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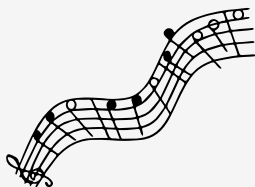
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PRESIDENT - MISTY EVANS

Happy middle of August - as I sit here to write this article, all I can think is - Where in the world has summer gone?! It has flown right by - ISC Convention & IC Convention are behind us; MARC Convention and Fall gathering are quickly approaching! My baby boy graduated basic training and school starts for my kiddos in a few short days. Wow oh wow!



President's Report - Continued

An awesome time was had by all at the ISC Convention in June hosted by Omega Nu! They did an awesome job hosting everyone and that murder-mystery dinner was to "die" for! Who would think Celeste would murder someone?!? Not Me...

IC was held in beautiful Grapevine, TX but man was it HOT!! Congrats to Suzi Coffman on being recognized as Outstanding State ESA for St. Jude Coordinator! Celeste Webb was installed at IC as the Second Vice-President in July - make plans now to attend IC Convention, July 16-20 2025 in Cary, NC where she will be installed as International Council President! I know that is a way's off, but it will be here before you know it!

Mark your calendar now for Saturday, September 23! The St. Jude Walk/Run will be held that morning at Illinois Wesleyan University and then the ISC Fall Gathering will be held afterwards beginning at Noon at St. Luke's Union Church in Bloomington! Look for the registration form later in the newsletter!

If you haven't heard before now, you heard it now - Illinois is hosting MARC 2023 in East Peoria October 13-14! Get your registrations turned in NOW as they price increased 9/12! We need as many hands on deck to help with the events of the weekend and our very own Jull Shull will be installed as MARC President for 2023-24.

See you all soon and Keep Rockin' Away in ESA!

ESA HUGS, Misty



FUN TIMES



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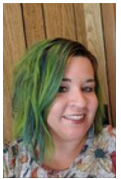
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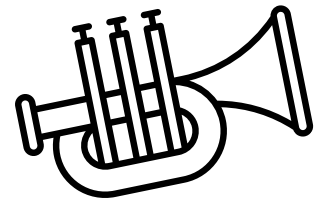
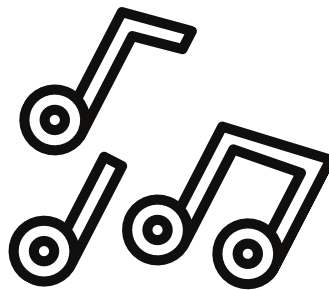
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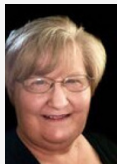
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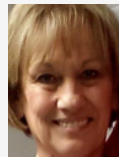
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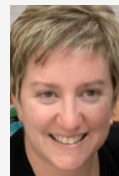
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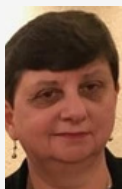
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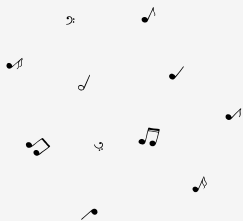
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2023 MARC CONVERENCE REPORT



Hope you have all survived the heat. But now it is time to think about the MARC Conference in October in East Peoria IL. In case you haven't heard-WE ARE HOSTING. NOW we need your help. The committee has been hard at work and have some great plans in place but we cannot do this without your help.

- Registration is chaired by Rhonda Rawlings and Judy Huntley.
- Loots bags and the hospitality room is chaired by Alpha Upsilon.
- Friday Workshops-Adrian Sperduto, Maria Bingheim and Jamie Atchison
- Friday Luncheon is chaired by Beta Mu
- Friday Evening is chaired by the planning committee
- Saturday Luncheon is chaired by Alpha Alpha, Delta Chi and Epsilon Zeta
- Saturday Banquet is chaired by Omega Nu.




We need help will all of these events-we have tried to keep it simple. We are using the same centerpieces for all events. A glass stein that is filled with flowers and we will add a few things to it throughout the conference. The conference dress is a dirndl apron which we will be placing orders for.


Plus our very own Jill Shull is being installed as the new MARC President. We need to show our support for Jill.

Remember that you have to register for the conference even if you are helping. Please consider helping out. It takes all of us and the more hands we have, the less time it will take!

Scan the QR code for more details and links to hotel, registration & program book ad forms.




SCAN ME



MARC 2023
Oktoberfest
October 13 - 14, 2023
East Peoria, Illinois

Places to visit along your way:
Bishop Hill
Springfield
Galena
Quad Cities
Champaign-Urbana





EPSILON SIGMA ALPHA

Hosted by Illinois State Council

Midwest Area Regional Council
38th Annual Conference
Embassy Suited by HILTON
East Peoria, Illinois
October 13-14, 2023



Name State
Address
City, State, Zip
EmailAddress Phone
EmergencyContact Phone
TravelPlans:Driving: Flying:Airline Flight# Date
NamesofRoommates:
NameTagsYes No (Iwillbringmyown)ProgramBookYes PDFOnly

Registration Fees (includes meeting fees, food, A/V, 12% tax & 25%service charges)

Postmarked By 9/12/2023

- RegistrationforConferenceandLeadership \$175.00
RegistrationexcludingFridayLeadership \$150.00

Partial Registration

- SaturdayLunchonly \$50.00
SaturdayBanquetonly \$65.00

Postmarked After 9/12/2023

- RegistrationforConferenceandLeadership \$190.00
RegistrationexcludingFridayLeadership \$175.00

Partial Registration

- SaturdayLunchonly \$65.00
SaturdayBanquetonly \$80.00

Walk-in Registration After 10/1/2023

- Walk-InCashorMoneyOrderOnly \$205.00

Youth Meals (Under 12 years old) *

- FridayLunch \$22.00
SaturdayLunch \$22.00
Banquet \$22.00

TotalEnclosed \$

Current Officer / Offices Held
(Check all that apply)
MARC Exec Board
MARC Appt Board
MARCette
IC Exec Board
IC Appt Board
ESA
Foundation
ESA
Headquarters
1st Time
No refunds after 9/12/2023

Medical Dietary Restrictions (additional charges may apply)

Please make checks payable to 2023 MARC Conference. Mail to: Rhonda Rawlings, Conference Treasurer & Registration Chair P.O. Box 581 Neoga, IL 62447 Email: esarawlings@gmail.com Phone: 217-621-4637

Hotel Information: Embassy Suites by Hilton 100 Conference Center Dr, East Peoria, IL 61611 Phone: 309-694-0200
Group Code: EPS for Group Rate click link to make a reservation<ESA MARC 2023>
Room Block honored until September 21, 2023
Room Rates: \$139 Single/Double; \$149 Triple; \$159 Quad per night, plus tax. \$15 additional charge for river view
*Room rates honored two days prior / after conference based upon availability
Complimentary self-park, in room Wi-Fi & free breakfast and manager's reception.
Pay by Credit Card processed via Square (4% service charge applies)
Name on Card CC# Exp Date CVS (Note: CC# & information will be blacked out and shredded after processing)

All cancellation requests must be made in writing, postmarked by 9/1/2023, if approved, a \$15 cancellation fee applies; one-time only member to member transfer registration is allowed by 9/1/2023 with a \$15 processing fee. \$45 processing fee applies for returned checks.
*Registration Chair will contact you with youth meal choices.
Approved 3/29/2023



**2023 Midwest Area Regional Council
Leadership
Friday, October 13, 2023**

History of St. Jude Midwest Affiliate



Michael Maloof will share the dream and legacy of his parents, Jim & Trudy Maloof and their good friend Danny Thomas, St. Jude Children's Hospital Research Hospital founder, to bring hospital's first affiliate clinic to reality in the heart of Illinois in Peoria.

Jim and Trudy Maloof were one of the first families to hear Danny Thomas' vision back in the late 1960s and helped create the culture of St. Jude supporters that still exist today in Illinois.



The Peoria Affiliate Clinic opened in 1972. It is currently a joint effort of St. Jude Children's Research Hospital in Memphis, Children's Hospital of Illinois, the University of Illinois and College of Medicine of Peoria. This clinic location was dedicated to Jim Trudy in August 2010 and named the Jim and Trudy Midwest Affiliate Clinic.

The Legacy of Tori Lodge



A loving mother, Tonya Lodge shares the extraordinary journey and legacy of her daughter, Tori Lodge. Tori was an amazing daughter and sister, wonderful friend, good student, and advocate for ESA and St. Jude.

Tori left her mark on all of you! She also left her mark at St. Jude. As you can see *Forever Grateful* was Tori's journey statement for a very long time. No one wants to hear they have cancer, but Tori worked to make the best of it and made sure she had something to be **Grateful** for.

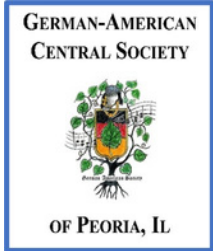
St. Jude Survivor to Hero Dane Perdieu



Dane Perdieu brings a passion for life and St. Jude, from his initial childhood cancer diagnosis at age 14 through today, Dane will share his unique experiences as a St. Jude survivor including being part of the St. Jude LIFE cohort to St. Jude Hero and may challenges and lessons learned along the way.

Experience in a dance-instructor can make a big difference. Local instructors, husband-and-wife team Allen and Christyn will teach us to polka and more, so we are ready to have some fun dancing this weekend. They have studied ballroom and Latin dance under the instruction of one of the American greats, we have been a competitive couple, we have worked with a competitive team in Georgia and we have been instructing at our own studio home here in Peoria, IL for over 13 years.

German American Central Society



The German American Central Society (GACS) of Peoria, Illinois will share with us their love for all things German, share some history, games, and much more. The society is the most active ethnic heritage organization in the Peoria Area. People of Germanic descent were prominent in the development of Central Illinois since the mid-1800's. Originally, the GACS was created to support immigrant families moving to the area to help them become established. Today we continue to promote our strong German heritage and culture. We are proud hosts of very popular public events held year-round at either club house, the *Lindenhof*, or at *Hickory Grove Park*. We also co-host the Peoria Oktoberfest with the Peoria Park District. Our members also enjoy participation in a wide variety of club activities. Membership is open to anyone regardless of heritage.





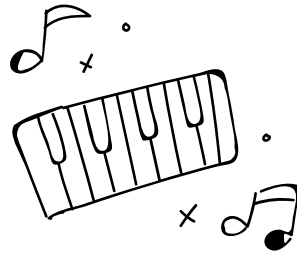
Webmaster Report



It's that time of year where the website is undergoing updates, please send me your latest chapter rosters, photos and events to share, also if you have any content ideas or see anything that needs attention, please let me know.

Lastly, it is never too early for succession planning, webmaster is a fun position, it is fairly easy using Weebly provider, anyone is interested in being my successor for the 2024 - 2026 term, please let President Elect Kerry Considine know.

Jamie 



Treasurer's Report

Cha-Ching!



Hello, hope everyone is having a great summer!! BIG NEWS!!! I am moving 8/14, my new address is 1109 Bryan Street Normal, IL 61761, please send your dues with rosters to me as soon as you start meeting again: \$15 per member and \$25 chapter assessment.

Also to retain our 501c4 entity status, every chapter, council, auxiliary must file Tax Fact by 9/15/2023 to ESA Headquarters, send via email or USPS to 2580 E. Harmony Road Suite 301-11 Fort Collins, CO 80528

The 2023-2024 ISC Budget was approved at the June convention, please review on ISC Website and send vouchers for approved budget items as needed, any amounts over budget need to be presented to the board for review.

Lastly, it is never too early for succession planning, Treasurer is a vital and important position, it is fairly easy with smartphone apps and online banking, anyone is interested in being my successor for the 2024 - 2026 term, please let President Elect Kerry Considine know.



EPSILON SIGMA ALPHA

***Wear your TEAM ESA attire and join the
Illinois State Council Executive
Fun Fall Gathering Lunch immediately
following the St. Jude Walk/Run
St. Luke's Union Church***

***2101 E Washington St, Bloomington, IL 61701
(Enter east side door of building, take elevator to
basement level)***

Saturday, September 16, 2023

Noon – 2:00pm

***Checks payable to ESA Illinois State Council
In person \$15 postmark by September 15 mail to
Jamie Atchison, ISC Treasurer***

1109 Bryan Street Normal, IL 61761

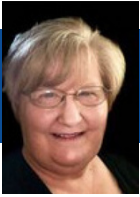
***After 9/16 in person fee increase to \$20 and cash only
with day of registration. Join by Zoom fee \$10***

Lunch menu:

Jimmy Johns sandwiches, chips, cookies & water

Name _____
Chapter _____
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Email _____
Medical Dietary Restrictions _____
In Person _____ Zoom _____ Amount Paid \$ _____



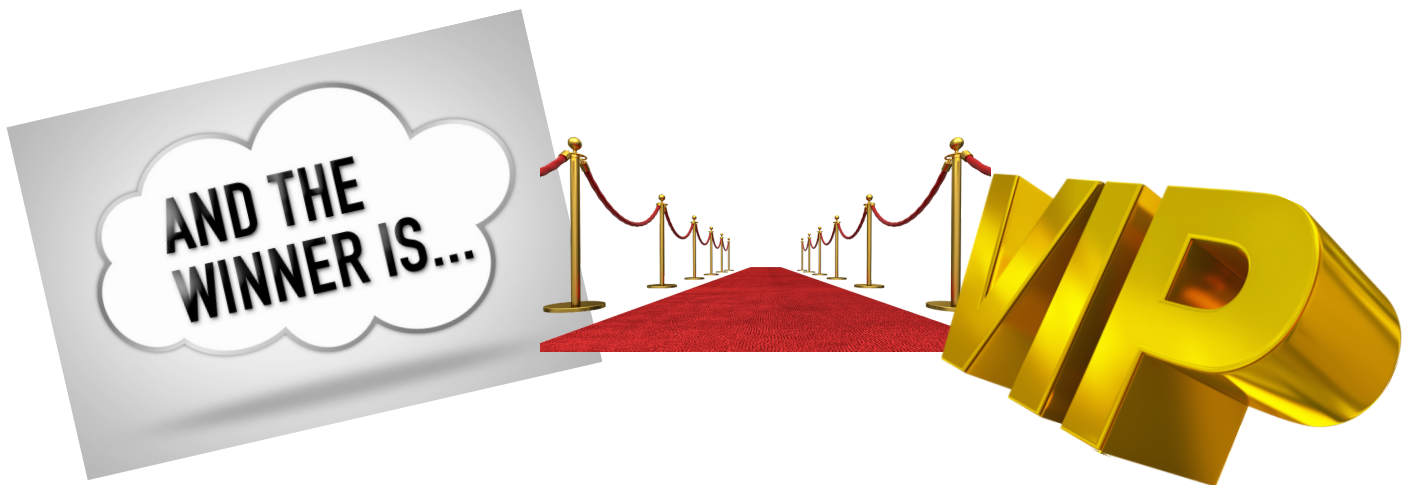


Awards Chairman Report



WOW! June and July have been a whirlwind of ESA activity and acknowledgements. The Illinois State Council 75th Annual Convention was presented in June and the 76th International Council Convention was presented in July. It takes a lot of people to prepare and present the conventions and I wish we had an award for everyone that contributed. Please see the lists below of the 2022-2023 awards and winners.

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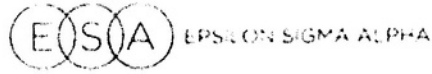




2022 - 2023 Rockin' Away in ESA Awards Gala

AWARD	RECIPIENT	AWARD	RECIPIENT
Outstanding Youth Award	Lincoln Scott	Judy Kline Disaster Fund Award	1Omega Nu
			2Beta Mu
Gold Link Award	Alpha Upsilon		3Alpha Upsilon
	Beta Mu		3Xi Chi
	Gamma Chi		
	Omega Nu	Usterwuzzers Philanthropic Hours Award	1Omega Nu
	Xi Chi		2Alpha Upsilon
			3Xi Chi
Marilyn Knuth Distinguished Athenian Award	Xi Chi		
		Usterwuzzers Philanthropic Monies Award	1Omega Nu
Camp New Hope Hours Award	1Omega Nu		2Alpha Upsilon
			3Beta Kappa
Camp New Hope Monies Award	1Omega Nu		
	2Alpha Upsilon	Publicity Award	1Alpha Upsilon
			2Omega Nu
Easterseals Hours Award	1Xi Chi		
	2Alpha Alpha	Social Award	1Beta Mu
			2Omega Nu
Easterseals Monies Award	1Xi Chi		
	2Alpha Alpha	Gail Savage Membership Pledge Award	Omega Nu
	3Omega Nu		
		Spirit Award	1Jamie Atchison
Mary Jo Gallagher Foundation Award	1Alpha Alpha		2Maria Bingheim
	2Omega Nu		3Terri Crum
	3Alpha Upsilon		4Judy Huntley
Hope For Heroes Hours Award	1Omega Nu	St Jude Children's Research Hospital	\$ 369,595
	2Alpha Upsilon	Mary E Erickson St Jude Hours Award	1Omega Nu
	3Delta Chi		2Alpha Upsilon
			3Alpha Alpha
Hope For Heroes Monies Award	1Omega Nu		
	2Alpha Upsilon	Bobbie Atchison St Jude Monies Award	1Alpha Alpha
	3Delta Xi		2Omega Nu
			3Alpha Upsilon





2022-2023 INTERNATIONAL AWARDS

ESA HEADQUARTERS AWARDS

Membership Net Growth Award

Arizona
Tennessee
Utah

Membership Growth Award/Greatest Growth by Number

1st Arizona
2nd (Tie) Tennessee & Utah

Membership Growth Award/Greatest Percentage of Growth

1st Arizona
2nd Utah
3rd Tennessee

State Membership Director Honor Award/ Greatest Number of New Members

Arizona
Arkansas
Kansas
Oklahoma

State Membership Director Honor Award/ Greatest Percentage of New Members

1st Pennsylvania
2nd South Carolina
3rd North Carolina

Outstanding State ESA for St. Jude Coordinator Award

Susan Coffman Illinois

ESA for St. Jude – State Donating Most Dollars Per Member Award

1 st Louisiana	\$28,643/member
2 nd Ohio	\$20,398/member
3 rd Mississippi	\$16,684/member

ESA for St. Jude – Largest Individual Event Award

1 st Colorado State Council (Denver Dream Home)	\$1,730,494
2 nd Delta Gamma, Ohio (Cleveland Dream Home)	\$1,250,000
3 rd Colorado State Council (Colorado Springs Dream Home)	\$1,098,840

ESA for St. Jude – Largest Individual Event Award (Excluding Dream Homes & Radiothons)

1 st Pi Delta, Texas (Dallas Golf & Gala)	\$380,000
2 nd Theta Epsilon, Arkansas (NYS/Roy Pearson Memorial Golf Tournament)	\$250,019.63
3 rd Omega Tau, Louisiana (Baton Rouge Walk/Run)	\$151,250

INTERNATIONAL COUNCIL AWARDS

B.J. Clark Outstanding State President Award

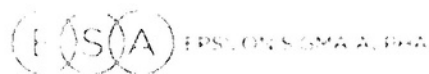
Linda Jones Oklahoma

Honorable Mention

Jennifer Gailey	Tennessee
Jan Faulkner	North Carolina

Maie L. Wells Outstanding State Educational Director Award

Jacque Cantrel Oklahoma



2022-2023 INTERNATIONAL AWARDS

Gold Seal Merit Award

-Alpha Gamma, Florida

Trudi Myers

-Sigma Phi, Florida

Pinky Barbour, Peggy Sprinkle

-Beta Gamma, Oklahoma

Jan Kendall

-Gamma Zeta, Oklahoma

Shirley Moore

-Beta Zeta, California

Jackie Still

-Rho Chi, Florida

Mary Sosa

-Zeta Epsilon, Kansas

Brenda Temaat

-Kappa Kappa, Texas

Cheryl Deleranko, Brenda Schaffer

-Gamma Omicron, Kansas

Kathy Crowl

-Alpha Phi, Wyoming

Kim Enis

Easterseals Award – State Hours

1st Florida 163 hours

2nd Virginia 159 hours

3rd Ohio 103 hours

Outstanding Youth Award

Ellen Fairbanks Brazoria, Texas

State News Bulletin Award (4 Issues or Less)

1st Ohio

2nd Illinois

3rd Florida

State News Bulletin Award (5 Issues or More)

1st Georgia

2nd California

3rd (Tie) Oregon & Arizona

Disaster Fund Award

1st Colorado \$6,609.05

2nd Kansas \$4,127.50

3rd Texas \$3,959.25

Outstanding State Easterseals Chair Award

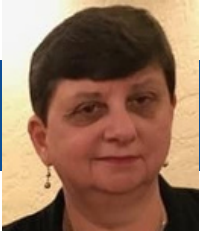
Joann Zaleski Michigan

Easterseals Award – State Monies

1st Arizona \$5,362

2nd Texas \$3,130.15

3rd Michigan \$2,178



Well, it has been warm here in Illinois but it was even warmer in Grapevine Texas for the IC Convention and the ESA Foundation annual meeting. It was great to see so many ESA friends from around the country.

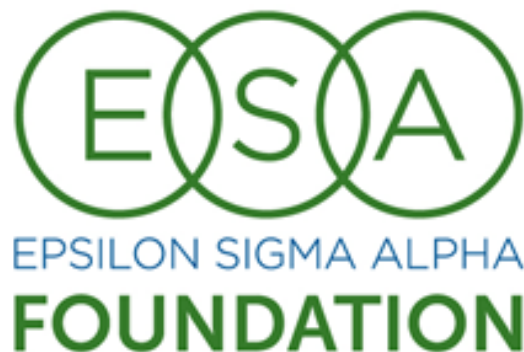
First, thank you to the chapters for supporting the state donation to the ESA Fun Fest. The purse and gift cards had a value of \$350 and I was told that it raised more than that during the auction. The ESA Fun Fest raised approximately \$19,400 this year. These funds help the ESAF keep costs down and help fund the general scholarships.

With the ESAF moving to a calendar year, there will be elections again in December for 3 director positions. If you are interested, please let Kim Mandrell know.

There were 125 scholarships awarded in 2023 for \$134,300. Overall, the ESAF has awarded 4,365 scholarships for \$4,275,428. WOW is all I can say.

The ESAF is announcing a new fundraiser called the Pathway Program. You purchase a “virtual brick” along the pathway for varying dollar amounts. To learn more go to epsilonsigmaalpha.org/ESAFPathway. I hope to see many of you at our Fall gathering

Maria Bingheim
ESA Foundation Counselor



PATHWAY PROGRAM

A fundraiser to support the ESA Foundation



Build a pathway to a brighter future and celebrate special ESA Foundation or ESA members, community volunteers, or other special people with your gift to the Pathway Program. Your donations will pave the way to a brighter future for our organization, those who follow in our path, and all we serve.

VIRTUAL BRICK* OPTIONS

*not a physical brick

LIGHT BLUE (\$25): Certificate

RED (\$50): Certificate and 1 Fund Fest game ticket

LIGHT GREEN (\$100): Certificate and 2 Fund Fest game tickets

FOREST GREEN (\$150): Certificate and 3 Fund Fest game tickets

DARK BLUE (\$250): Certificate and 4 Fund Fest game tickets or ESA Foundation merchandise

PURPLE (\$500): Certificate, ESA Foundation merchandise, and company logo included at the ESA International Council Convention

PURPLE & GOLD (\$1,000): Certificate, ESA Foundation merchandise, and cocktail hour with ESA Foundation Board of Directors

To make your gift or to learn more, visit: epsilonsigmaalpha.org/ESAFPathway

ESA FOUNDATION PATHWAY DONATION FORM

Name: _____
(Treasurer's Name if Chapter Donation)

Chapter/Council Name: _____

Address: _____

Donation Amount: _____

Special Message for Certificate: _____

Credit this donation to: an Individual a Chapter

ESA Member #: _____

Chapter/Council #: _____

City/State/Zip: _____

Name for Certificate: _____

Mail to: ESA Headquarters 2580 E Harmony Rd. Suite 301-11, Fort Collins, CO, 80528



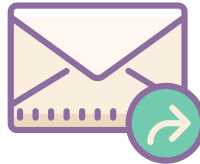
ESA'y Yours Editor



Thank you to everyone that submitted articles for this issue. I hope to see more articles in future editions!

It's important to submit Chapter News - we all enjoy reading what everyone is up to, at least I know I do.

Please send articles to me at esalyours@gmail.com



Issue Dates:

10/25/2023

01/25/2024

03/25/2034

07/25/2024



Historian



Please send me pictures or notes about what you are doing in your chapters or a snapshot of you working on your Illinois State Council office or appointment. The items for for Misty's Yearbook. As many of you know, it is always fun to go back and look at scrapbooks - so many fond memories come to life!

Besides ESA, faith, family and friends, my passions include scrapbooking, junk journaling, make cards and messing with mixed media. Grandkids' sports are the best, especially since I am retired! See my grandson below who is playing collegiate football at Augustana College. Augustana College also has an ESA Chapter!

It is my pleasure to share these talents in saving Misty's memories.



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Augustan College on Facebook!**



Illinois State 2023 Convention Co-Chairs

The 2023 Illinois State Convention was held on June 9th and 10th, 2023 at the Thelma Convention Center in Effingham, Illinois. Omega Nu was your host. This year's theme was "Diamonds and Gold, Sparkle in ESA." This theme was in celebration of our 75th Jubilee.

The Treasurer's Report for the convention is on the next page.

Awards for the convention are in the Awards Chairman Report in this issue.

The minutes of the meeting are on the pages following the Treasurer's Report.



2022 ESA IL State Council Convention Financial Statement

Income	ISC Convention Start-Up	\$500.00
	Registration	\$3,831.00
	IC/MARC Rep Registration & Room	\$500.00
	President Elect's Guests Banquet (2)	\$100.00
	Outstanding Youth/Distinguished Achieve/Guest/Luncheon	\$100.00
Total Income		\$5,031.00
Expenses	Thelmas Keller Convention Center	\$3,876.95
	Saturday Night Entertainment	\$150.00
	IC/MARC 2-room nite (double room)	\$288.96
	Convention Account Bank Checks	\$26.80
Total Expenses		\$4,342.71
Profit		\$688.29
	Pay to Illinois State Council (included refund from convention of \$31.02)*	\$375.16
	Pay to Past President (Usterwuzzers)	\$313.12

Donations from Usterwuzzers

Paint materials and coverings for Friday Night
 Mixer IC/MARC Reps Welcome Gifts
 Brenda Field gift for transporting IC Rep
 Printing of programs books, name tags, table tents
 Registration passports and stickers
 Stickers, candy, little suitcases for Friday night
 Paris Flag & Throw

Thelma Keller Convention Room Fee Discounts

Friday Night \$400.00
 General Session \$100.00
 Saturday Lunch \$600.00
 Saturday Night \$1,000.00
 \$2,100.00

Registration by function

Friday Night - 35
 Saturday Lunch - 37
 Saturday Night - 38

6/26/2022

Illinois State Council 74th Annual Convention Minutes

June 10, 2023

The Call to Order was given at 9:16am by ISC President Misty Evans. IC Recording Secretary Angie Butenschoen presented the flags and chapter banners, followed by the Pledge of Allegiance and the Opening Ritual.

The Lighting of the Sue Scherer Memorial Candle and the Opening Thoughts were given by Jo Grafton, IDC Chaplain.

Convention Co-Chair Rhonda Rawlings welcomed all members and introduced Patty Greene, the Thelma Keller Convention Center Director. President Misty introduced the Executive and Appointed Board, along with the ISC Past Presidents. Past IC Presidents Judy Huntley and Jamie Atchison were recognized, as were past MARC Presidents Regina Considine, Judy Huntley and Celeste Webb. Illinois members serving on the IC and MARC Boards were recognized as well as our out of state guests.

Roll Call was taken at Registration with 32 Full Registrations, 10 Partial, 2 guests at the Awards luncheon and 22 Usterwuzzer's present.

Parliamentarian Celeste Webb made the motion to accept the Rules of the Convention as printed on page 11 of the Program booklet. Coming from the Executive Board, a Second is not required. Motion carried.

The 2023 Spring Meeting Minutes were emailed to the members prior to Convention. They will also be published on the Summer Esa'ly Yours. Kathleen Grissom, Alpha Upsilon #644 made the motion to accept the Minutes. Maria Bingheim, Epsilon Zeta #2668, seconded. Motion carried.

No correspondence was received.

A copy of the Treasurer's Report is printed on page 12 of the Program book.

2022-2023 Beginning Balance as of 7-1-22: \$22789.83

Income: \$5499.70

Expenses: \$7552.21

Ending Balance as of 6-10-23: \$20737.32

Paid Chapters: 12. Paid Members: 279. Paid MAL's: 5

The Treasurers Report will be filed for Audit.

The 2023-2024 Proposed Budget (pages 23-25) was presented by Treasurer Jamie Atchison. The estimated income is \$5972.00, the estimated expenses are \$5968.00, ending with the estimated balance of \$4.00.

At the 2nd General Assembly, Treasurer Jamie stated on recommendation from the Budget Committee, she moved to accept the Proposed Budget as presented. Coming from a Committee, a Second is not required. Motion carried.

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Executive/Appointed Board Reports

President-Elect/Membership -Kerry Considine: ESA is dying. There are many tools/ideas available on the ESA website to help in growing membership. Talk to people. Reinstate former members, bring those Collegiate's to the Community Chapters. Remember there is a (one time) financial help for members needing help in paying their dues, contact Treasurer Jamie. Kerry challenges each and everyone to bring new members in to ESA this year.

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Workshop Coordinator – Natasha Hershey: Absent.

Disaster Fund – Adrian Sperduto: Illinois had four out of eleven chapters report. Omega Nu \$266.70; Beta Mu \$200.00; Alpha Upsilon \$100.00, Xi Chi \$100.00, and the Illinois State Council \$200.00.

Chaplain – Jo Grafton: No Report.

ESA for St. Jude – Suzi Coffman: the Chapters are not reporting nearly as much as what Headquarters has noted. When in doubt, call your St. Jude chair. They get monthly reports!!

The 2022 Philanthropic Awards are:

HOURS.

1st Place:2195.5. Omega Nu, Mattoon.

2nd Place:1052.75. Alpha Upsilon, Mattoon.

3rd Place:448.75. Beta Kappa, Moline

MONEY.

1st Place: \$165,547.15. Omega Nu, Mattoon

2nd Place: \$41,271.17. Alpha Upsilon, Mattoon

3rd Place: \$20,083.30. Xi Chi, O’Fallon

Easterseals – Kristi Keck for Sharon Nichols: 6 Chapters donated. Total monies: \$1167.17 / Total hours: 60

MONEY.

1st Place.\$522.17. Xi Chi.

2nd Place.\$250.00. Alpha Alpha.

3rd Place.\$150.00. Omega Nu

HOURS.

1st Place. 35 Xi Chi

2nd Place. 25.Alpha Alpha

Hope for Heroes – Celeste Webb for Leann Polston:

HOURS:

1st Place.61. Omega Nu.

2nd Place.20. Alpha Upsilon.

3rd Place.15. Delta Chi.

MONEY.

1st Place. \$4212.00.Omega Nu

2nd Place. \$4088.23.Alpha Upsilon

3rd Place. \$150.00. Delta Chi

Usterwuzzer’s – Jill Shull, President: Twelve past ISC Presidents attended. Those present approved \$100 each donation to St. Jude Children’s Hospital, Easterseals and Camp New Hope. Memorial donations of \$100 each were for Regina Considine’s husband Dick and for Joni Austin’s Mother. At this year’s convention, there will be a 50/50 drawing and each member has been requested to donate \$20.00. The a Thinking of You card will be sent to Kim Poling and her husband.

Campaign Fund – Jamie Atchison and Judy Huntley: There will be a basket raffled this weekend in support of the Program ads for Celeste (current IC Treasurer) and Jill (incoming MARC President). Currently there is \$1038.00 in the campaign fund account.

Audit – Maria Bingheim:The Audit Committee of Maria and Judy Huntley met on June 9th. All deposits and vouchers have been verified. The book has been found to be correct.

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Foundation – Maria Bingheim: The new Board Officers will be posted in the Foundation Newsletter in June. There was 61% turnout of voters. At the IC FunFest (Under the Big Top) with FFF Chair Sandy Hosack there will be raffle chances to win a Life Active membership as well as the purse auction with gift cards enclosed. States are also requested to bring bottles of wine, beer or other adult beverages for the wine pull silent/blind auction. Jair Atchison has donated a Coach purse. Maria reminded the members that it was decided at the ISC Spring meeting each chapter would donate gift cards. Please get these to Maria as soon as possible.

Other bits of Information: IC Headquarters has moved to 2580 E. Harmony RD, Suite 301-11 in Fort Collins. The contributions forms are still available on the website, please make certain your email address is correct on the ESA website; the Foundation dues have increased to \$40.00 this year and the annual Foundation meeting will be held at IC on Thursday, July 21st from 2-3:30pm. As always, donations are always welcome!

The Second General Assembly was Called to Order at 2:23pm

The **Celebration of Life** by ISC Chaplain Jo Grafton acknowledged three of our long time ESA sisters: Lurene Conner, Lois Neff and Virginia Brown. Memories of these ladies were shared by Jamie Atchison, Celeste Webb, Suzi Coffman and Kathleen Grissom.

Board Meeting/Future Convention bids – Misty: Rhonda Rawlings, Omega Nu suggested their Chapter will host the 2024 State Convention. At this time, there were no other bids for the Fall Leadership Gathering or the Spring Event. President Misty said the Fall Board could be held in conjunction with the St. Jude Walk/Run in September.. Illinois is having trouble with Chapter's hosting events. She shared recent discussion of a "Gap" year at convention, to possibly condense it into a "Fun" day. There has also been a suggestion of creating a specific "State Meeting Committee". As Misty said, it's time for a little change.

MARC 2023 will be held at the Embassy Suites October 12-14 in E. Peoria with Illinois hosting. Registration is \$175.00. Jamie Atchison and Maria Bingheim are co-chairs The Embassy Suites offers a nightly Happy Hour, free breakfast and parking. Maria told the members there will be interesting Friday speakers. This year's Conference is centered around all things German. Incoming President Jill Shull will be sharing her theme at the MARC meeting at IC.

The **IC Message** was presented Saturday night by IC Recording Secretary Angie Butenschoen. The **MARC Message** was presented by MARC Parliamentarian Heather Hoey.

Announcements:

LaDonna Beck thanked all of the members for cards, thoughts and prayers sent during Harold's recent passing.

The 50/50 raffle raised \$200.00, Sue Williams (KY) won. The Campaign Fund patriotic basket was won by Claudia Hatton (WI). \$240.00 was raised for the fund.

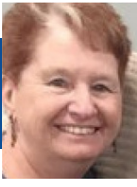
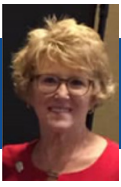
Beta Mu, Charleston will host a Vantastic event on July 15th. The van will travel down to a quilt shop and Irene's Winery in Oblong, then to Tuscan Hills Winery in Effingham, followed by dinner at Pinky's, Lake Sara, Effingham. .

Jo Grafton, ISC Chaplain, extinguished the Sue Scherer Memorial Candle. The flags were retired by Angie Butenschoen, IC Recording Secretary.

The 75th ESA Illinois State Council Convention was adjourned following the Closing Ritual at 2:57pm.

Respectfully submitted by,

Kathleen Grissom, acting Recording Secretary for Kim Poling



MARC Reps Report



Dear Illinois Sisters and Brothers,

October is right around the corner and We Need YOU to make our Oktoberfest a Success!!

On October 13th and 14th we will be hosting the 38th MARC Conference at the Embassy Suites in E. Peoria. The Registration form, \$175.00 fee if postmarked by September 12th, will be printed in this issue and the Marketplace flier will also be available. We are going to have an authentic German band, polka lessons, German atmosphere and activities.

Hope for Heroes will have two Gold Star Mom heroes sharing their stories. Patti Latch is the Founder and Executive Director of Gold Star Families. Joining her will be Anita Dixon, sharing her son Evan's story. Both of these ladies have been on remarkable journeys. We are also reminded to bring blank (unsigned) Birthday cards along with \$25.00 Walmart gift cards for any young children who have lost a parent and are now part of Gold Star Families. These will be given to Patti at our Conference.

We have some remarkable candidates for the MARC Offices this year. Those include Jill Shull, President Elect; Amanda Rowland-Dixon, Vice President; Beth Pompa and Brittany Rosemund, Secretary; Alley Gary and Jill Richards, Treasurer; Heather Hoey, Communicator and Julie Whitaker and Kathleen Grissom, Parliamentarian. President Elect Jill's theme is "On Your Marc 2023, A Vision to Connect through Communication."

The Ways and Means Committee will be having "donations" available throughout the weekend. Because of the strict Illinois gaming laws all of our fundraisers will be "kind donations." Thank you in advance to all of our wonderful members for making our Fundraisers a Success!!

Jamie Atchison and Maria Bingheim (co-chairs) have been working with the Embassy Suites on room accommodations for this weekend. If you have any questions or are experiencing any problems in getting a room (and Conference rate), please reach out to Jamie and Maria.

Judy and I hope to see MANY of our Illinois Sisters and Brothers in E. Peoria at MARC...let's make this a FUN, INTERESTING and REWARDING Oktoberfest!!





Alpha Upsilon - Kathy Brown

Happy Summer! Our Ladies of Alpha Upsilon have been busy again. In March we had our fundraiser at Juanito Mexican restaurant in Mattoon ILL in support of St Jude and Alpha Upsilon project we mostly advertise on social media we made 220.00 great job! We also had our nominating Committee Kathy Brown and Zelda Underwood for our votes for a new Vice President and Secretary. We are excited to welcome Sherri Harper as our new Vice President and Kathy Brown Secretary. April 5, we presented cookie's to our police Dept which they really enjoyed. We had our Spring Banquet at the Lift in Mattoon where Awards were given out, we also installed our Recording Secretary for 2023-2024 Kathy Brown. May was our Traffic Stop a big thank you for all our volunteers! It was a great success we made 3007.78 for St Jude. Way to go Ladies!! Several chapter members went to IC Convention in Effingham ILL they had a great time. June was our social picnic which was held at Sherri Harper home lots of good food we also installed Sherri as our new Vice President. July was our breakfast, drink booth for Bagelfest in Mattoon ILL we made 334.00 our ladies did a great job we even got our picture taken with Star Wars characters the theme was Return of the Bagel. Two of our members Kathleen Grissom our President and Paula Winchester member went to ESA IC Convention in Grapevine Texas July 25-30 they had a wonderful time. Our own Illinois State St Jude Coordinator Suzi Coffman was named Outstanding state St Jude Coordinator of ESA ! Misty our ISC President accepted for Suzi Congratulation!! August 4 was the St Jude Mattoon to Peoria Run launch party, ESA was well represented by Beta Mu Charleston ILL, Omega Nu and Alpha Upsilon Mattoon ILL. Alpha Upsilon has exciting things coming up the next few months our rummage sale will be coming soon. Have a great summer see you in the fall!



CHAPTER CHATTER



Beta Mu – Sharon Nicholas

Summer 2023 has been a busy one for Members of Beta Mu. In May our newest members, Susan Schwenke helped Alpha Upsilon with their Traffic Stop for St. Jude Children's Research Hospital. She really enjoyed it and had fun. It was also good to see one chapter helping another chapter. In order to survive we need each other; we must remember we are all in this together.

In June Pat Beaulieu, Debbie Dunning, Kristi Keck, and Susan Kile attended the ISC Convention on Saturday. They came back with enthusiasm and lots of ideas.

The following Thursday, the Mattoon American Legion supported Beta Mu Funds at their Vendor Quarter Auction. Eight people attended to help with the auction. Funds were raised for St. Jude Children's Hospital. Members enjoyed the event and fun was had by all.

On July 15, 10 members and guests attended the Vantastic event that Debbie Dunning planned for us. They ventured to Oblong to a Village Stitchery quilt shop and the Hallmark Open House. Then they ventured to Irene's Vineyard for a fabulous lunch. They continued to Tuscany Winery for refreshments and fun. Ending the venture at Pinky's on Lake Sara for a fun-filled supper. A drawing was had to raise funds for St. Jude Children's Hospital.

Our beloved sister, Pat Beaulieu, passed away after a short battle with cancer. Pat was an avid supporter of St. Jude Children's Research Hospital. Pat is the daughter of Kristi Keck, also a Beta Mu member. Cards may be sent to Kristi at 1210 Monroe Ave., Charleston, IL 61920.

Beta Mu will meet in August to discuss activities for the fall.

Hope everyone had a wonderful summer and fabulous fall.



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Events:

- St. Jude Walk/Run - September 23, 2023
 - Join Jamie for the run in Bloomington/Normal
 - **Some event locations are hosting in-person events this year but there is still an option to participate virtually no matter where you are.** In addition to the established event locations, ALSAC/St. Jude has added an additional 20 locations exclusively for virtual participants that don't have a Walk/Run close. Please check the St. Jude Walk/Run website for more information on the event near you.
 - **Earn your St. Jude Walk/Run shirt by raising \$100** on your walk/run page.
- St. Jude Memphis Marathon - December 2, 2023
 - The St. Jude Memphis Marathon Weekend is a one-day fundraising event for St. Jude with a marathon, half marathon, 10K, 5K, 2-Race Challenge, and kids marathon. Join runners from across the country on December 2, 2023 to support St. Jude kids!
 - As the single largest one-day fundraising event for St. Jude, the St. Jude Memphis Marathon Weekend offers every runner the opportunity to raise funds for our lifesaving mission. Families never receive a bill from St. Jude for treatment, travel, housing or food; because all a family should worry about is helping their child live.





ESA IC Chaplain Report

August 29, 2023

Sandra Edwards

ESA IC Chaplain

Awakening to faith is not a one-time event, but a continuously unfolding reality. The journey of faith is not a race, but a marathon of love that each person walks at a difference pace.

-A. Helwa, Secrets of Divine Love: A Spiritual Journey into the Heart of Islam

***A special thought and prayer to all of those that may be in the path of Idalia,
that you may be safe***

Alabama

Sandy Weston, Kappa Alpha, had major surgery on June 30. after 45 days in the hospital, she was finally moved to a Aspire at Cahaba River Rehab in Vestavia. She is still on a feeding tube and is still in a lot of pain. She started rehab this week; please pray for Sandy she is having a hard time recovering.

*Cards can be sent to
Aspire at Cahaba River
3870 Healthy Way,
Vestavia, AL 35243
spw2224@gmail.com*

Linda Upton, on July 28 after a night out to dinner and a play with her Delta Gamma sisters, when she got home, she had a heart attack. and was taken to the hospital. The doctor waited a few days for Linda to regain her strength and performed triple Bypass surgery. She will be going to J W Sommers Rehab today or tomorrow.

Please keep Linda in your prayers.

*Cards can be sent to
Linda Upton
677 Brandenburg Dr
Florence, AL 35634
lindalupton1947@yahoo.com*

Terri Fields, Kappa Alpha, is in the hospital in Carrollton, GA with pneumonia and they are running numerous tests on her also. Please pray for a speedy recovery,

*Cards can be sent to
Terri Fields
P O Box 54
Heflin, AL 36264
tigermom24@yahoo.com*



Alabama - Continued

Terri Fields: Terri has been diagnosed with Anaplastic large cell lymphoma (ALCL). The doctors have told the family it's a treatable cancer but is fast growing and very aggressive. After two weeks of being in the hospital at Tanner Medical Center in Carrollton, her health declined rapidly with pneumonia, blood clots and other issues, so the decision was made after being put in ICU that she needed more intensive critical care and was transported to Wellstar in Marietta, GA. As of this morning, she is stable but still very sick and weak. Terri was started on chemo treatments this week. Please keep Terri and her family in your prayers .



Illinois

Patricia Beaulieu (Beta MU) lost her battle with endometrial cancer on August 24, 2023. Pat was diagnosed with stage 4 endometrial cancer that had spread to nearby lymph nodes and her lungs just a little over a month ago. She started chemo the next day but could only have one treatment before developing pneumonitis, a rare complication from the immunotherapy drug given with chemo. She was not able to recover from this. She enjoyed the friendships she made with ESA and the service projects she participated in, mainly raising money for St. Jude. Please pray for Pat's family; funeral arrangements are pending.

Cards of condolences may be sent to:

Kristi Keck
1210 Monroe Ave
Charleston, IL 61920



Indiana

Butch Sutton, husband of Terre Haute member Sherrie Sutton (Delta Zeta), has undergone surgery for lung cancer. The surgery went well; the Doctors removed the tubes were taken out, and he is up and walking.

Cards can be sent to:

Butch and Sherrie Sutton
2479 Grace Drive
Terre Haute, IN 47802



ESA IC Chaplin Report - Continued

Michigan

On Monday, August 21st, Nancy Irvine had a Heart Catheterization and a VT Ablation. Both, on the same day, with an overnight stay. Nancy is a member of the Delta Rho chapter of Michigan. Keep praying and send cards if you'd like. Please send cards to:

Nancy Irvine
752 Pine Meadow Lane
Williamston, MI 48895

Kris Barnes (Alpha Kappa) is suffering from Covid. As we are all well aware of how nasty this virus can be, please keep her in your thoughts and your prayers.

Kris Lynch Barnes
507 Forest Ave.
Royal Oak, MI 48067



Minnesota

Alpha Chi member, Kathy Rice is in the hospital after a short time in a rehab unit. Cards to cheer her on can be sent to:

Kathy Rice
2231 Penn Place #325
North St Paul, MN 55109

Missouri

Rosalee Echele's sister, Mary Jo Boschert, passed away this morning. Rosalee is a member of Rho Chi Chapter. Arrangements are in the process of being made. When arrangements are finalized, I will pass along to you. Many of you may remember Mary Jo as she has attended and participated in the St Jude Marathon in Memphis for 8 years. She will be sorely missed by us. Please send cards to:

Les and Rosalee Echele
304 Elmwood Drive
St. Charles, MO 63301





ESA IC Chaplin Report - Continued

Missouri - Continued

Update: Here are the arrangements for Rosalee Echele's sister, Mary Jo Boschert. Visitation Friday, Sept. 1, 4:00 PM to 8:00 PM at Hutchens Mortuary & Cremation Center 675 Graham Rd. Florissant, MO 63031. Saturday, Sept. 2, 10:00 AM funeral Mass at St. Ferdinand Catholic Church 1115 Charbonier Rd. Florissant, MO 63031. Interment Sacred Heart Cemetery. Donations in memory of Mary Jo to St. Jude's Children's Research Hospital <https://www.stjude.org/donate>.
South Dakota

Jan Jones is a former chair of the ESA Foundation and a 45-year member of ESA. Jan has been living with multiple myeloma for the past eight-plus years. She will be going to the hospital this week for a new, risky treatment for her cancer. Jan's husband, Bob, also an ESA member, is currently in a care facility.

Words of encouragement can be sent to.

Jan Jones
415 17th Avenue
South Brookings, SD 57006



Oklahoma

Prayers are requested for President Patty Heer's brother and sister-in-law. On August 21, while returning from vacation, they were in Albuquerque, New Mexico, they were in a horrific car accident. Patty's sister-in-law passed away. Her brother is in the hospital. Patty has flown out to be with her brother.

Condolence and encouragement may be sent to

Patty Heer
5 Beckley Street
Shawnee, Ok 74804





ESA IC Chaplin Report - Continued

Wisconsin

Dorothy Manske passed away on July 29. She was an active member of Alpha Upsilon right up until they disbanded and attended many ESA Wisconsin State Conferences. It is suggested that memorials be made to St. Jude's or the Humane Society. So many have enjoyed her friendship through the years, and she will be missed.

On Eagle's Wings

*You who dwell in the shelter of the Lord
Who abide in His shadow for life
Say to the Lord, "My refuge, my rock in whom I trust!"*

*And He will raise you up on eagles' wings
Bear you on the breath of dawn
Make you to shine like the sun
And hold you in the palm of His hand*

*The snare of the fowler will never capture you
And famine will bring you no fear
Under His wings your refuge, His faithfulness your shield*

*And He will raise you up on eagles' wings
Bear you on the breath of dawn
Make you to shine like the sun
And hold you in the palm of His hand*

*You need not fear the terror of the night
Nor the arrow that flies by day
Though thousands fall about you, near you it shall not come*

*And He will raise you up on eagles' wings
Bear you on the breath of dawn
Make you to shine like the sun
And hold you in the palm of His hand*

*For to His angels He's given a command
To guard you in all of your ways
Upon their hands they will bear you up
Lest you dash your foot against a stone*

*And He will raise you up on eagles' wings
Bear you on the breath of dawn
Make you to shine like the sun
And hold you in the palm of His hand
And hold you, hold you in the palm of His hand*



Last Meeting of Gamma Chi was May 30, 2023

History of Gamma Chi Chapter of ESA

Gamma Chi Chapter of ESA, International was chartered with 25 members on April 4, 1973, so it is now 50 years old. Gamma Chi has lived up to the benevolent, educational, and sharing in Wayne County and beyond since it was chartered in 1973 by Beta Eta Chapter. Many members have come and gone but each did their share and many did more than their share.

The first project started in 1973 was the monthly Career Development Center birthday parties. The parties were for all CDC clients with birthdays in current month. Bingo games were played with prizes for all, and refreshments were served. (Pat Pollard) An Annual Christmas Party at CDC was held each year complete with Santa Claus handing out all the presents on the clients' wish list.

In 1972, ESA held the "Million Dollar Bike Ride" for St. Jude with chapters from all over the United States having rides. Beta Eta hosted the one in Fairfield in 1972. (Elaine Parker, Beta Eta) In 1973, Gamma Chi joined Beta Eta in hosting the bike ride for St. Jude in 1973, which made over \$5,000. The rides were hosted each year thereafter until 2006 or so. ESA Chapters have donated more than \$356 million dollars to St. Jude Children's Research Hospital since 1972.

Reading is Fundamental (RIF) was a program started by Barbara Bush, President George H.W. Bush's wife. Barbara was used to keeping busy before her husband became President and, to fill her time after, she started volunteering at a local school reading to underprivileged children. She took her children's books to school and gave them to the kids. They were so excited to have them since they were the first books they ever had of their very own. Barbara was so moved by this, that she asked government employees to donate any books they had. Then she asked the government for money to start a program to promote reading by donating books directly to the children in school. RIF was that program. Dorothea Jenkins was in a hotel in St. Louis watching TV when a commercial came on asking groups to start RIF programs in their school. She sent for the application and mailed it back. The rest is history. Books were ordered for each grade level 1-4 in all schools that fed into FCHS. Books were stamped with the RIF's logo before distribution. Gamma Chi members delivered books four times during the school year. Books for the grade levels were placed on tables in the cafeteria or hallway. Grades were brought out in order starting with Kindergarten. All children in K-4th grade chose a book that he or she could take home. Gamma Chi chose Merriam School as its first RIF distribution because three Gamma Chi members worked at the school. Rhonda Simpson, Susie Wurth, and Mary Queener made a train from painted boxes to bring the children in from each class. The students loved the train, and Len Wells was there to cover it for the Wayne County Press. RIF was expensive to maintain in cash and in time. It took many projects to raise the cash and GC members spent many hours ordering, stamping, and boxing the books before delivering to the schools.

Gamma Chi had many projects thru the 50 years. Probably the hardest one was manning (with women, of course) the grandstand for the Wayne County Fair. It was one full week in July and it was always the hottest week of the year. Our food stand was under the grandstand before it was remodeled. It still had a dirt floor. We sold Pepsi, iced tea, lemonade, popcorn, BBQ sandwiches, polish sausage with sauerkraut or w/o, and frozen snicker bars. Several years later we sold bottled water. Gamma Chi walked the grandstand for many years before giving out, and giving up.

Last Meeting of Gamma Chi was May 30, 2023 - Continued

Fall Fun Fest stands started out selling bratwurst, then tried funnel cakes, then corn on the cob. It was lots of hard work and very little profit. Gamma Chi tried raffling a decorated Christmas tree for a few years, which was fun, but little profit. Rusti Grogan suggested GC try raffling a shotgun because even if men have one, they always want another. Gamma Chi made more money raffling shotguns than anything else.

Sweetheart's Dinner & Dance with show was another winner until everyone stole the idea, without the show, of course. Gamma Chi catered dinner for weddings, etc. Selling steel-sak trash bags was a good project until having no place to store them. Another good project was selling Amish cheese until the cheese factories closed (without our blessing). Selling geraniums was an easier project, (Lisa Motsch) and lasted until 2022.

Philanthropic Projects besides St. Jude Children's Hospital and Easter Seals is Hope for Heroes. Gamma Chi sent boxes to soldiers overseas with items they use and books to read in and made donations to Wounded Warriors. Operation Paperback is an ongoing project where soldiers have a list of the type of books they like and members sign up for certain lists for which they have the books.

Over the fifty years of Gamma Chi Chapter of ESA, Intl, Gamma Chi has worked long and hard to keep alive the Philanthropic work started in Jacksonville, Texas by those ten women. It is very sad for ESA and for the members of Gamma Chi that will not make it for another fifty years.

