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Captain's Message

The primary duty of the Captain is the overall safe manning and operation of the ship.

For those members attending Winter Meeting I hope you enjoyed it as much as I did.

Kathy State introduced By Law changes to be voted on at Convention in May. Kathy also reported that she would be stepping down from documents chair and Connie Russell would be taking her place, Melissa Gillam had us tied up in knots with her workshop. It was about tying nautical knots with a twist. Thank goodness I had a good partner. We had fun with this one.

Linda Gratteri helped us raise money for Easter Seals. We played a game she created. We had to wear a life vest made from a toilet seat protector. It had to be worn throughout the game. Lots of fun. Only Linda could get us to do that. Now it is time to get ready for Convention. It is hard to believe but here we go. I have a few reminders before we drop anchor on our final voyage, don't forget that deadline for contests reports is April 1st.

If you have raffle tickets to sale at Convention, please let me know. So far, I have Michelle Wagner raffle for St. Jude and Connie Russell for Disaster Fund. I am looking forward to Convention but feeling a little bittersweet. My term will be ending and Jean's will begin. I will be cherishing every minute. Come join us a

we will be dropping anchor for the last time.

Joyce Hodge



First & Second Mate

The First Mate or Chief Officer is the right hand of the Captain.



First Vice President

Ahoy

Hope you've all been thinking about all your friends that you know would just love to join your chapter.

Please give me names of all your new members at convention.

I'm looking forward to seeing all of you there. Be ready for a fun filled weekend.

Let's make Joyce's convention the best one ever.

Jean Forsman

Second Vice President

Happy Spring!!

Winter meeting was a delightful weekend full of great food and fun! I hope that everyone is ready for convention! I sure am.

We have a full slate of officers coming in but that doesn't mean you still don't have a chance! We all love a bit of competition and having more than one candidate for the offices would be amazing!! Please let me know if you would like to run for office. I have all the forms you need! If you would like to join Jean's appointed board, please let one of us know as well.

We have a super fun Candidates Fair planned for Friday night of Convention. Please make sure you come to join the fun and meet the candidates! You might learn something new!

I am needing Outstanding Chapter reports!! Chapter Presidents please send in your Outstanding Chapter Reports and Year-End Reports by April 1st!! All the rules are in the President's book, on the website www.esaoregon.org, or email me at swann.m@hotmail.com. I would be happy to send you a copy. I love that Hood River has won the last few years but it would be great to give them some competition. Let's get those reports in and have some fun and friendly competition. There are a lot of ways to gather points. You can also get points for holding offices outside of your chapter! If you need help just let me know!

I am excited for the Spring thaw to come and warmer weather to stay for a while. Although living in Eastern Oregon makes that a bit hard and a bit longer wait than my sisters on the West Side. (I am jealous!)

Have a wonderful Spring and I will see you in Springfield/Eugene for Convention!!

Love,
Melanie

Executive Engineers

(Executive Board)

They are responsible for keeping the ship and the machinery running



\$\$\$\$ DISASTER FUND 2024-2025 \$\$\$\$

Thank you to everyone for your generosity at the Winter Meeting. You made my job very easy. I know we all pray disaster will not affect our ESA partners, but your kind donations will assure there will be funds available if the need arises.

Congratulations to those who won a prize and to Marsha a special thank you for your generous spirit.

I have received additional donations from chapters since Winter meeting and look forward to sharing the grand total at Convention.

Enjoy the spring, (I'm hoping for lots of flowers with all this rain), and please give yourself a hug from me.

Thank you,
Connie Russell

Corresponding Secretary

For those who received a printed copy of the President's Yearbook, the missing sections were handed out at Winter Meeting. If you didn't get yours yet, please contact me and I'll let you know who it was given to.

We're rapidly coming to that time of year where we celebrate all that we have accomplished this past year. Part of that is recognizing our members and chapters with milestone years of service. Members will be honored at Convention ceremonies every 5th anniversary year. The form to send in is listed in the President's Yearbook in Section 3 State Forms & Information. Prior to April 1st, information for those members who will be attending Convention to be honored for their years of service to ESA should be sent to me at ciwarren@charter.net

Carolyn Warren

Recording Secretary

I so missed be able to go to Winter meeting and be with my ESA family, I missed you all.

Thank you for all the cards and thoughts you have sent my way, brightened my day.

Looking forward to State Convention in May.

So here I go again asking for writing reports. Please help with this, so very helpful to me. I don't want to miss anything important for the minutes. Thank you for your help.

Spring is on the way, looking forward to warm days and sunshine.

Hope to see everyone in May at Convention.

Hugs,
Barb Moss

Quartermasters (General Board)

Quartermasters work directly under the captain and first mate, overseeing the operation of the whole ship



Association of Arts

Wow how time flies. Convention is just around the corner and time for arts and crafts.

Again, this year I would like 2 or 3 people per chapter to enter a project into the Association of the Arts.

The deadline is April 1st to send me your entry forms.

Send your form to 6710 Shepherd CT N, Keizer, OR 97303

Can't wait to see everyone entries.
JoAnne Barber

Educational

Your reports about all the cool educationals your chapters did this year are due to me by April 1st. Please send me at least a short write up about what you did, even if you don't use the forms. I want to publish a summary of all the great ideas chapters have done this year. These will be on display at Convention.

Marsha Klosterman

Philanthropic.

So, it is time to brag about all the good things we do for ESA. Please be sure you include the front page and the worksheet when you send to me. You can snail mail or email your documents to me. Your snail mail should be postmarked by April 1st. I'm hoping for much more details for hours and miles this time. The IC number we are to use for mileage this year is \$.80 cents. It has been fun to work on this for another year. We are working hard to make it easy and chapters. It still depends on each of you keeping track!!

Marsha Klosterman



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Chaplain

Gamma Beta, Grants Pass

Ellen Ellis is doing okay. She is eating well and can get up and walk around the house. She asked me to let everyone know she is thinking of them. Cards can be sent to Ellen Ellis, 483 Colonial Drive, Grants Pass, OR 97526.

Norma Pittman asked me to thank everyone who sent cards to her when her husband Tom passed. It meant a lot to her in this time of grief.

Delta Xi, Portland

Ann Widick has been diagnosed with bladder cancer. She had a procedure last week to remove the tumor and is recovering at home. Waiting to hear back on the results. Please keep her in your thoughts and prayers. Her address is 930 N.E. 177th Avenue Portland, Oregon 97230.

Andrea Storm is home recovering from yet another hospital visit. Results from her chemo. She has decided to not have any more chemo treatments, Both PT and OT folks coming in to help. She still recovering from shingles which causes her some pain. Please also keep her in your thoughts and prayers. Her address is 33325 N.E. Old Parrett Mountain Road Newberg, Oregon 97132.

Alpha Upsilon, Hillsboro

Longtime member, Pearl Lushina, has been in the hospital with numerous health concerns breathing & with congestive heart failure. She's anxious to return home, but there have been several days. Her address is: 935 NE Hawthorne Ave., Hillsboro, Or. 97124

Diane Lewis has been facing numerous challenges (death of her son), back surgery, a fall causing broken bones. She could use some encouragement: 853 SE 31st Ct., Hillsboro, OR 97123

Omega Mu, Albany

Patti Anderson with Omega Mu was able to spend a wonderful week in Nebraska with family. Celebrating 5 generations is a treasure. Doing this 3 consecutive generations is a blessing.

Leianne Stinton



Quartermasters (General Board)



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2025-2026 General Board

Have you thought about dipping your foot into the State Board waters? Now is the time to jump in and get wet.

There are still positions available on the General Board.

Distinguished Member/Youth Award
Easter Seal Jr. Chair
St Jude Jr Chair

If you would like to hold an open position on the General Board, please reach out to Jean Forsman at jean.forsman04@gmail.com

EASTERSEALS

A HUGE THANK YOU to all Oregon ESA sisters who participated in the fundraiser on Friday night at Winter Meeting! You were very kind to go along with the zany ship game, wearing life preservers no less! Donations that night amounted to \$347, and later I received a \$200 check from a special ESA sister who couldn't attend. Again, thank you! The Easteseals office was absolutely thrilled to receive these monies. Remember to include the amount of your donation for your chapter's Philanthropic Report!

A REMINDER TO CHAPTER PHILANTHROPIC CHAIRS: PLEASE send me a copy of your Philanthropic Report that shows Easteseals donation information. This report must be postmarked by April 1st. Thank you!

Linda Gratteri

IC 2027 News

At Winter Meeting we voted on the theme for Oregon IC – the winner was An Oregon Road Trip – suggested by Donna Cassidy. The convention will be held July 11-17, 2027, at the Embassy Suites Washington Square.

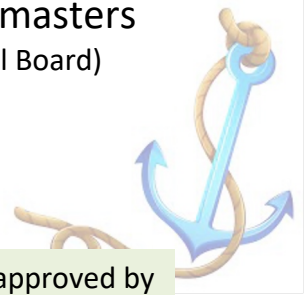
District Councils – Please determine which of the meal events listed below you would like to be responsible for. For the most part our responsibilities are table centerpieces and other decorations. That may include menu cards and/or other favors.

PICPA Breakfast – Wednesday morning
PICPA No-host Luncheon - Thursday afternoon
Agape Breakfast – Saturday morning
Welcome Party – Wednesday night mixer.
Awards Luncheon – Friday afternoon
Installation Banquet - Saturday evening

Please consider how your district might display your region of Oregon in your decorations using the theme Oregon Road trip and let Connie and I know which meal you have chosen.

Thank you for your continued support of this project.

Chris York and Connie Russell – Co Chairs



**Special Statewide
Membership Project**

Jean Forsman and I proposed a special project at Winter Meeting and was approved by the members present.

We are forming a committee made up of the State President, 1st & 2nd Vice Presidents, Jr. Past President and at least, one representative from each District, have a brainstorming session for a statewide Membership project. We will work to come up with ideas and a game plan that can be presented at Convention for the State membership to consider.

This statewide Membership Project can be combined with a statewide Philanthropic project – St Jude, Easter Seals or another at which point that chair will become part of the special committee. The game plan will include various publicity announcements to promote ESA through local and social media, how to implement this plan, how each Chapter/District can participate along with a contact for those interested in contributing or (hopefully) join ESA. We can create an ESA Oregon email account so that no one's personal information is being shared.

Willamette Valley District - Julie Rassmann
Northwest District - Pat Stupur
Central District - Barb Moss

We are asking for volunteers from the following:
Southwestern District -
Eastern District -

Please reach out to me if you would like to volunteer from your District. We plan on having a zoom meeting for a brainstorming session sometime this month to start the ball rolling.

Thank you
Carolyn Warren & Jean Forsman



Parliamentarian/Documents

I presented the Bylaw, Standing Rule, and Policy and Procedure changes at Winter meeting and they will be voted on at Convention. They are attached to this Grapevine. If you have questions or concerns, please let me know. Discuss them with your chapter and be sure to bring a proxy for any member that will not be in attendance and wants to have a vote.

We are at the end of the year and beginning to plan for the coming year. Many board positions will have new elected and appointed chairs. This is the time to pass on your records including a copy of the Guideline. If you do not have a copy of the current Guideline for your position, let me know and I can email it to you, or you can find it on the Web page.

If you are taking on a new position, you can also look at the Guideline for that job. It will be very helpful in planning for the new year.

The Documents committee has a meeting in mid-April, so if you have any needed updates for your current position, this is a good time to let us know so we can work on them. Looking forward to seeing all of you at convention.

Kathy State

Quartermasters (General Board)

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ESA Foundation

Well. . . Scholarship season is over.

By now you should have received email and postcard invitations to the Foundations Fantasy Event, 'Journey into the Big Blue.' Please share this with everyone – you don't need to be an ESAF member to contribute. If you haven't received your invitation, contact Mackeigan Bickel at ESA headquarters: mackeiganb@epsilonsigmaalpha.org

Next up is the ESAF Fund Fest at IC Convention in Cary, North Carolina this July.

We will again be providing the Best Purse in the auction and hope to raise the most money in the auction (like we did last year). So far, we have raised \$350 in cash. I will continue to solicit donations between now and state convention. Looking for any national gift cards (and of course more money).

Thank you for continuing to support the ESA Foundation and Oregon State Council.

Chris York

Quartermasters (General Board)

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Outstanding Member Award

Ok, I know you have one, more like two or three, or the entire chapter full of outstanding members. It's so difficult to choose JUST one OUTSTANDING MEMBER, but it has to be narrowed down to only one.

Before time gets away from you, please send me the name of your chapter's selection for 'Outstanding Member' and a check for \$10 by APRIL 1, 2025, to:

Nancy Reid
PO Box 504
Burns, OR 97720

I would love to hear about your member's wonderful attributes, but please be brief. If you could send two or three sentences as to why your chapter's member is outstanding, that would be great.

I'm really looking forward to seeing what these members have done and what makes them so special. Please keep in mind that only 'Outstanding Members' in attendance will be recognized and honored at Convention.

Remember:

Due April 1, 2025, to Nancy Reid, PO Box 504, Burns, OR 97720

Name of Outstanding Member
2-3 sentences as to why your chapter's member is outstanding.
\$10

If you have any questions, email me at nandog.reid@gmail.com
or call 541-589-2071

Nancy Reid



Convention Reminders

Credentials

If you are not attending Convention be sure to send your proxy with someone so that your vote counts.

Anniversaries

Please remember to send in the form for all Chapter & Member anniversaries that will be recognized at State Convention. Send to Corresponding Secretary Deadline for that is April 5th!

Association of the Arts

Please be working on projects for Association of the Arts. Entry deadline is April 1st. Send the entry form to Assoc of Arts Chair

ESA Foundation

Please bring any donations to the ESA Foundation purse to Convention.

Outstanding Member

Please remember to send in the form for your Chapter's Outstanding Member along with the fee only if they are attending State Convention. Send to Outstanding Member Chair

Chapter & District Rosters

Please remember to bring or send 3 copies of your updated Chapter and District Rosters and deliver those to the incoming Corresponding Secretary.



April 1st Deadlines and Who to Send it To

Forms and Info are in the President's Yearbook and the Oregon ESA Website

<https://www.esaoregon.org/index.php/presidents-yearbook>

Service Pins & Chapter Anni.

State Corr. Secretary

Assoc. of the Arts Entry Form

Assoc. of Arts Chair

Disaster Fund Donation

Jr. Past President

Distinguished Athenian Award

Educational Director

Educational Report

Educational Director

Outstanding Chapter Report

2nd Vice President

Outstanding Member Recognition

Outstanding Member Chair

Philanthropic Report

Philanthropic Chair

Philanthropic Report copy

Sr. Easterseal Chair

Philanthropic Report copy

St. Jude Sr. Chair

Foundation Report - Grants and special Projects

In addition to scholarships, the ESA Foundation offers other support vehicles in the grant programs. The application forms can be accessed at <https://www.epsilonsigmaalpha.org/scholarships-and-grants/grants>

CAREER ENHANCEMENT GRANT*

*Sponsored by the Life Active Members of the ESA Foundation

Purpose:

The ESA Foundation's Career Enhancement Grant provides funds to assist individuals who are seeking further educational experiences and training to develop their personal career skills and opportunities for career advancement.

The Career Enhancement Grant is not to be used as a college scholarship.

Funding: The Career Enhancement Grant will be awarded as funds are available. Grant request should not exceed \$2000. Request for amounts of less than \$2000 are also eligible for consideration.

Applications will be reviewed quarterly, so when applying schedule according to the event registration deadline to ensure time for the committee to review the application.

Criteria:

Eligibility for this grant is based on meeting the following criteria.

- The proposed training, seminars, workshops must be provided by a recognized 501c3 or recognized training institution. (No grant checks will be issued to individuals. They will be written to the sponsoring organizations on the applicant's behalf.)
- Job training is provided by certified training institutions.
- Special equipment that is required for job training as specified or recommended by the training provider for completion of training.
- Registration for workshops and seminars that are provided by recognized experts in their field or by certified training institutions or organizations.
- Materials required for the completion by the certified provider are eligible.
- All applicants must live within the United States.
- Grant money need to be used within one calendar year of its receipt.
- This grant is limited to one grant per applicant per year. Applicants are eligible to apply for the grant again in ensuing years.
- Applicants must be able to complete an evaluation form regarding their grant experience within a year of the grant's receipt.

Ineligibility

- Requests for funds to put on or develop job training programs, workshops or seminars for others are NOT eligible for this grant. This grant is designed specifically to support the career enhancement opportunities of the individual applicant.
- Requests to offset of the materials or incentives for programs that are given by the applicant are NOT eligible.
- The grant does not pay for travel expenses or other personal costs.

To meet the criteria for the CAREER ENHANCEMENT GRANT, applicants must illustrate how their requests meet the criteria listed above. This illustration should clearly be stated in the personal statement that accompanies their application.

How to apply for the Career Enhancement Grant

Applicants must fill out and return the ESA Foundation Grant application and return it to the ESA Grant Chairman prior to the event registration deadline to ensure time for the committee to review the application. Grant applications are awarded every six months.

Be sure to have included all of the application along with a personal summary outlining how the grant is to be used—this includes providing an itemized list of applicable costs.

All questions regarding this grant should be addressed to the ESA Grant Chairman at the ESA Foundation Website: <https://www.epsilonsigmaalpha.org/scholarships-and-grants/grants>

Vocational Training Grants:

Purpose

The “Vocational Training” provides opportunities to applicants seeking to develop skills for a new career or to enhance their skills and knowledge for further advancement in their chosen career field.

Criteria: The grant specifies areas that qualify for eligibility:

1. Completing requirements to obtain trade certification or apprenticeships.
2. Obtaining necessary equipment for completing training programs/apprenticeships.
3. Veterans looking to re-enter the workforce and needing new or additional training in their field of interest.
4. Individuals that are seeking to strengthen their job opportunities through advanced training.
5. Promoting programs and skills for training in the fine arts.
6. Artists or teachers or artists who are developing creative programs or projects that use elements of the fine arts to benefit returning military personnel.

To meet the criteria for the “Vocational Training” grant, applicants must illustrate how their request qualifies for one of the categories listed above. This illustration should be clearly stated in the personal statement that accompanies their application.

How to Apply for the Vocational Training Grant

1. Applications will be accepted by the ESA Foundation Grant Chairman. Application will be reviewed and awarded every six months. Grants will be given as funds are available and should not exceed \$2,000.
2. Applications must be submitted on the current Grant Application form and include a description of the request.
3. The money must be used within one year.
4. Please return the Grant Follow-Up form as it helps us to evaluate our program.

Partnerships/Joint Venture Grants

Partnership Grants

To support other nonprofits who provide educational career training programs that meet the ideals and goal of the ESA Foundation or to support larger grant making entities who are able to support multiple clients for a single program that furthers the educational interests of the ESA Foundation.



Alpha Upsilon, Hillsboro

Welcome to our BEAUTIFUL spring! The grass is green, and the daffodils are abundant and swaying in the breezes.

Seems like February and March here in Hillsboro is a slower time of year for Alpha Upsilon. No pictures to share and no GREAT BIG highlights, but.....philanthropy, sisterhood and educational continue without a blink of an eye. ESA members, despite circumstances of aging, illnesses, physical ailments, travel and the needs of family members, continue to give of themselves unselfishly and mostly without complaint (a few of us slip a complaint or two in once in a while!).

Our educational that we write out and email to the membership has been a most welcome means sharing our educational. These years have been exceptional following President Susie Parks theme of “Ride the Waves with ESA” with a turtle depicted on a surfboard. Members have explored little known beaches, along with turtles and other sea life. A recent report was about Octopus’s and was fascinating.

Our most recent social was at the new Merrill Gardens in Hillsboro. Shirley Woodford hosted at her new home there. Her husband Dave has been referred to as the “Mayor of Merrill” by the staff. The beautiful seven story complex boasts a full dining room, special events and a top floor garden patio with outdoor and indoor viewing. Hillsboro has become the home to many food cart venues, including a downtown location with nearly 20 carts with varying ethnic and local foods to choose from. It also hosts indoor and outdoor seating with a full-service bar. Guess where OUR next social is going to be?

Ongoing AU business, of course includes assembling a roster of officers for the upcoming year. Nominees include For President, Della Schwab; VP, Rennie Meek; Corresponding Secretary, Diane Lewis; Treasurer, Linda Gratteri; Parliamentarian, Pearl Lushina and immediate Past President, Susie Parks. And finally, the tulip sales organized by Karla Frengle and getting the four high schools in Hillsboro plugged into our scholarship programs is most imminent on our agenda – always fun and encouraging to meet with students and have them share their goals and aspirations for their future. . It’s always encouraging and motivates us to continue our outreach programs in Alpha Upsilon/ESA!

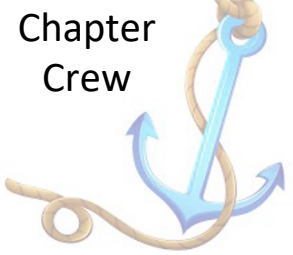
Rennie Meek



Delta Kappa, Hood River

Delta Kappa has hit the ground running in Jan. & Feb. working hard on our March 8th Bingo/silent auction fundraiser. It was a lot of hard work, but a great success. We had baked potatoes, salad bar and lots of homemade cookies for dessert. We played 12 bingo games, had 50/50 tickets, silent auction, wine pull and a lot of door prizes. We had 96 people attend including several women from Delta Xi. Thank you for supporting our event and we hope you had a great time.

Debbie Sanguras will be hosting our outstanding girl/awards social on March 20th. We will be having a salad bar as we celebrate our outstanding members. Convention will be here before we know it. Guess we better get to working on those reports due by April 1st. Looking forward to convention and seeing everyone.



Alpha Zeta, Eugene

Alpha Zeta has had a busy three months even if it has been dreary. If I left anything out, please accept my apologies.

We have had three meetings, had at least 2 educationals, a rush and a pizza celebration for yours truly. ALPHA ZETA turned out en force with only 2 members missing. I was honored that as many people showed up for an impromptu no-host pizza party.

We had at least two educationals. Melissa Gilliam did her educational on cake decorating and Becky Diehnel did hers on felting. Both presentations were well received.

At our March meeting, we combined a regular meeting and a rush meeting. We had three individuals attend and expressed interest in the organization. Fingers crossed!! President Melissa made table favors, and snacks and made a presentation about the structure of ESA International. Unfortunately, no photos were taken.

Lots of pictures were taken at the pizza celebration, however, some of which are attached for your edification. While it was not a regular AZ meeting, the sisters and brother of the chapter all showed up to get together. As you can see, I still use the pineapple as a theme. Lots of pizza was eaten, beer and pop disappeared, etc. I think a good time was had by all.

Sunday, WVDC will have the district meeting in Albany.

Lani Shimer

Alpha Zeta, cont.

Alpha Zeta Rush Party on March 11th before our regular monthly meeting! St. Patty's Day decorations and cupcakes served! Three guests came and two signed up.

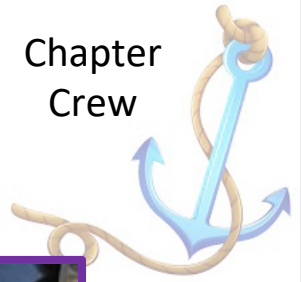
Lots of discussion of our year ahead for new members. Questions were asked by both new members. Much discussion about what our organization and our local group do for our community.

Mona Ayers

Delta Gamma, Florence

Delta Gamma has been busy supporting our many projects here in Florence. We are particularly happy about our support of the First Citizen and Future First Citizen Program which recognizes adults and students who go above and beyond while contributing to the success of our community. Our newest member, Tasha, has stepped up to represent Delta Gamma as it relates to the organization of the event. Surprise! Our member, Carrie McNeill, has twin daughters, Macy & Addison, and they both have been nominated for the Future First Citizen recognition. We really are not surprised at all. The McNeill family are very involved in our town. A luncheon will be held on April 29th to recognize the recipients.

Julie Rassman



Alpha Zeta, Eugene

Lani's Celebration



Alpha Zeta's New Members

L: Katie Hawkins
R: Kim Woods



Delta Xi, Portland

The Delta Xi ladies are still keeping busy cooking lunches and dinners for both the HIV Center and Transition Projects locations. We are trying new soup and casserole recipes that the folks seem to really enjoy.

Our educationals have been continuing along our President Karen's theme "Be Kind." Pat discovered there is a "Kindness Farm" in the city of Portland dealing with growing foods for the homeless. And Chris York presented her educational with Kind versus Nice. Both very interesting topics.

Several of our members attended Winter meeting in Sutherlin beginning with a wonderful dinner at Triple Oak Vineyards. At Saturday's meeting we learned the different ways of tying Knots and Saturday evening the fund raiser for Easter Seals was a hoot!!!! Who knew a toilet seat cover could double as a life preserver???? Thank you, Linda Gratteri.

A couple of our sisters have been experiencing health issues so several of us have been visiting them and taking them to their appropriate appointments. Joann Barber, Kathy and Paul Darnielle and Pat Stupur attended Delta Kappa's Bingo and Luncheon. Always a fun afternoon.

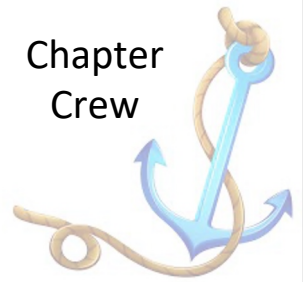
We gathered at one of our meetings putting together items for the Vet Kits. Matt Sorenson from Easter Seals came to the meeting to pick up all of the items collected. We are also collecting some fun items for Easter Seal Baskets for Trillium.

We will be bringing our tickets for the vacation raffle for Five Nights at the Pines at Sun River.

We are all looking forward to seeing everyone at Convention.

Pat Stupur

Chapter
Crew



At Hood River



At Triple Oak



Matt from Easter Seals

Winter Meeting Recap



Riding the Easter Seals Cruise Ship with Linda Gratteri as Activities Director, during our muster drill.



Oregon State Council of ESA
 Winter Meeting
 Sutherlin Community Center
 February 22, 2025

INCOME

Registrations.	43 @ \$60	\$2580.00
Late Fees	4 @ \$5.00	20.00
Friday night	28 @ \$25.00.	700.00
		\$3300.00



EXPENSES

Kitchen		\$75.00
Friday dinner/wine		960.00
Saturday lunch		333.28
Saturday Dinner		668.96
Refunds	4 @ \$60	240.00
Easterseals		1022.76
		\$3300.00



Balance 0.00

Please join the Omega Mu chapter of Epsilon Sigma Alpha
for their annual fun-filled

Spring Auction

Saturday, April 12, 2025

1:00 to 3:00 pm

Santiam Place

1395 Main Street in Lebanon, OR 97355

Silent and Oral Auctions

Featuring

Unique handcrafted items from local craftspeople, various baskets, collectibles, gifts and fresh baked goodies.

Doors open at 1:00 for Silent Auction, Oral Auction at 2:00

Lunch tickets available

Beer Wine available Donations accepted

Omega Mu supports local and national organizations such as St. Jude Children's Research Hospital, Easter Seals, Make a Wish, Mid-Valley schools, US Service Personnel, Safe Haven Humane Society and more.

Profits from the auction provide Linn County High School Seniors with college or trade school scholarships. Scholarship winners are asked to attend the auction to be awarded.

Don't forget Easter is next weekend & Mother's Day is next month May 10th

Contact Jill Rankin

rankin@peak.org

2025-2026 Executive Board Candidates



President – Jean Forsman

Joined ESA in 1989, Delta Gamma, Florence and then again in 2020

Has held all Chapter offices

Has held District office: Vice President

Has held State Council offices: 2nd Vice President, Workshop, Recording Secretary, Association of the Arts

Has attended 19 State Conventions during her years of service, with 5 District meetings in the last 2 years.

1st Vice President – Melanie Swann

Joined ESA in 1995, Beta Omicron, Burns

Has held Chapter offices: President and Treasurer

Has held District offices: President and Treasurer

Has held State Council office: Treasurer

Has attended 20 State Conventions during her years of service, with 6 District meetings in the last 2 years.



2nd Vice President – Patty Anderson

Joined ESA in 2012, Omega Mu, Albany

Has held Chapter offices: Vice President and President

Has held District offices: Vice President

Has held State Council offices: Workshop Coordinator, Flag Chair, and Grapevine Co-Editor

Has attended 8 State Conventions during her years of service, with 2 District meetings in the last 2 years.



Recording Secretary – Julie Rassman

Joined ESA in 1998, Delta Gamma, Florence
Has held Chapter offices: President, Vice President, and Secretary
Has held District offices: President and Vice President
Has held State Council offices: President, 1st Vice President, 2nd Vice President, Recording Secretary, and Workshop Chair
Has attended 3 IC Conventions and 10+ State Conventions during her years of service, with 5 District meetings in the last 2 years.



Workshop Coordinator – Michelle Wagner

Joined ESA in 2007, Alpha Psi, Port Orford
Has held Chapter offices: President and Secretary
Has held State offices: St. Jude Junior and Senior Chair
Has attended 7 State Conventions during her years of service, with 3 District meetings in the last 2 years

Treasurer – Kari Engdahl

Joined ESA in 1993, Alpha Psi, Port Orford, returned to active status in 2022.
Has held Chapter offices: President 2 times, Vice President, Secretary
Has held District office: Secretary
Has held State Council offices: Treasurer, 2008 Convention Co-Chair
Has attended 10 State Conventions during her years of service.





Corresponding Secretary – Carolyn Warren

Joined ESA in 1988, Alpha Iota, Grants Pass, transferred to Beta Iota, Roseburg, MAL, returned to active status in 2024 to Alpha Zeta, Eugene

Has held all Chapter offices

Has held all District offices except Recording Secretary

Has held all State Council offices except Recording Secretary

Has attended 10 IC Conventions and 34 State Conventions, during her years of service, with 3 District meetings in the last 2 years

Jr Past President – Joyce Hodge

Joined ESA in 1983, Alpha Psi, Port Orford

Has held all Chapter offices

Has held all District offices

Has held State offices: 1st Vice President, 2nd Vice President, Recording Secretary, Treasurer,

Parliamentarian, Audit Committee, Philanthropic

Has attended 30 State Conventions, during her years of service, with 5 District meetings in the last 2 years





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"Dropping Anchor"

May 2-4, 2025

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Member (Spouse or guest) Name _____ Member # _____

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Phone: () _____ Email _____

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District President _____ Pledge _____ 1st State Convention _____ Gavel (year) _____

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

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

___ **Apple Stuffed Pork Loin** (apples, onions, almonds & brown sugar) topped with pan jus served with Roasted Sweet Potatoes. *Dessert:* Cinnamon Apple Strudel w/Vanilla sauce

___ **Char Grilled Salmon Filet** topped with a citrus Butter Sauce w/Rice Pilaf butter sauce. *Dessert:* Cinnamon Apple Strudel w/Vanilla sauce

___ **Freshly Roasted Vegetables w/Penne Pasta** & spices tossed in pesto & Olive Oil

___ **Vegetable Puff Pastry** sauteed array of vegetables inside pastry, on a pool of Tomato Basil Sauce. ...*Dessert* same above.

Member Registration \$ 150.00 _____

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Guest Full Registration \$ 150.00 _____

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