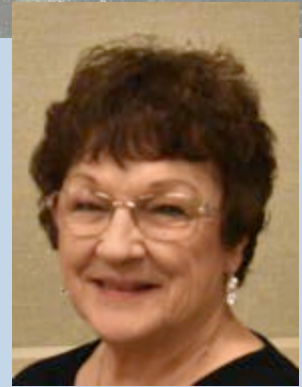


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Executive Board

State President



From Your Almost Past State President

The journey we've travelled this year was certainly strange ... but we came through! In fact, it passed so fast that 2020 seems almost non-existent. Oregon chapters should be very proud for carrying on with projects and meetings while working around roadblocks. And we all learned about this new thing called ZOOM! With Carolyn's and Patty's expertise, ZOOM enabled us to have the 2020 Convention and Leadership and 2021 Winter Meeting . We were able to see each other with-out leaving our homes! It was like inhaling fresh oxygen! With hope and prayer, 2021-2022 will be a new beginning, leaving the dark shadow of COVID behind us.

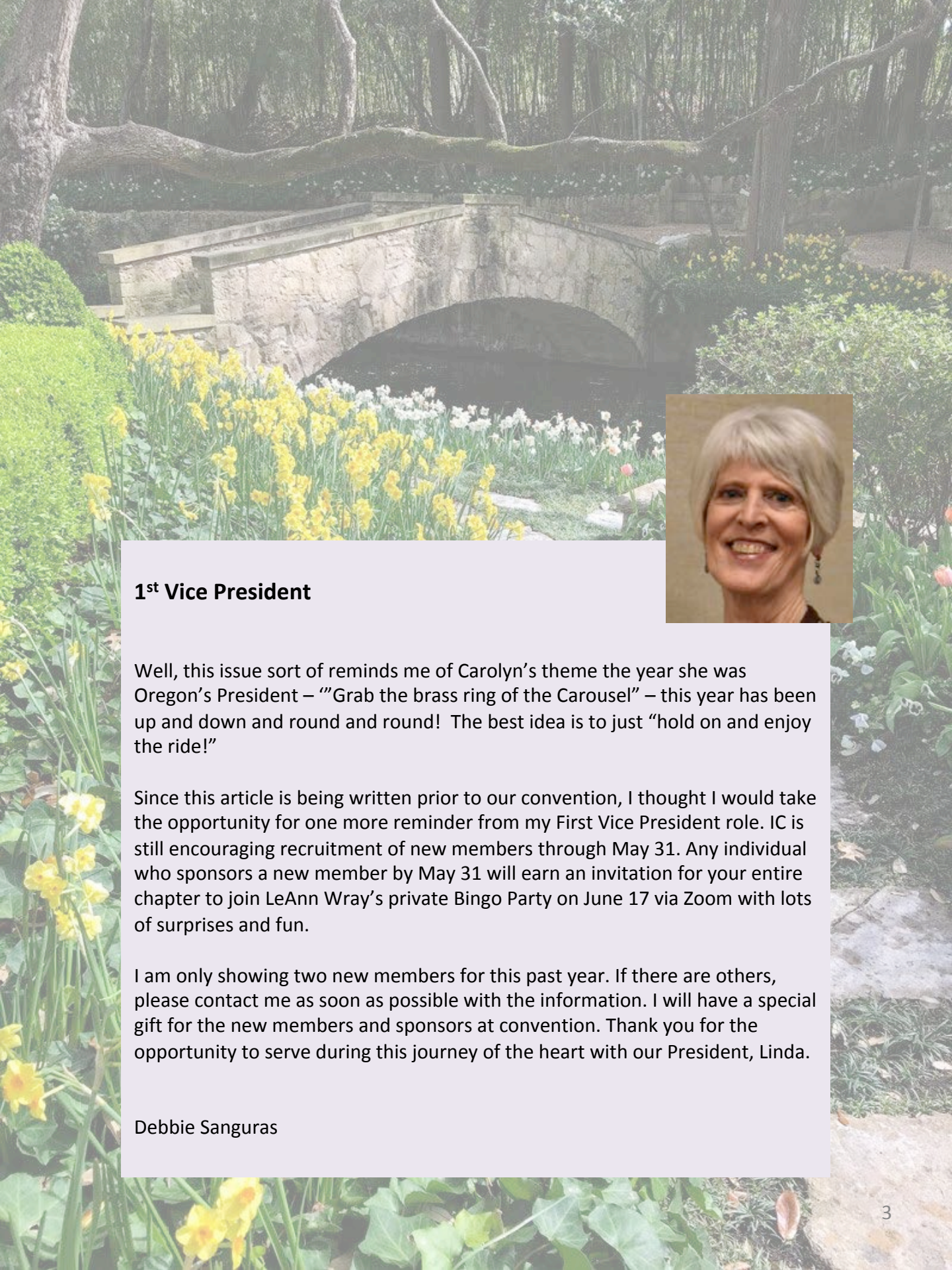
And now ... for 2021 State Convention with all the gaiety we've shared in the past! Friday night we will meet IC Treasurer Brenda Meyers; we will view and vote on crafts in the Association of the Arts; we'll have fun with the Candidates Faire; we'll play Bingo for St. Jude; and there will be other exciting activities taking place. The meetings will start on Saturday morning with the meaningful Flag Ceremony; we get to enjoy and visit with each other during the Awards Luncheon; and we will end the day with the always beautiful Installation, banquet and other prestigious awards. Sunday morning will begin with the Celebration of Life for loved ones who have passed; a delicious brunch; and this year, a Hope For Heroes speaker with a new-to-us heartfelt program for our Vets. To top it all, WE GET TO BE WITH EACH OTHER AGAIN!!

In preparing for Convention, I beg each of the outgoing chairs to bring your files/books to pass on to the next chair. Please find a time to do this during the weekend, or at least get them to the next chair before the end of summer. This year has been especially difficult since many of you didn't get to receive these files before taking on your new duties. If any of you find you have one of these things in your possession from a past year, please bring them.

Chapters, please see that your roster with new officers are printed and given to Donna Cassidy, 2021-22 Corresponding Secretary. Please bring five (5) copies for distribution. Very important: Be sure that all email addresses are correct!

And now, we look forward to a fun and fantastic year ahead with Debbie Sanguras and her Board at the helm!

Linda Gratteri



1st Vice President

Well, this issue sort of reminds me of Carolyn’s theme the year she was Oregon’s President – “Grab the brass ring of the Carousel” – this year has been up and down and round and round! The best idea is to just “hold on and enjoy the ride!”

Since this article is being written prior to our convention, I thought I would take the opportunity for one more reminder from my First Vice President role. IC is still encouraging recruitment of new members through May 31. Any individual who sponsors a new member by May 31 will earn an invitation for your entire chapter to join LeAnn Wray’s private Bingo Party on June 17 via Zoom with lots of surprises and fun.

I am only showing two new members for this past year. If there are others, please contact me as soon as possible with the information. I will have a special gift for the new members and sponsors at convention. Thank you for the opportunity to serve during this journey of the heart with our President, Linda.

Debbie Sanguras

2nd Vice President

As we all know reports, reports, and reports were due! Yikes!!!

My judges have read the “Outstanding Chapter” reports and made their selections. You will learn who the winners are at Convention. Actually, I was impressed with the Chapters who took the time to send reports in! What an amazing group we are!

Ballots for the slate of officers will be in your boxes at Convention. Make sure you bring your proxies so all members have a voice.

I have had a very good year... challenging, but heartwarming, because so many of you step up when called upon. I’ve always felt that the three best things about belonging to this wonderful group are: fellowship, philanthropy, and education. Doesn’t get much better than that!

Big Virtual Hugs to you all!
Julie



Editors Note: Proxy form is attached



Jr Past President

As we still navigate this uncertain world, I’m trying to figure out how I can say good bye to the most uncommon of years. Being in charge of the Disaster Fund, I had to be creative in raising money. I thought my email auction for a quilt went well. We raised \$1150 as I ended up doing 2 quilts. The total for the year is over \$3320, with 12 chapters contributing, 2 districts, and several individuals. I think that is great.

I have greatly missed seeing all of you, and am so excited about Convention. I think we have great leadership, ladies who have been very willing to improvise and make the best of a bad situation. I am excited about things returning to normal one day. And on the unlikely event something happens to convention, you should all know that I’m going anyway and you all are welcomed to join me!!!

See you in June,
Marsha Klosterman

General Board

Note from the President's desk -

The following are the reports I've listed on the Agenda under "Officer Reports:"

Membership
Disaster Fund

The following are the reports I've listed on the Agenda under "Appointed Board Reports:"

Archives
Chaplain
Easter Seals
ESA Foundation
Historian
Parliamentarian
Publicity
St. Jude
Western States Council

All other chairs will give their report when presenting awards; or where they are listed separately on the Agenda. Ex: Financial Report, Gavels, etc.

If you are on the list above and you find that you don't have a report after all, just stand and say no report. You can always write a short report and hand it to Joyce Hodge, Recording Secretary. We have a full agenda so are trying to keep the reports as short as possible - no more than 5 minutes.

Please feel free to email or call me if you have any questions. Thank you so very much for hanging in there with me this year!

Linda Gratteri

Editor's Note: Convention Reminder – each Chapter & District needs to bring five (5) copies of your roster to Convention. This information is shared with the incoming State Executive Board, Chaplain & Grapevine Editor.

If your Chapter/District will not be represented at Convention, please email your roster to Donna Cassidy at cassidy97213@comcast.net or mail to her at 5614 NE Thompson Street, Portland 97213

Hello from your Easter Seals chair

I was so glad that our Easter Seals friends got to be with us for the Winter Zoom Meeting and we learned so much about their current programs. How they are helping veterans and how the summer camps are coming together. They will not be with us for the Convention in June, but sent a couple of requests when I requested. On Monday, April 19, Ellen Catania sent the following:

"Hi Karen,

Thank you for offering to inspire and collect donations of items from your members at the ESA State Convention.

Here is what our program directors said would be very, very helpful to children and adults this summer:

- 1. "It would be amazing to have items that we can give out when doing outreach to the veterans who are homeless. Even things as simple as water bottles and granola bars would be great."*
- 2. "Camp usually has 'Christmas in July' for the campers. In the past, they have loved donated hot wheels and teddy bears! We don't have anything to provide for them this year...so donated new hot wheels and stuffed animals would be wonderful."*

Ellen"

(She wondered if this was too much to ask but I am sure if you can, you will bring something - BUT PLEASE DO NOT BRING BOTTLED WATER TO THE CONVENTION. I WILL PICK SOME UP IN PORTLAND AND TAKE IT TO EASTER SEALS.

The Tulip Sale / Bloomfest did very well. I know I picked up tulips for several people who ordered and others did too. Alpenrose Dairy really stepped up and helped out. Their employees and customers purchased an amazing amount and helped increase the camp coffers.

Hope to see you all at convention.
Karen McNeil

Western States Council

Just a reminder for WSRC members, that 2020 and 2021 dues are due.

Please send your \$4.00 check to Judy Huntley at 378 Valley View Road, Sutherlin, OR 97479 **ASAP**.

We will also collect dues at the State Convention.

Sandy Diess



Chaplain

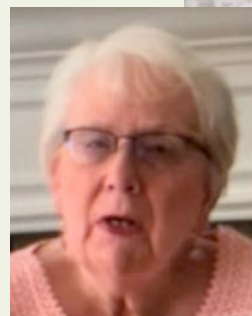
Delta Kappa, Hood River

Wanted to let you know that Martha Hoskins had a small stroke last Sunday 5/2. She is doing fine and is home. I think that she would really enjoy it if our ESA sisters would send a card or a note.

Her address is.....

Martha Hoskins
511 Country Club Rd.
Hood River, Oregon
97031

MarthaHoskins@charter.net



Beta Iota, Roseburg

Carolyn Warren wants to thank everybody for the emails and cards after her latest knee surgery

Carolyn

ST JUDE

It is that time of year again. September 25th is the St. Jude Walk/Run. There will be a in person event and a virtual event. It will be at the Sellwood River Park in SE Portland.

Registration will be free. And JoAnne's ESA WARRIORS are back.

Friday night at Convention after the Candidates fare there will be a Bingo fundraiser for St. Jude.

To register or donate to go stjude.com

Look forward seeing you all.
JoAnne

ESA FOUNDATION COUNSELOR

CREDENTIALS UPDATE:

PLEASE REMIND THE MEMBERS TO BE SURE TO UPDATED THEIR E-MAIL ADDRESS WITH ESA HEADQUARTERS TO ENSURE VOTING BALLOTS REACH THEM.

DUES, DONATIONS, AND TURNAROUND FUNDS:

AS PART OF THE MEMBER SUITE IMPLEMENTATION. WE ARE NOW REQUIRED TO SUBMIT MONEY FOR THE TURNAROUND FUNDS SEPARATELY FROM OTHER ESAF DONATIONA, TO MAKE IT EASIER TO MANAGE, WE HAVE SPLIT THE TURNAROUND FUND DONATION FORM FROM THE GENERAL CONTRIBUTION FORM.

IF YOU ARE MAKING DONATIONS TO BOTH, PLEASE SEND SEPARATE CHECKS FOR EACH FORM SO THAT HEADQUARTERS CAN PROCESS THE DONATIONS CORRECTLY. DONATION FORMS MAY BE FOUND ON THE WEBSITE; [HTTPS:// EPSILONSIGMAALPHA.ORG/CONTRIBUTE](https://EPSILONSIGMAALPHA.ORG/CONTRIBUTE)

BARB MOSS

Editor's Note: Winter Meeting Adventure Challenge Workshop entries are posted on the ESA Oregon Website

District Dairies

Eastern District Council would like to invite all our Oregon Sisters to:

Oregon State Leadership
September 24 – 26, 2021
Boardman, OR

Registration forms will be in Mail Boxes on
Sunday morning at State Convention

Chapter Check-ins

Delta Gamma, Florence

Our ZOOM meeting on April 5th was a little different this time. Outgoing President Julie Rassmann installed our new officers for 2021-2022 virtually. What a great group of sisters to lead us for the next year!

President – Marsha Klosterman
Recording Sec. – Christine Cole
Treasurer – Jane Yecny

Vice President – Lori Johnson
Corresponding Sec. – Janet Huston



For several years now, we have sold flowering baskets as a fundraiser and it is always a success. It's fun to pick out the baskets and then deliver them to those who support us. Of course, we all buy a couple for ourselves, as well! So next year, if you want to purchase one, just let us know next April.

As the pandemic continues, so do the needs of families in our community. We are continuing to help several families. And as said in last month's Grapevine, we can do this because of the success of our 'online/mail/virtual Auction/Fundraiser'.

MARK YOUR CALENDARS! Our next Annual Charity Auction is scheduled for **November 13th** at the Florence Events Center. We will have plenty of room, great food and drinks, and of course, our fabulous auction items for which we are so famous.



Delta Xi, Portland

As our year comes to a close, we look back at all we have accomplished. While the past year feels like it has been non-existent, we done more than we thought. We have provided meals for Jean's Place, Clark Center, and the HIV Day Center. Our last HIV Day Center luncheon featured pie for dessert. That was the hit of the year. They love the desserts. We have had feedback from all three groups that they have enjoyed our meals. We have not been able to serve them, due to Covid Protocols, but we have made sure they are well fed.

Several members worked with the Tulip sales for Easter Seals. This year it was all outside and everyone was masked up. Dick and Mary Lambert delivered tulips around the area. It was fun to see people while helping the programs at Easter Seals.

We have been able to hold our plant sale this year. Our sales were good and now we wait for the delivery very soon.

With most of our members having been vaccinated, we are hoping to get together for our May meeting when we will be installing our new President Donna Cassidy. It has been many months since we have been able to all be together.

We are looking forward to State Convention and seeing everyone there. Hopefully the coming year will be much better for all of us.

Kathy State

Editor's Note: Delta Xi pictures on the next page

Delta Xi, Portland pictures



Alpha Upsilon, Hillsboro

Alpha Upsilon is happy to announce the new slate of officers for 2021/2022 are: President, JoAnn Lumaco, VP, Ann Torgerson, Treasurer, Claudia Hale, Corresponding Secretary, Carolyn Fowler, Recording Secretary, Rennia Meek, Parliamentarian, Linda Gratteri and Jr. Past President, Sue Horton. Our Installation Banquet will be held on Wed., May 19, at the Hillsboro Elks' Lodge in Hillsboro. Jo's theme is Dr. Seuss since we all need a little whimsical-ness to cope with life in this time of the pandemic! Hitch up yer socks, we're in for some fun!

A big thanks to our Parliamentarian, Linda Gratteri, who reviewed our By- Laws and we voted unanimously to approve the changes and/or additions. This is time consuming and not an easy job! Kudos to Linda!

Easter Seals tulips were purchased – 51 bunches making a donation total of \$408. We also had donations of \$200 to St. Jude's and another \$615 to Easter Seals from the Traveling Basket and Choice-of-the-Month auctions. Congratulations to Connie Thiessen who is the winner of the Sun River Auction vacation.

We in Alpha Upsilon are so looking forward to the State Convention in Hood River! There are 11 of us planning to attend! Our State President, Linda Gratteri and her team have been working hard, making sure all goes well.

As we enter the last month of the 2020/2021 ESA year, we can be proud of our new-found knowledge of technology with ZOOM meetings and navigating through the difficulties of viewing, muting, unmuting, and just plain being able to "get on" in time to be included in the meetings! Our chapter President, Sue Horton, picked the theme of Charlie Brown and it was certainly a Charlie Brown year, with normalcy (like a football) being pulled out from under us. Although we missed gathering in person, in this year plus of the Covid, we are so fortunate to communicate by Zoom. We all are such social people and desperately need to gather, talk, laugh and commiserate with one another in person. Let's hope and pray for that day!

For a bit longer keep a little distance, wear a mask and pray for successful vaccinations for all!.....

Patsy McLean, Publicity

and then She said...

and then She said.....

Well, yes, I can understand '*slowing things down*', but '*winding down*', '*shutting down*', '*putting on the brakes*', '*slowing up*', '*taking it easy*', '*taking a break*', and so many more EUPHEMISMS can all kind of mean the same things.

Shouldn't words be more specific so they aren't mis-interpreted or mis-understood?

- Winding down = draw gradually to a close
- Shutting down = to cease operation
- Putting on the brakes = to stop the progress of
- Slowing up = marked decline in activity
- Taking it easy = proceed calmly in a relaxed manner
- Taking a break = stop doing something for a short time

To slow things down: it starts to move more slowly or happen more slowly.
A Euphemism is: a mild or indirect word or expression substituted for another word considered too harsh or blunt.

Words are so very important when we are trying to communicate with one another because they don't always mean the same to, or be interpreted the same by, everyone. We can only hope others will understand what we mean and not just what we may have said! Depending on the seriousness of any given situation, words can enhance or destroy positive end results.'

Let's be careful out there!



ESA OREGON STATE CONVENTION 2021
"THE HEART KNOWS THE WAY"

June 4-6, 2021

Best Western Plus-Hood River Inn, OR

Convention Registration Deadline: *May 21* ~~May 4~~, 2021

Late Registration received after, must be accompanied by late fee of \$10.00
Request for refund must be received by Registration Chair in writing by **June 3, 2021**
(as per policy & procedures)

Room Reservation Deadline is: May 4, 2021

To make your reservations at Best Western Hood River Inn: call 1-800-828-7873
Rooms range are: \$135.99-\$149.99-\$159.99-\$185.99 \$195.99- Suites \$285.99 + tax
Be sure to mention "OREGON ESA Convention NW District"

Please fill out all Applicable spaces and 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 _____

Please list any Special Dietary needs _____

Please select one of Saturday's Banquet entree's

_____ Stuffed Roasted Portobello Mushroom with Spinach & Quinoa (V)

_____ All natural bone in Chicken Piccata with Lemon & Capes

_____ All Natural Herb Roasted Pork Loin

Entree's come with Caesar Salad, Chef's choice of Accompaniments, Rolls with butter
& Fruit Tartlets with Lemon Curd + Coffee, Hot/Cold Tea's

Member Registration \$150.00 _____ Late Fee (if applicable) \$10.00 _____

Guest for Banquet \$40.00 _____ Guest full Registration \$150.00 _____

Guest for Luncheon only \$20.00 _____

Enclosed Total \$ _____

Checks Payable to: Northwest District Council.

Mail Registration to: Lianne Stinton- 22696 SW Kruger Rd Sherwood, OR 97140
503-307-4623

**Oregon State Council
2020-2021**

Proxy Authorization

Send or present to Credentials Chairman prior to opening of all Official State meetings.

To: Judith Huntley
378 Valley View Road
Sutherlin, OR. 97479
jhuntley@teleport.com

Meeting: _____

Date: _____

I, the undersigned, _____
(Name of Member)

Duly Authorize, _____
(Name of Person to hold Proxy)

To cast my vote at the Official Oregon State Council Meeting. I have included my specific voting instructions or given them directly to my authorized proxy.

Per the authorization designating you to carry the proxy votes for me, I am instructing you to vote for me as follows:

NO PROXY BALLOTS WILL BE ISSUED WITHOUT THIS PROXY FORM



**“The Heart Knows the Way”
75th Oregon State Convention 2021
Hood River, Oregon**

Friday – June 4, 2021

3:00 – 6:00 PM	Registration and Credentials ESA Foundation Credentials (if needed) Raffle Sales – Delta Kappa Drop off for 2021-2022 Rosters Mailbox Drop Off and check In	Southeast Lobby
1:30-2:30 PM	Executive Board Lunch	Mt Adams Room
3:00 – 5:30 PM	Association of Arts Check-In	Columbia Room
4:00 – 5:00 PM	Gavels Meeting	
5:00 – 7:00 PM	Dinner on your own	
7:15 – 10:00 PM	Mixer – “Share the Spirit of Our Journey with ESA Friends” Hosted by Omicron Omega Meet and Greet IC Representative Brenda Meyers Association of Arts – View and vote – Jean Forsman Silent Auction of Archives – Carolyn Warren Raffle Sales – Delta Kappa	Columbia Room
7:45 PM	Candidates Faire – Hosted by Julie Rassmann	
8:25 PM	Gavel Induction of Marsha Klosterman – Joy Serkowney and Gavels	
8:55 PM	Bingo for St Jude’s – Joanne McKenney	
9:55 PM	Raffle Winners	

Breakfast on your own Saturday morning



Saturday – June 5, 2021

7:00 – 8:00 AM	Registration and Credentials ESA Foundation Credentials (if needed) Drop off for 2021-2022 Rosters Mailbox Drop Off and check In	Southeast Lobby Columbia Room
7:00 AM	Flag Ceremony Rehearsal	Columbia Room
8:00 AM	Doors Close to assembly	
8:10 AM	Opening Ceremony	Columbia Room
8:40 – 11:30 AM	First General Assembly	Columbia Room
11:30 AM	<u>Break</u>	
12:00 – 2:30 PM	Awards Luncheon “Our Magical Journey Begins” Hosted by Delta Xi The candidates will gather in the Mt Hood room for election results immediately following the luncheon.”	Columbia Room
2:45- 3:15 PM	Workshop - "Highway Robbery - What Can You Steal?" by Carolyn Warren	Columbia Room
	<u>Adjourned for the Day</u>	
4:00 PM	Ballroom closed for Banquet set-up	Columbia Room
4:00 PM	Installation Rehearsal	Columbia Room
4:15 PM	Kitchen staff and decoration admitted	Columbia Room
5:15 PM	New Board Photos	
5:30-6:45 PM	No-Host Social Hour No host bar located in ballroom	Columbia Room
6:55 PM	Doors Close for Installation Chapters Assigned Seating	Columbia Room
7:00 PM	Installation Ceremony No photos allowed during the ceremony	Columbia Room
7:30-9:00 PM	Banquet – “Inspired by the Beauty of Our Journey” Hosted by Delta Kappa	Columbia Room
9:00-9:30 PM	Reception line for new board on exiting the room	



Sunday – June 6, 2021

7:30 AM	Set up and decorating for Brunch	Columbia Room
7:30-8:00 AM	Retiring and New Board members connect	Columbia Room
8:15 AM	Celebration of Life – Su McDonell, Chaplain	Columbia Room
9:00- 11:30 AM	Second General Assembly	Columbia Room
9:00-9:40 AM	Brunch “Together we Journeyed with Love in Our Hearts” Hosted by Alpha Upsilon	Columbia Room
12:00 PM	Adjournment – Closing Ritual	
	IC Convention Attendees meet briefly after closing ritual	

Have a safe journey home.

