

**OREGON STATE COUNCIL ESA**

**2020 – 2021**

**LINDA GRATERRI, PRESIDENT**





## 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 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



**SANDY DIESS  
INSTALLING OFFICER**



**HOME OF  
MARSHA KLOSTERMAN**



**MARSHA PRESENTING  
GAVEL**

## INSTALLATION ACCEPTANCE SPEECH

First of all, thank you, Sandy and Su, for the beautiful ceremony! And thank you, Marsha who invited us to have the Installation here at your gorgeous vineyard home near Junction City!

It was never in my wildest dream to become State President. In fact, if you had asked me 5 years ago if I would ever consider running for this position, I would have said ABSOLUTELY NOT! But encouragement from Su – whose theme was “Come Fly With Me,” - flew me to the first step as her State Philanthropic Chair. I was actually afraid to take that on, and boy did I hesitate! But I learned a lot that year! And it gave me the opportunity to meet more ESA sisters from all over Oregon. One great memory is meeting Mary Davis who devised the Philanthropic Report on line. We had some wonderful chats back and forth on the phone while we worked out the details, and I’m so grateful to have met her.

From that first toe in the water and knowing I didn’t drown, I was asked and accepted the role of Kaycee’s State Educational Chair. I didn’t realize it at the time, but my journey was just beginning. As I took on Treasurer, then Workshop Coordinator, something in my heart told me to “Keep on going .“ I found so much love among our Oregon members – and now members from all across the United States - that it’s really been a fun adventure! What an exciting journey of the heart these past 16 years since I joined!

I’ll just close with something written by an unknown author:

“Whenever you find yourself doubting how far you can go, just remember how far you have come. Remember everything you have faced, all the battles you have won, and all the fears you have overcome.” I certainly hope my own journey has inspired some of you to “keep on going.” It really is a “Journey of the Heart.”

With this, I humbly accept the position of Oregon State Council President. Thank you from the bottom of my heart for your confidence in me.

**ESA – JOURNEY OF THE HEART  
2020-2021  
OREGON STATE COUNCIL BOARD**

**EXECUTIVE BOARD**

<b>President</b>	<b>Linda Gratteri</b>	<b>Alpha Upsilon – Hillsboro</b>
<b>1<sup>st</sup> Vice President</b>	<b>Debbie Sanguras</b>	<b>Delta Kappa – Hood River</b>
<b>2<sup>nd</sup> Vice President</b>	<b>Julie Rassmann</b>	<b>Delta Gamma – Florence</b>
<b>Corresponding Secretary</b>	<b>Pat Stupur</b>	<b>Delta Xi – Portland</b>
<b>Recording Secretary</b>	<b>Joyce Hodge</b>	<b>Alpha Psi – Port Orford</b>
<b>Treasurer</b>	<b>Connie Russell</b>	<b>Beta Eta – Sutherlin</b>
<b>Workshop</b>	<b>Patty Anderson</b>	<b>Omega Mu – Albany</b>
<b>Jr. Past President</b>	<b>Marsha Klosterman</b>	<b>Delta Gamma – Florence</b>

**APPOINTED CHAIRS**

<b>Association of the Arts</b>	<b>Jean Forsman</b>	<b>Delta Gamma – Florence</b>
<b>Awards</b>	<b>Katie Hobson</b>	<b>Omega Mu – Albany</b>
<b>Co-Chaplain</b>	<b>Carolyn Warren</b>	<b>Beta Iota – Roseburg</b>
<b>Co-Chaplain</b>	<b>Su McDonell</b>	<b>Alpha Zeta – Eugene</b>
<b>Disaster Fund</b>	<b>Marsha Klosterman</b>	<b>Delta Gamma – Florence</b>
<b>Distinguished Athenian</b>	<b>Lani Shimer</b>	<b>Alpha Zeta – Eugene</b>
<b>Documents</b>	<b>Kathy State</b>	<b>Delta Xi – Portland</b>
<b>Easter Seals, Sr</b>	<b>Karen McNeil</b>	<b>Delta Xi - Portland</b>
<b>Easter Seals, Jr</b>	<b>Jill Rankin</b>	<b>Omega Mu – Albany</b>
<b>Educational Director</b>	<b>Joy Serkowney</b>	<b>Alpha Zeta Eugene</b>
<b>ESA Foundation</b>	<b>Barb Moss</b>	<b>Beta Omicron – Burns</b>
<b>Gavels Chair</b>	<b>Joy Serkowney</b>	<b>Alpha Zeta – Eugene</b>
<b>Grapevine Co-Editor</b>	<b>Carolyn Warren</b>	<b>Beta Iota – Roseburg</b>
<b>Grapevine Co-Editor</b>	<b>Patty Anderson</b>	<b>Omega Mu – Albany</b>
<b>Historian</b>	<b>Donna Cassidy</b>	<b>Delta Xi – Portland</b>
<b>Hope for Heroes</b>	<b>Ann Torgerson</b>	<b>Alpha Upsilon – Hillsboro</b>
<b>Philanthropic</b>	<b>Lynn Hughes</b>	<b>Gamma Beta – Grants Pass</b>
<b>St Jude Coordinator SR</b>	<b>JoAnne McKenney</b>	<b>Delta Xi- Portland</b>
<b>St Jude Coordinator Jr</b>	<b>Vicki Boler</b>	<b>Beta Iota – Roseburg</b>
<b>Western States Council</b>	<b>Sandra Diess</b>	<b>Alpha Zeta – Eugene</b>

**STANDING COMMITTEES**

<b>Archivist</b>	<b>Carolyn Warren</b>	<b>Beta Iota – Roseburg</b>
<b>Auditing Committee Chair</b>	<b>Kathy Rudd</b>	<b>Delta Epsilon – LaGrande</b>
<b>Balloting Chair</b>	<b>Susie Parks</b>	<b>Alpha Upsilon – Hillsboro</b>
<b>Budget Committee Chair</b>	<b>Connie Russell</b>	<b>Beta Eta – Sutherlin</b>
<b>Credentials Chair</b>	<b>Judy Huntley</b>	<b>Beta Eta – Sutherlin</b>

**Flag Ceremony**  
**Membership Committee**  
**Nominating Committee**  
**Outstanding Member**  
**Photographer**  
**Publicity**  
**Webmaster**

**May Ann Puhl**  
**Debbie Sanguras**  
**Julie Rassmann**  
**Della Schwab**  
**Sandy Diess**  
**Su McDonell**  
**Chris York**

**Alpha Psi – Port Orford**  
**Delta Kappa – Hood River**  
**Delta Gamma – Florence**  
**Alpha Upsilon-Hillsboro**  
**Alpha Zeta – Eugene**  
**Alpha Zeta – Eugene**  
**Delta Xi – Portland**

**STATE MEETING CHAIRS**

**2019-2020 State Convention/**

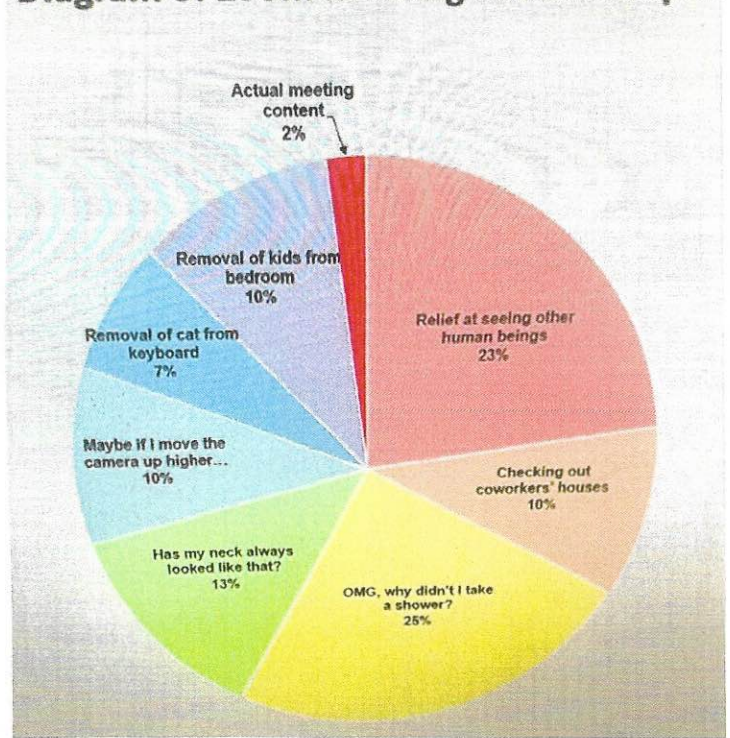
**Leadership**  
**Winter Meeting**  
**State Convention**

**Joyce Hodge**  
**Jill Rankin**  
**Martha Hoskins**

**Alpha Psi – Port Orford**  
**Omega Mu – Albany**  
**Delta Kappa – Hood River**



**Diagram of Zoom Meeting Attention span**



**LEADERSHIP AND WINTER MEETINGS WERE VIRTUAL**

## WELCOME FROM PRESIDENT LINDA

Welcome to Hood River and Oregon's 2021 State Convention! What a strange journey we have undertaken this year. It is so exciting to actually BE TOGETHER in person again and not just on ZOOM! Northwest District has worked diligently to make this Convention one you will remember. And of course Hood River is one of our favorite places to visit!

Brenda Meyers, IC Treasurer is joining us this weekend and we welcome her with open arms or at least with warm hearts if social distancing is still in force.

Ann Torgerson, State Hope For Heroes Chair, has lined up a fantastic program on a special organization of which many of you have not heard - "Quilts of Valor." Her presentation will truly tug on your heartstrings and most likely take your ESA hearts on another new journey!

A workshop prepared by Patty Anderson and presented by Carolyn Warren in Patty's absence will give you essential knowledge; but be prepared to have some fun in this workshop. I promised her I wouldn't divulge what it is ahead of time.

Have a joyful and wonderful time this weekend with your ESA family! And if there is someone you don't recognize, go up to her and introduce yourself. You will be so happy you did, and she will be thrilled to meet someone new!

Linda Gratteri  
ESA Oregon State President





*Donna Cassidy*

**OREGON STATE COUNCIL CONVENTION**

**Oregon State Council Convention**

**"The Heart Knows the Way"**

**June 4-6 2021**

**Best Western Plus - Hood River Inn**

**FLAGS CARRIED BY LINDA AND**

**BRENDA MYERS, IC TREASURER**

WELCOME TO THE 75<sup>TH</sup>  
 EPSILON SIGMA ALPHA  
 OREGON  
 STATE CONVENTION

*"THE HEART KNOWS  
 THE WAY"*

JUNE 4-6, 2021  
 HOOD RIVER, OREGON

HOSTED BY NORTHWEST DISTRICT  
 2020-2021 OREGON STATE COUNCIL  
 PRESIDENT LINDA GRATTERI  
 "ESA - JOURNEY OF THE HEART"





LINDA BEING WELCOMED INTO THE GAVELS

# ESA Oregon State Council Awards 2020-2021

## Outstanding Chapter

1<sup>st</sup> Place – Delta Xi, Portland

2<sup>nd</sup> Place – TIE between – Delta Kappa, Hood River and Alpha Zeta, Eugene

## Association of the Arts

Jean Forsman, Chairman

Division I – Quilts

1<sup>st</sup> place –

Division IV – Crafts

1<sup>st</sup> place –

Division II – Needlework

1<sup>st</sup> place –

Division V – Literature/Music

1<sup>st</sup> place –

Division III – Painting

1<sup>st</sup> place –

Division VI – Photography

1<sup>st</sup> place –

## **PEOPLE'S CHOICE AWARD–**

## Educational

Joy Serkowney, Educational Director

1<sup>st</sup> place – Alpha Zeta, Eugene

2<sup>nd</sup> place – Delta Xi, Portland

3<sup>rd</sup> place – Delta Kappa, Hood River

DISTINGUISHED ATHENIAN – Lani Shimer, Alpha Zeta, Eugene

Gold Link Award:

Delta Kappa, Hood River

Delta Xi, Portland

Alpha Zeta, Eugene

## Rushing

Debbie Sanguras, 1<sup>st</sup> Vice President

1<sup>st</sup> place – Alpha Zeta, Eugene

2<sup>nd</sup> place – Delta Kappa, Hood River

3<sup>rd</sup> place – Delta Xi, Portland

## Philanthropic

Lynn Hughes, State Philanthropic Chairman

Philanthropic Hours:

1<sup>st</sup> place: Alpha Upsilon, Hillsboro, 188.85 hours per member

2<sup>nd</sup> place: Omega Mu, Albany, 60.85 hours per member

3<sup>rd</sup> place: Delta Xi, Portland, 23.31 hours per member

Philanthropic Monies:

- 1<sup>st</sup> place: Alpha Upsilon, Hillsboro \$15,434.57 per member
- 2<sup>nd</sup> place: Delta Xi, Portland, \$10,442.33 per member
- 3<sup>rd</sup> place: Omicron Omega, Portland, \$3,459 per member

**Easter Seals**

Karen McNeil, Senior Chairman

Easter Seals Hours:

- 1<sup>st</sup> place: Omicron Omega, Portland, 9.2 hours per member
- 2<sup>nd</sup> place: Alpha Upsilon, Hillsboro, 8.42 hours per member
- 3<sup>rd</sup> place: Delta Kappa, Hood River, 1.82 hours per member

Easter Seals Monies:

- 1<sup>st</sup> place: Omicron Omega, Portland, \$1607.60 per member
- 2<sup>nd</sup> place: Alpha Zeta, Eugene, \$907.11 per member
- 3<sup>rd</sup> place: Delta Xi, Portland, \$193.52 per member

**Circle of Life (St Jude) Awards**

JoAnne McKenney, Sr. Circle of Life Coordinator

Circle of Life Hours:

- 1<sup>st</sup> place: Delta Xi, Portland
- 2<sup>nd</sup> place: Beta Eta, Sutherlin

Circle of Life Monies:

- 1<sup>st</sup> place: Delta Xi, Portland \$8,171.13 per member
- 2<sup>nd</sup> place: Omicron Omega, Portland \$1,060 per member
- 3<sup>rd</sup> place: Omega Mu, Albany, \$92.86 per member



CONVENTION 2021  
JULY 26 – AUGUST 1  
LOUISVILLE, KENTUCKY



## Now for a few personal notes about Linda's Journey of the Heart

- Linda is a native Oregonian and was raised on a farm in Kinton, OR, which is a small community west of Washington Square in Washington County.
- The farm had woods and two creeks which offered she and her two sisters all kinds of adventures.
- The farm also included lots of work – picking up filberts, hoeing the garden, feeding the cows, etc.
- Linda thinks this upbringing is why she loves living in the country and doing yard work.
- She Attended 1<sup>st</sup> grade in an old 2-room school with no indoor plumbing – can you say “outhouse”?
- In 2<sup>nd</sup> grade, she moved on to a more modern school and eventually graduated from Beaverton High School
- Linda loves travel and the adventures that come along with that. Examples are: skydiving, hiking in Nepal, camping in the Sahara desert, and a 5-day kayaking trip.
- Linda's family is comprised of a son and daughter, four grandchildren, and five great-grandchildren.

Linda's Journey of the Heart does not end here. She is just getting started!!