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Executive Chefs (Executive Board)



President

Well, Happy New Year from the frozen tundra of Hood River, Oregon. As I sit here, the temperature is 9 degrees and I have only been out of my house twice in past week. We have all certainly had our share of change in 2021. But my heart is still full of hope for a bright 2022 with the end of COVID as we know it, better health for all & more peace and understanding.

I am still optimistic about a winter meeting when we can be together again & share those “hugs” which are so important for our well-being. The meeting is scheduled for Feb 19-20 in Albany so get your registrations in! Please let me know if you need time on the agenda. We will focus on the “main course” as we review progress toward our goals and “dig in” to complete our projects for the year. It will be a fun meeting. Then we can look forward to convention where we will enjoy our “just desserts.”

I will be contacting the President’s of our chapters in January to chat & share information. I still have gifts to give away in my drawings for Winter Meeting. I have been reviewing your articles in The Grapevine & making notes of those individuals and/or chapters who have been working on our goals of membership, new ideas or projects. Those names are going in the pot! I am so impressed at what you have been able to accomplish! Thanks again to our Grapevine Editors, Carolyn Warren & Patty Anderson for doing such a great job this year!

I feel the last few months have been a whirlwind of activity as I took several trips out of state in summer and two trips to Alabama in Nov & early Dec when my mom passed away. Thank you all for the lovely cards you sent. They were all special to me. Currently, my daughter, Tracy will be undergoing a “lumpectomy” for a recent cancer diagnosis. It was found early & she will have radiation after surgery. Since Tracy, son Austin and I are the only family here in Oregon, I will be busier than usual. However, I would still like to make it to your District Meetings so keep the invitations coming!

I cannot tell you how much ESA has meant to me over the years as we navigate life together. Our fun times together and the support & prayers of my ESA sisters make me happy. I understand it has been difficult to recruit new members with Covid restrictions, health concerns, etc. but the last couple years has reinforced just how important our ESA relationships are and how much the world still needs caring, giving women. So, let’s continue to reach out and invite other women to join us when we can.

On the lighter side, although I encourage healthy New Year’s Resolutions, I have to share this thought – “All you need is love! But a little chocolate now and then doesn’t hurt!

Let’s keep cooking!
Debbie

1st Vice President



First, I'd like to thank all of you who have sent me love and well wishes. By the time this is published in the Grapevine, I will be finished with my radiation treatment. Yahoo!

Second, I know that these days of Covid make it really difficult to not only get together, but to bring in new or returning past members. ZOOM isn't exactly the best way to meet and greet. Just remember, when you do bring someone in to our wonderful ESA family, send me your name along with the new member's name, and your name will be put into the drawing for a dinner with me!!!!

Third, I am asking you all to look over the list of Appointed Board & Standing Committee positions and volunteer. Choose a position with which you are comfortable or you can always step outside the box and do something totally new. There are many members who are more than willing to help you by answering your questions or pointing you in the right direction. That is one of the best things about ESA. We lend a helping hand in so many ways.

APPOINTED BOARD

Association of the Arts Chair

Awards Chair

Chaplain

Convention 2023 Chair

Distinguished Member/Youth Award

Documents/Parliamentarian (*Gavel*)

Easter Seal – Senior Chair Martha Hoskins

Junior Chair

Educational Director

ESA Foundation Counselor

Historian

Hope For Heroes/Care Connection

Leadership Chair – (*date*)

Leadership Co-Chair

Philanthropic Chair

St. Jude Coordinator-Senior Vicki Boler

St. Jude Coordinator – Junior

Western States Council Rep

Winter Meeting Chair (*date*)

STANDING COMMITTEES

(non-voting members of the Board)

Archivist

Auditing Committee Chair

Committee

Balloting Chair

Budget Committee Chair

Credentials Chair

Flag Ceremony

Publicity Chair

PLEASE VOLUNTEER, SO I DON'T HAVE TO BEG!!!!

Respectfully Submitted with Love and Hugs!

Julie

2nd Vice President

I hope everyone read the email that I sent out the middle of January about our need for help filling the executive board positions for 2022-2023. These are challenging times because we have not met in person. I know there are several members who would be great on the state executive board. I need your help and input to find them.



I need to have a slate of officers for the Winter Meeting so please communicate any suggestions you have. A BIG THANK YOU to Carolyn for helping me to communicate with everyone.

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Connie Russell

OREGON STATE COUNCIL Treasurer's Report 11/13/2021 to 01/09/2022



BEGINNING BALANCE		\$12872.19
DEPOSITS		\$145.00
12/02/21	State yearbooks	\$10.00
12/13/21	State dues - Alpha Lambda	\$120.00
01/06/22	Dues- Delta Xi new member	\$15.00
EXPENSES		\$295.10
12/03/21	Check 1553 Carolyn Warren – Grapevine	\$79.22
01/06/22	Check 1554 Chris York – State website	\$215.88
ENDING BALANCE		\$12722.09
Certificate of Deposit		
Matures 06/25/2022		\$4091.54

Penny Phelps 01/09/2022

Corresponding Secretary

Happy New Year, one and all! Like the rest of the world, I am hoping and praying for a more positive year. Luckily, I was born with the optimist gene so have been able to stay out of the doldrums, but disappointment in our ongoing struggle can certainly take its toll. Being able to look forward to seeing everyone, in-person, at Winter Meeting would be a great antidote. Fingers crossed!!!!

See you all in Albany!
Donna Cassidy

From Your Jr. Past President, State Disaster Fund Chair

This is once again a very strange year. I know we're all sick of hearing about the YOU-KNOW-WHAT! It's also a devastating year for so many people.

As I read the Chaplains' reports, it saddens me to see how many members and members' families have suffered loss of life, undergone major surgeries, and faced serious medical issues including COVID. And I wonder how many members have had to apply to the ESA Disaster Fund for financial help. Thankfully, it is there for ESA members in time of need. Therefore, it's important to continue donating to this Fund.

So far this year, Oregon chapters and members have contributed a total of \$250. I am hopeful that more donations will be forthcoming; in fact, I have faith that it will happen! Just remember that April 1 is the deadline for sending contributions and it will be here before we know it. Please write checks to "ESA Disaster Fund" and send them to me at 33779 SW Laurel Road, Hillsboro, OR 97123. Thank you for any and all donations, whether from individual members or chapters. Your generosity is very much appreciated!

In the meantime, stay well, stay safe and let's count our blessings. I hope to see you at Winter Meeting!

Linda Gratteri

Workshop

BOOKS BOOKS BOOKS

I am collecting books to sell at both Winter meeting and Leadership, if you have any that you'd like to donate please bring them along or get them to Jean either meeting. This is a fundraiser for our furry friends. Per 2021-2022 IC Presidents focus. All proceeds will be donated to an animal shelter in the name of ESA. Lets have fun and I know you all love to read so it's a win win....

See you all soon!!

Jean Forsman

Sous Chefs (General Board)

OUTSTANDING CHAPTER

This year our **Recipe for Success** is to have **every** chapter submit an **Outstanding Chapter form**.

What do you call your chapter? I call every chapter ""OUTSTANDING"". Now all you have to do is fill out the form and we will be able to recognize all your **ingredients** for success during this year. I know each of you have done many things to make your chapter **cook up** great ideas and help your members **spice up** their commitment. PLEASE take the time to fill out and send in the OUTSTANDING CHAPTER FORM. Now is the time to **set the timer** and start the process, the due date is April 1, 2022. The form is available on the ESA Oregon website, be sure to use the form updated in September 2021. If you start early it will be **piece of cake to finish the recipe**. If you have any questions or concerns, please let me know.

Ready for a fun filled Winter Meeting and looking forward to seeing you all at Convention. Please stay healthy and safe.

Connie Russell

Hope for Heroes

Welcome Home Veterans Program

The B.P.O.E. in partnership with the Department of Veteran's Affairs has pledged to help end veteran homelessness and to ensure every veteran has a safe, stable home. Through the Welcome Home Veterans program the Elks provide a home starter kit to homeless veterans moving into permanent housing. Included in the kit are items for the kitchen, bathroom, and bedroom such as pots/pans, dishes, groceries, paper products, cleaning supplies, bath towels, pillows, bedding and much more. If your group is interested in finding more about this program, contact me at orcycler@mac.com . You can also hear about the details when I give my report at Winter Meeting.

Lynn Hughes



ESA Foundation Update

Hi All!

Debbie has kindly asked me to serve on her board this year as your Foundation Counselor. Throughout the year I will be giving updated on how the foundation and Oregon are working together.

Last year Oregon donated \$3,681 to the ESA Foundation and put \$4,860 through the Turn-Around Fund

The contributions break down as

Dues and Fees: \$680

Fantasy Event: \$125

Foundation Fun Fest: \$100

General Fund: \$112

Life Active Grants (My Career, My Next Step): \$600

Perpetual Endowments: \$2,065

Oregon has 47 paid members of the Foundation. 14 members who are not paid currently, six of those are chapters. Several of the chapters were paid as of 2021. Please verify that your chapter membership is up to date.

The membership cost to join is \$25.00 and annual dues are \$15.00. If you are not a member, please join today. You can join/pay your annual dues several ways:

- Via the Epsilon Sigma Alpha webpage [Epsilon Sigma Alpha \(membersuite.com\)](http://EpsilonSigmaAlpha.com/membersuite.com); ([News :: ESA Oregon](#) for instructions on how to use the Epsilon Sigma Alpha website. The 5th document on the list of Grapevines is the USAF User Guide).
- Mail in a check to ESA Foundation 363 West Drake Road, Fort Collins, Colorado 80526;
- Give your check to the ESA Foundation Counselor for the state (Chris York) and she will mail it for you.

Please do not hesitate to contact me if you have any questions – or thoughts – about the Foundation.

Chris York (cristinayork@comcast.net)

Parliamentarian/Documents Chair

Reminders

- The Association of the Arts form has been updated
- Educational forms and requirements have been changed
- Outstanding Chapter forms and requirements have been changed.

These forms are on the WEB and also in this year's President's Yearbook. Please be sure to have the current form when completing your reports this year.

Kathy State

OUTSTANDING MEMBER

Happy New Year to everyone. We hope for a better year, and a happy and healthy new year.

Hope you are looking for that member in your chapter who is standing out for all their help and love for ESA.

I am looking forward to hearing about each of the outstanding members.

Hugs to all and hope to see you at Winter Meeting!!

Barb Moss

Historian Report

Happy New Year to every one of you! I know we're all hoping 2022 has some wonderful highlights for everyone.

Spending time with my sister in Medford and friends in Roseburg and Klamath over Thanksgiving and Christmas was such a wonderful thing. We were able to connect with a lot of Harold's high school friends and also feel like we slowed things down a bit – we just didn't feel so rushed to get things done, and felt more relaxed just to stop and visit. We feel very grateful we were able to do that this year.

I'm always so grateful for the incredible sisters I have who write me notes, call me, pray for me, think of me, even when a piece of paper or call is not involved. I honestly can feel it. What a wonderful membership, full of people who always put others in such high regard. It makes such a difference.

I have received some beautiful photos from chapters. One was a chapter group photo, one from another chapter and was their Christmas party photo, the second was shopping for the toy drive and their third photo was of their chapter serving breakfast for the vets at the Elks.

To recap rules to win wine. If you send in three photos, like the above chapter did, your chapter name goes into a box three times, giving you a better chance at winning a bottle of wine at Winter Meeting. At Winter Meeting, I will draw from the box, two Chapters, or twice, it could be the same chapter, and you will receive several bottles of wine if your chapter name is drawn.

I would love to get your photos of your chapter with a brief explanation of the event pictured. I'm excited for President Debbie to have a History that she can look back on years from now and smile. I'm asking that you send me your photos to my email address rather than my phone.

PLEASE SEND THEM FROM YOUR PHONE OR COMPUTER TO: nandog.reid@gmail.com

Again, call anytime if you have questions: 541-589-2071

Love, Nancy

Philanthropic

I hope everyone had a great holiday season. The weather certainly gave us some challenges. I personally loved the snow, but partly because I didn't have to go anywhere! I'm thinking that some of you have actually done more philanthropy during this time, helping your neighbors and organizations in your communities. Be sure you keep track. And remember, April 1st is coming quickly.

Marsha Klosterman



The Chaplains' Corner – next to each item is the date this was originally emailed out

Alpha Zeta, Eugene (11/27)

Sandra Bristow, Gavel, had an accidental 'trip' in her kitchen on Wed. Nov.24th, She fell on a tiled floor and broke her hip. Needless to say it's been a lousy couple of days. She had surgery at River Bend Hospital on Thanksgiving Day and in a couple days will be headed for a Rehab facility for a couple weeks. Dr had her up and walking early on Saturday morning. Her family and AZ chapter members are keeping her somewhat occupied and amused but know she would love to receive love, and well-wishes from her ESA sisters also. Her family will make sure she gets all greetings: 85007 Kensington Dr. Pleasant Hill, OR 97455 or email: sandrabristow@msn.com

Beta Iota, Roseburg (12/1)

We just learned that Vicki Boler's adult son Mike took his life yesterday 11/30. He leaves behind a wife and family.

We know they could definitely use thoughts and prayers at this time. If we learn more we will share.

Vicki & Lou Boler, 118 Ina St Myrtle Creek, OR 97457 vickiboler@aol.com

Update -

Vicki Boler would like to thank everyone for the outpouring of love. support and prayers through the emails and cards the family has received.

Gamma Beta & Alpha Iota, Grants Pass (12/29)

Marian Burns was a long time ESA member first in Alpha Iota and then in Gamma Beta Chapter both in Grants Pass, passed away on Dec. 15, 2021. Marian was born on Feb. 18, 1930, to Otto and Adele Doehring in Newberg, Oregon. She attended school in Newberg, and then went onto business college. In 1952, Marian married Gordon Burns. They had three children, Barbara, Steve, and Jim. She retired from working in the CSD for the State of Oregon. Marian and Gordon were very involved with the Southern Oregon Horse Racing Association. Their two sons were the jockeys known as "Burns Brothers".

She was involved in many organizations in the community and was also a member of United Methodist Church, in Grants Pass. Marian is survived by her sister, Mildred Riley; daughter, Barbara Forth, and son Jim Burns; four grandchildren, Ryan, Scott, Jenny and Justin; and six great grandchildren, Jordan, Grayson, Jaci, Jordann, Blake and Kylee. Preceded in death by her husband Gordon Burns and son Steve Burns. Service pending.



“Cooking is like love. It should be entered into with abandon or not at all.”

– Harriet Van Horne



The Chaplains' Corner, cont.

Delta Epsilon, LaGrande (1/4)

Lori Ritter's son Chris (and husband to former ESA member Liz Ritter) had an incident with a misfired fireworks that ended up burning his thigh.

At 2am 1/1/22 a firework went off incorrectly and blew straight into Chris' leg (upper thigh) burnt him badly, but we didn't know if the artery was damaged or not so we decided Lifelight was the best option. Arrived at Walla Walla at 3ish, went to surgery, and was doing good until his femoral artery burst at 4am this morning. 5 hours in surgery, a hospital change, and another 5 hours later and we hopefully are on the road to recovery again. He now has cow veins holding his femoral artery together. He will be in hospital for several days. Luckily the hospital is allowing very limited visitors. Please send prayers for no more complications and a speedy recovery.

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Liz Ritter 60828 Stockland Rd, Cove OR 97824

Peace be, Su

Chaplains & Editors note – Chaplain emails are sent to the Executive & General Boards, Chapter & District Presidents & Gavels. It is the thought that Chapter Presidents will forward message to their Chapter members.



Oregon State
Convention

The Mill Casino
Coos Bay, OR

Save the Date
May 20-21-22



One more addition to the
Convention info.

Just got this finalized and
are pretty excited about
this special event.

Flip to page 23 for more
information



Chapter Charcuteries

Delta Gamma, Florence

Our Sisterhood has been staying safe, but doing lots by extending a helping hand to members of our community and even beyond. We have been blessed with supporters of Delta Gamma who continue to support us financially even without us having to ask. They know what we do and want to be part of that effort.

We have two families that we have adopted for a second year. We also help when we learn of a need. Just recently one of our scholarship recipients lost almost everything in an apartment fire and we are giving her a helping hand as she tries to get re-established in another dwelling. There is so much need out there and it warms our hearts to be able to help.

We are lucky that we can meet in person at the 'The Mustard Seed' and still be safe, and it's always so much fun to see each other. Do we talk? Oh yes, we most certainly do!

Please stay tuned for updates on our November Auction. We are really hopeful that this year it will be a go.

Julie Rassmann



Delta Kappa, Hood River

Despite the pandemic, we held our December Bus. Meeting at China Gorge Restaurant. Handed our copies of the Oregon State Executive Board Recommendations and Member incentive program for the State will be discussed at a later date.

All are enjoying the beautiful Poinsettias we received from Karen McNeil of Delta Xi & still blooming. They are the best.

Shopping at Walmart for Les Schwab Toy Drive, Debbie, Penny & Martha had fun spending \$150.00 on kids of all ages. Our Christmas Party was held at Tami home picture taken by her tree. Pot Luck, Gift exchange and playing games was fun with Tracy, Penny, Debbie, Tami, Pattie, Kathy and Martha.

Our January Bus. Meeting was held at China Gorge Restaurant. Martha gave her Educational on Sand-daba. A species of flat fish found on the Pacific coastline. A delicate white fish & very tasty. Penny Ways and Means Chair reminded all about the Garage Sale in the spring and to continue saving items. We are working with Columbia Gorge Community College and Hood River Valley High School which both have gone through many changes to their programs with student applications process. Tami, Pattie and Martha and learning the new programs.

We will attend the Northwest District Council meeting February 5th at the Elks in Hillsboro with Alpha Upsilon Hosting.

Martha Hoskins





Alpha Upsilon, Hillsboro

Our Christmas meeting was presided over by President Jo Lumaco and dinner party (pictures enclosed) was a fabulous baked potato bar with many varied toppings. Our gift exchange began by each drawing a piece of paper with a Christmas song on it and you had to sing it or hum and whoever guessed it got to open a present from the pile. Much singing, laughing, giggling, oohing and aaaahing. Yes, we played the “steal the gift” game with it. Our Christmas party was held in the beautifully decorated home of Ann and J.V. Torgerson. To quote Patsy McLean, “my arriving to the December meeting from Lincoln City after being in chemo treatment and not having been to a meeting since May Installation of 2020, made it a real treat surprising everyone and it boosted my holiday spirits. It was the best medicine for me!”

There were various items left over from previous events which were put up for bid during our meeting. We made \$172 for Easter Seals from our Choice of the Month offerings. We did sell our Santa Suit for \$125 and it has been used by VFW several times. This, along with sales of Nan’s Glad Rags items (\$47.60), and NWD “left-overs” (\$10) brought a total of \$182.60 for St. Jude’s Research. Good show!

Our bid for the Palm Springs Vacation Condo closing is 1/13 and too late to report who won.

We are reminded to save our Christmas card fronts for St. Jude Ranch in Nevada for craft projects. (Not related to St. Jude’s Research)

Alpha Upsilon will be hosting the NW District meeting Saturday, Feb. 5, 2022 at the Hillsboro Elks’ Lodge and we look forward to seeing many of you there!

We trust we all will soon be meeting unmasked, no longer at arms’ length, and just be able to hug each other with the joy of friendship and sisterhood!

God bless everyone with a Happy, Healthy New Year 2022!

Patsy McLean





Delta Xi-Portland

We want to wish you all a Happy 2022 and Good Health throughout the year. In January Delta Xi celebrated their 64th year associated with ESA . We were chartered in 1958. Our birthday party was a great success with cupcakes, champagne and sparkling cider. We exchanged GAG gifts which brought a lot of laughs—everything between a tiny stuffed white mouse and Christmas wrapping paper. What more could you ask for?

We made \$536.00 at our Bingo night at the Milwaukie Elks. Money and coats were delivered to Trillium. We also picked Christmas Tags for suggested gifts for Trillium’s children. Lucky Chris Dole won the 50/50. Fun was had by all.

Our next Fund Raiser was our Poinsettia sale. We made \$532.00 which will help us do our good deeds throughout the year. We are no longer doing our Dinner-Auction so these fund-raisers are very important to us. Much of our “hands on” volunteer work has been postponed because of Covid. Our next Fund Raiser will be a wonderful five day stay at Sun River Resort donated by *Vacations International*. Tickets can be purchased through Karen McNeil for \$20.00 each. (mcneilka13@gmail.com or 503-724-0020) Drawing will be at Convention, May 22, 2022.

The Christmas party was full of fun. Since we didn’t have secret sisters this year we had a game of numbers for the gifts we brought. Cards, ornaments and goodies were also exchanged. Of course we had lots of finger foods which we enjoyed. It’s so nice to be able to get together for a meal. The highlight of the Christmas get-together was the installing of new member, Kathy Darnielle. She is delightful and full of enthusiasm. We also brought canned food for Snowcap. It was decided we would go back to having Secret Sisters in 2022. Names were drawn.

Our Educational Reports have brought back memories for all. Pot roast (Karen McNeil) and Macaroni and Cheese (Chris Dole). December brought us Corn bread (Ann Widick) We all got samples!

The December meeting brought us back to mask-wearing but no matter what we were able to be together. We are still collecting coupons for Hope for Heroes, books for the Clackamas Book Shelf and backpacks, yarn and craft supplies for Morrison Center. Pat Stupur e-mailed everyone a copy of our revised By-Laws.

Andrea Storm





Delta Epsilon, LaGrande

Delta Epsilon in La Grande, held their annual Holiday Market on December 4, 2021 at the Union County Fairgrounds. The public attending the Holiday Market were asked to bring food/diapers for DHS Food Bank. There were 25 vendors with several renting two spaces. The turnout was amazing and the feedback from both those attending and the vendors was very positive. Many of the vendors have signed up for 2022. Delta Epsilon grossed \$2,689, netting \$2,143 and received \$2,000 worth of items donated for our Silent Auction. The chapter has been doing this event for 65+ years with the exception of 2020 which had to be canceled due to Covid. The Holiday Market is our largest money maker. A shout out to Ginger Faro, Event Coordinator, who put in a lot of hard work, organization and preparation to make this Holiday Market so successful.

Kathy Rudd





ALPHA ZETA, Eugene

Alpha Zeta participated in a Veterans' Day ceremony on November 11, 2021.

Su, Joy and Sandy Diess attended and gave their presentation. They felt it was well presented and we are going to participate in some ceremony next year. Su, who found the celebration, was quite surprised that more was not being done by either Eugene or Springfield.

We continue to collect coupons for Hope for Heroes, pull tabs for dialysis and bottles for Ways and Means.

Our Educationals continue to feed our stomachs and souls. In November, we met at Sandi Bristow's house where we feasted on adobo which is a Filipino dish. Needless to say, it was delicious.

In December, we celebrated our Christmas party and found out who our Secret Santa was. Sandy Diess made delicious soups and the rest of us contributed side dishes, bread and desserts. We had a wonderful time exchanging gifts and everyone got what they wanted but didn't know we needed! We wished each other Merry Christmas, Happy New Year and went on our merry ways.

In January, we met again at Su McDonell's house, and we had the pleasure of hosting three guests: Past State President Marsha Klosterman, 1st Vice President Julie Rassmann and Jeannie Forsman all from Delta Gamma. There was discussion about Winter Meeting, and we did a show of hands as to who was going to attend.

We have had some mishaps in our chapter. Sandi Bristow fell and broke her hip shortly after her educational. Melissa Gilliam's parents were involved in a very bad accident and have been hospitalized. Linda Howes fell and broke her arm last fall and has had post-surgical problems with which she is still dealing. All are in recovery and doing well.

We are looking forward to Winter meeting and seeing all our ESA friends. So, until then, I wish you Aloha and Happy New Year.

Lani Shimer

*'cuz that's
how we roll!*



Table Talk



TABLE TALK - Setting the table with ESA

"Cooking with Pearls"

A new recipe for an old ingredient

Wisdom is the 1st pearl

...with it we bring the sum total of our knowledge as we share what we have learned from our own time in ESA

Beauty is the 2nd pearl

...with it we share the beauty we have found because of ESA

Strength is the 3rd pearl

...we find that each member has at least one Strong thing within her.

What strength do you add to the whole of your chapter?

Truth is the 4th pearl

...our ESA lives have included many opportunities which have caused us to know at least one more truth about ourselves; good or bad. Share it!

Fidelity is the 5th pearl

...with continuing purpose, we renew the promises we made to each other.

Fellowship is the 6th pearl

...bringing us together in regular and continuing ways so we uphold, support, love and care for each other.

Cooperation is the 7th pearl

...to put aside small differences and know that achievement in the name of a common purpose is worthy of note.

Loyalty is the 8th pearl

...which governs all the rest.
We hear with our hearts and speak together without fear knowing beyond doubt what we say, stays here.

Vision is the 9th pearl

...allows us to plan, to enable, to 'see' the future of our work and how it effects those in a time we may not share.

Service is the 10th pearl

This is the beginning and the end of our meal together.
It is the strength and the twine holding ESA together.

**Now, sisters and brothers in ESA,
You have food for thought!**

Pearls come in all shapes, colors and sizes. They are born in water; both salt & fresh and they may be seen, utilized and are thought to enhance their own beauty when together. Their differences complement each other.

Pearls have become a metaphor for something rare, fine, admirable and valuable.
To find one is lucky, to have one given to you is a tribute.

When a pearl is worn next to the skin it becomes warm and truly a part of your being.
But when it's worn, it can be seen and admired by others.

**Perhaps a new way to share our joy in ESA
is to use these pearls to
share your own thoughts of their meaning
to you**

**around a table while sharing a meal with
each other and/or 'new' friends.**



Notice from IC Council – Food for Thought

Greetings from your IC 2nd Vice President!

I want to congratulate each of you for another successful start to your ESA year. We were so thankful to be together in Louisville and are looking forward to continuing our long tradition of celebrating our accomplishments, fun and good works together for years to come. As you know we cannot do it without you! I would love to travel to Oregon again and I know the membership would agree!

I am currently accepting firm bids for our 2025 IC Convention and courtesy bids for 2026 and beyond. Please consider this wonderful opportunity to host an IC Convention. I know you can host an IC Convention! Maybe you don't have a big membership in your state, but how about partnering with another state. You can host the location and the other state can help with the volunteers you need for the events. Remember, other states have shared just for that same reason! This has been a successful collaboration for regional councils as well.

As you are considering this, remember you will not be alone in this endeavor! The IC Council and the IC Hotel Contracts Committee will be there to help in any way possible. The IC Hotel Contracts Committee will find the hotel in your area and negotiate the contract. There is also a great guide, the Convention Manual, to provide all the steps and procedures to follow. Oregon has a lot of experience and talent and personally I think there is no more beautiful venue!

The 2022 IC Convention will be in Indianapolis, Indiana with Indiana hosting. Our 2023 IC Convention will be held in Grape Vine, Texas hosted by Texas. And the 2024 IC Convention will be held in Kansas, hosted by Kansas. Please discuss the possibility of hosting the 2025 IC convention and beyond with your membership as soon as you are able. I can accept your letter of intent immediately with your bid letters to follow once the IC Hotel Contracts committee has found a location. I will share your intentions immediately with the IC Executive Board.

The deadline for submitting bids is February 1, 2022. Please take time to consider this and fill my inbox with positive responses and ideas. We all love ESA and want to see our IC Conventions continue for years to come. I am here to answer any questions you have. Feel free to contact me anytime!

Thank you for your consideration. I look forward to hearing from you.

brendasmeyers@gmail.com

937.416.9301

Brenda S. Meyers

Hello WSRC President Jerie and WSRC State Presidents -

I'm sure, by now, you've all been contacted by Brenda Myers regarding the possibility of hosting a future IC Convention. After I received her note, I solicited input from my California council and chapter presidents. Most said 'no thank you' to the question of hosting a future IC Convention. However, some individuals said they would be willing to either co-host or support one of our WSRC states for a future Convention.

Have you had these same conversations with your members? If so, what are your results?

Maybe this is something we can discuss at the Fling later this month? This is my first Fling, but I've heard we have at least one WSRC meeting. Feel free to let me know if this is possible.

I haven't responded to Brenda yet. Will wait to hear from you.

Thanks,

Kim Krantz

2021-2022 California State President

Oregon State Executive Board Recommendation

The Oregon State Executive Board discussed the issue of membership goals and retention at our annual Retreat in Hood River in August 2021. We had hoped to present a recommendation from the Board at Leadership but due to the in-person meeting being changed to a ZOOM meeting, we felt it too difficult to adequately discuss and get a vote of membership.

Therefore, we are submitting this recommendation in The Grapevine and sincerely hope that all chapter Presidents will discuss within their chapter and either contact me or another State Board member with your questions or be able to present questions, comments at Winter Meeting so that we can take a vote at that time. Now is the time to offer any suggestions or changes.

We all know that membership is down in most states and Oregon is no exception. We have been discussing the need to obtain new members and retain current members for several years but have not seen the progress we had hoped for.

The Board felt that we needed some additional financial incentives for membership since it has become harder for potential members to pay the fees for joining due to financial hardship. We realize that similar proposals have been made and adopted in other states in the past with various degrees of success. Although the recommendation is for a new budget item for the state, it is felt that we can no longer afford **not** to take action. You will note that this recommendation is for **a one year trial**. If the membership votes to approve the recommendation, it would take effect for **the 2022-2023 ESA year** and be included as a State expense in next year's budget.

The Executive Board discussed the status of our 2021-2022 budget & it was agreed that since our income exceeds our expenses by \$4652, we could afford the additional expense on a one year trial basis. We have been carrying a similar ending balance for last few years. If the incentive proves beneficial in obtaining membership, we will consider options for additional funding for the future.

Membership Incentive Program for 2022-2023

Recommend \$1000 be added to the Oregon State Budget for the category of membership. The funds would be used for the following:

For each new member who joins ESA in the 2022-2023 year, the State Council will pay the IC dues for the first year of \$69.00. This will be limited to the first ten new members in the State.

Every Oregon member pledging a new member will have their name entered into a drawing for State Convention registration.

Each reinstatement will have State Council Dues for the year paid by the State Council - \$15.00 each. Again, this will be limited to the first ten reinstatements in Oregon.

Each chapter must submit an expense voucher to the state treasurer for reimbursement. The request should include sponsor's name, member's name and date joined or reinstated.

(If we actually got ten new members, the IC dues would total \$690. Ten reinstatements would total \$150.00 & one state convention fee based on most recent year would be approximately \$150.00. The total expense would be \$995.00.)

“Ingredients for Life”

Oregon State E.S.A. Winter Meeting 2022

February 19th/20th. 2022

Comfort Suites Linn County Fairgrounds and Expo
100 Opal Ct. NE, Albany, Oregon 97322
541-928-2053

Complimentary breakfast, microwave, and refrigerator
Room rate is \$119 plus tax for two queen beds, \$109 plus tax for king bed.

The block will be held only till February 1, 2022

Be sure to mention ESA Winter Meeting

Registration deadline is February 6, 2022

Please make checks of \$85 (Saturday lunch and dinner)

Late registrations add \$10.00

Payable to Omega Mu

Mail to

Omega Mu

650 Baker St.

Lebanon, OR 97355

Phone 541-223-1463 or email questions to rankin99@comcast.net

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Name _____

Chapter Name & Number _____

Address _____

City _____ Zip _____

Phone _____ E-Mail _____

Diet Needs/Food Allergies _____

Elected Board _____

Appointed Board _____

Gavel _____

Guest _____



ESA 2022 STATE CONVENTION

Just Desserts



May 20-22, 2022

Mill Casino Hotel & RV Resort, North Bend, OR

Convention Registration Deadline: April 25, 2022
Late Registration (received after April 27) must include \$10 late fee.
Request for refunds must be received by Registration Chairman, in writing,
by April 25, 2022. (as per policy & procedure)

To make your reservations at Mill Casino Hotel: call 541-756-8800
Rooms are: \$160 + taxes -- RV sites are available: \$35-\$45
Be sure to use **CODE 6732** "ESA Oregon State Convention"

Please fill out all All applicable spaces & mail this portion

Member (or guest) name _____ Member # _____

Address _____ City _____ Zip _____

Chapter Name _____ Chapter # _____

Phone () _____ Email _____

Husband/Escort name (if attending) _____

State Board (position) _____ Chapter President _____

District President _____ Pledge _____ 1st Convention _____

Gavel (year) _____ MAL _____ Guest _____

Please list any Special Dietary needs _____

Please **select one** of **Saturday's Banquet entrees**

___ Chicken Piccata with Wild Rice & Mixed Squash Blend

___ Grilled Bone-In Pork Chop w/Smoked Apple Chutney & Duchess Potatoes & Succotash

___ Portobello Napoleon (Grilled Mushroom, Zucchini, Yellow Squash, Red Pepper, Onion, Spinach,
topped w Provolone Cheese, on bed of Parmesan Risotto)

Member Registration \$150.00 ___ Late fee (if applicable) \$10.00 ___

Guest for Banquet only \$35.00 ___ Guest Full Registration \$150.00 ___

Guest for Luncheon only \$21.00 ___

Enclosed Total \$ _____

Payable to : ESA 2022 Convention

Mail registration to: Billie Patino, 205 Landau Ln, Grants Pass, OR 97527

ESA 2022 State Convention extra special event

Come early Friday, May 20, 2022 5 pm,

The Mill Casino & Resort

Join Executive Chef Roberto Pedrini at the
Fire Pit to learn about the culture of the
Coquille Indian Tribe
and the traditional ways of cooking the Salmon.

The demonstration will be outside at the fire pit so dress warmly,
then come inside and enjoy a

Traditional Salmon Bake Dinner

Tossed Green Salad with Cherry Tomatoes, Ranch and Balsamic Vinaigrette

Traditional Pit Salmon with Huckleberry Glaze

Free Range Chicken Breast with Prosciutto & Parmesan Cheese

Wild Rice with Hazelnuts and Cranberries

Fry Bread with Huckleberry Butter and Jam

Three Berry Cobbler with Whipped Topping

Freshly Brewed Coffee, Decaffeinated Coffee, Hot Tea, Iced Tea and Assorted Sodas

\$47.50 per guest (includes gratuity)

Payment is due with your **reservation by April 25, 2022**

*We must have a minimum of 30 reservations, otherwise the event will be cancelled and your
payment will be returned.*

ESA Member Name, phone, email

_____ reservations @ 47.50 per reservation

Payable to : ESA 2022 Convention

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