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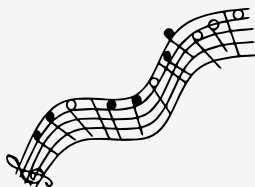
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PRESIDENT - MISTY EVANS

In the blink of an eye, January is gone.... Most years I feel as if January just drags on by, but I feel like we just turned the calendar to 2024 and here we are! Life is busy and it doesn't seem to be slowing down anytime soon!

As we are heading into February and soon spring, what are you doing in your communities to promote ESA? IC Membership Chairs Lauren and Kerry have done a great job with the "Just One More in 2024" campaign. Visit www.epsilonsigmaalpha.org for all the details!



President's Report - Continued

Mark your calendars now and get your registration form in for the "Rollin into Spring Along the Mississippi River" Gathering in Quincy to be held Saturday, March 23. Maria has planned a great day for us to include a speaker from the Illinois Veterans Home in Quincy along with a service activity for our educational!

Did you know ESA is turning 95 this year? As we ramp up for Founder's Day in May (really, it's just around the corner), it's all-hands-on-deck for recruitment and retention.

Places to find someone awesome to invite to ESA:

- Past members you miss and whose circumstances may have changed so they can come back
- Your fabulous relatives - help us welcome the next generation of ESA members from YOUR family as Legacy members
- Your pals from your neighborhood, bowling league, house of worship, supper club, Bunco/Bridge group, golf buddies - all the places where you chat with people about how ESA makes your life richer
- People whose causes you've supported through ESA, and those who have helped
- Someone across the miles - whether they're just down the interstate a bit or a plane ride across the country, with technology, they can join your own chapter, an online chapter, or even an in-person chapter in their area. ESA HQ can help!

ESA needs EVERY ONE OF US working to help turn the direction for us growing in ESA, please invite SEVERAL people. If you know them, we know we'll love them!

Let's make 2024 our year! I look forward to catching up with everyone soon!

Keep Rockin' Away in ESA,

Misty



Valentine's Day S'mores Bark Dessert Recipe

This Valentine's Day S'mores Bark Dessert Recipe is so yummy and easy to make. Kids will love helping you make this fun and simple Valentine's Day treat.

PREP TIME

10 minutes

COOK TIME

10 minutes

TOTAL TIME

20 minutes

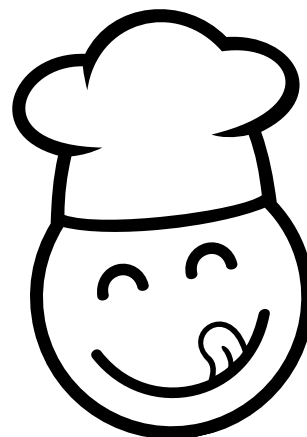


INGREDIENTS

- 3/4 cup of butter
- 2 sleeves of graham crackers, broken into halves and quarters
- 3/4 cup brown sugar
- 4 full-sized Hershey Bars or 2 giant Hershey Bars
- 3 to 4 cups mini marshmallows
- Valentine's M&Ms

INSTRUCTIONS

1. First, preheat the oven to 350 degrees. Line a [15 x 10 x 1-inch jelly-roll pan](#) with [parchment paper](#), and top with broken graham crackers. Cover pan completely.
2. Next, in a small saucepan, slowly melt the butter completely over low heat.
3. Add the brown sugar all at once. Stir until smooth and melted. Allow the mixture to boil while stirring constantly for about 2 minutes, or until it begins to thicken.
4. Remove butter mixture from heat, and evenly pour over the top of the graham crackers. Use a spatula to smooth mixture over evenly, and place into the oven for 5 minutes.
5. Take the pan out of the oven, and immediately sprinkle small squares of chocolate, marshmallows, and Valentines M&Ms all over the top. This is where my little one liked to help me!
6. Place the pan back into the oven for 2-4 minutes, or until you notice the marshmallows start to puff up. Allow the pan to cool fully before breaking up into squares.



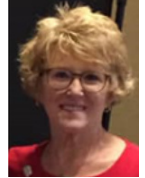
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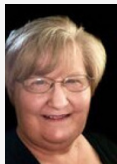
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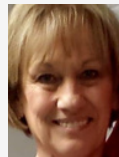
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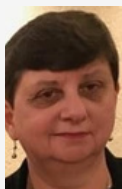
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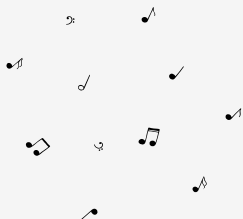
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Kerry Considine
Vice President



Happy Winter! I hope this finds everyone doing well. Our winter weather has been so crazy, is it winter?!? It's below 0 for a bit then it's in the 50's the next week, I guess that's Illinois for ya!

Growing ESA, especially ESA of Illinois, is a goal we should all want to obtain. There is so much information for growing our chapters at epsilonsigmaalpha.com. I encourage everyone to log in and click the recruitment tab for fabulous ideas then ask everyone you know to join or start a new chapter! Connect with friends around the world, new online chapters are popping up! Share your love for ESA, community work, friendships, and fun with those around you!

As International Council Recruitment Chair Junior, I was pleased to see Illinois had 'Just One More' member on the last day of November & December than on the first days of those months. That put us in the drawing for the monthly prize for this campaign, keep recruiting Illinois! The future monthly ESA Membership Ideas page Facebook Lives to announce the 'Just One More' monthly participants and winners will be held at 7:00pm on Mondays February 5th, March 11th, April 8th, and May 6th. I hope you all can join Lauren Ryan, Tracy Swanson and myself!

As we continue to grow our chapters 'Rockin Away in ESA' with Misty, I'm looking forward to growing at an ESA

opportunity in learning and leading by attending the ESA National Leadership Conference in Denver the end of February to prepare for my state presidency. ESA gives us all learning and leading opportunities in our chapters; at the state, regional, and national levels. I'm calling on all chapters for your state officer and appointed office nominations! I've had a few but not nearly enough, if you are interested in growing, learning, and leading the Illinois State Council please let me and your chapters know if you would like to be nominated. We need you! I will be reaching out to those who have contacted me soon. Nomination forms can be found on the esa-illinois.org website and emailed to me at kconsi17@gmail.com. I will continue to accept nominations until the slates are full.

Hope to see you all and share my leadership experiences at the Spring Board meeting in Quincy on March 23rd and State Convention in Effingham June 7th & 8th!

Remember to share ESA's Good Friends, Good Works, and Good Times!

Kerry Considine
ISC President-Elect

JOIN US



<https://www.esa-illinois.org>



ESA Foundation Counselor



Is it spring yet? I don't know about all of you, but I am ready for spring. I hope that all of you are staying warm and safe. If you had/have the chance to escape the Midwest winter for time—ENJOY! Dennis and I were able to get a way the first week of January to a resort in near Cancun, Mexico. It was wonderful!

Now on to business. By the time you read this the scholarship applications will be closed. The process of sorting and verifying will be in process before the applications are forwarded to the judges.

There was a second election in December for ESAF directors. There were 3 open spots and 3 candidates. The new ESAF directors are Tammy Akines, Gordon Leong, and Judi King.

If you remember, the dues went up and the due date was changed to January 1. I just double checked, and this is currently who has voting eligibility for 2024.

Chapters—Alpha Alpha, Alpha Upsilon, Beta Eta, Beta Psi, Gamma Chi, Beta Mu, Omega Nu, Xi Chi, the Illinois State Council and the Usterwuzzers.

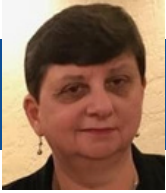
Individuals—Jamie Atchison, Paula Winchester, Sandi Anderson, Deb Connell, Colletta Macaluso, Kim Poling, Edie Floyd, Barbara Warmoth, Judy Huntley, Dale Huntley, Maria Bingheim, Ladonna Beck, Wanda Harris, Rhonda Rawlings, Celeste Webb, Fran Harris-Schaffer, Chip Schaffer, and Adrian Sperduto.

You can find the forms to pay/donate online and make your payments or I have included the form to be sent with this issue of the ESA'ly Yours.

I will also include the form for the Turn Around Fund. This is a great way for your chapter to support the ESAF. You send your chapter check with the form to ESAF at headquarters and they return the check for the charity from the ESAF for you to present.

While the scholarship season will be closed, there are still grants that can be applied for. So, if you know an individual that might need help with getting an advanced certification or a group that has a project, they need help with it. Please check out the grants from the ESAF.

Maria Bingheim
ESA Foundation Counselor



ESA Foundation Counselor - Continued

As your chapter thinks about the donations you want to make this year, please consider donating to one of the scholarships at the ESAF. The Illinois State Council/Charles B Atchison scholarship can always use funds. Or maybe the Leora Walton scholarship that the Iowa members have started. Or maybe one of the MARC Scholarships. I know that Lurene's plan was to have her scholarship The Second Chance scholarship completely funded so that it would remain for a very long time. So, I believe that scholarship is in very good shape. But if someone wants to donate to it in her memory, I am sure that she would be smiling in heaven. I believe that the Billy Brockman scholarship is also still in very good shape.

I hope that I will see many of you at the Spring Gathering of the Illinois State Council. It will be March 23, 2024, in Quincy Illinois hosted by Epsilon Zeta.

Until then,

Stay Warm, Stay Safe and Be Happy!!!!

Maria Bingheim
ESA Foundation Counselor



MISSION

Established in 1970, the ESA Foundation is dedicated to the promotion of continuing education and to altruistic activities that make a positive difference in the world community. Voluntary contributions of time and money from ESA members, ESA Foundation members, and friends of the Foundation are the ESA Foundation's sole sources of support. As a nonprofit, tax exempt corporation, the ESA Foundation supports the service and leadership programs and the philanthropic projects of Epsilon Sigma Alpha International.



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 Ft. Collins, CO 80528

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Credit this DONATION to:

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PLEASE LIST ALL "TURN AROUND" REQUESTS ON THE TURN AROUND REQUEST FORM

DONATION IS TO BE APPLIED TO

- \$ _____ \$ 40 - Annual Dues
- \$ _____ \$ 500 - LIFE Active Membership
- \$ _____ General Fund
- \$ _____ Robert & Dixie Palmer Recognition
- _____ In Honor of _____
- \$ _____ Stewardship Recognition
- _____ In Honor of _____
- \$ _____ "Fantasy" Event
- \$ _____ ESA Foundation "Fund Fest" Event at IC Convention
- \$ _____ In Memory of _____
- _____ In Honor of _____
- \$ _____ Donation made to _____

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GRANTS

- Outstanding Senior Youth Award
- \$ _____ Grant Fund (includes Career Enhancement, Vocational Training and B J Clark Grants)

PERPETUAL ENDOWMENTS

- \$ _____ Alabama Past Presidents' Memorial Endowment
- \$ _____ Alaska State Council Endowment
- \$ _____ Alice and Jeanne Wagner Memorial Endowment
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- \$ _____ Alpha Kappa / Janet & Steve Gardocki Endowment
- \$ _____ Alpha Omicron #2520 Arizona Endowment
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- \$ _____ Barbara Wilsterman Memorial Endowment
- \$ _____ Ben and Dot Hill Endowment
- \$ _____ Bernhardt Family Endowment
- \$ _____ Beta Zeta / Robert Glenn Rapp Foundation Endowment
- \$ _____ Betty Sanders Memorial Endowment
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- \$ _____ BMW Hope Endowment
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- \$ _____ California State Council / EM Bullock Memorial Endowment
- \$ _____ California State Council Past Presidents' Auxillary End.
- \$ _____ Carol Murphy Memorial Endowment
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The EIN # for each charity must be provided. May be found on www.guidestar.com.

- NOTES:
1. All Turn Around checks to St. Jude Children's Research Hospital will be given directly to Headquarters for processing. If you would like it returned to you, please indicate that to us in writing. If you use ALSAC / St. Jude materials / supplies for your event, you may NOT use the Turn Around Fund.
 2. A Turn Around Check cannot be issued directly to an individual or reissued to a Chapter or State Council.
 3. The Internal Revenue Service does not allow the Foundation to use Turn Around funds for donations to the following: ESA Disaster Fund, State/Regional Love or Care Funds.
 4. All checks will be mailed to the donor / chapter for distribution to the charity, unless indicated otherwise.
 5. Checks that must be re-issued for whatever reason will have a service fee of \$ 25 deducted from the check.
 6. Checks not cashed within 120 days of the date of issue will be considered a donation to the ESA Foundation General Fund.
 7. The name of the Charity must be listed as the IRS has them. If the EIN# is not provided your check will be returned.

Name must be as the IRS Refers to them

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Illinois State Council Convention 2024

Save The Date Save THE DATE SAVE THE DATE

The Illinois State Convention will be June 7 and 8, 2024 at the Holiday Inn, in Effingham. We are in the planning stages but have some great things in the works. It will be a fun weekend full of learning and spending time with other ESA Members. We have room rates and reservations can be made by calling 217-540-7777. Indicating the date(s) of stay and group code ESA to receive the discounted room rate and be attached to the ESA group. The 2024 rate is \$139 plus tax per standard room or \$165 plus tax per suite room. Look for final details and registration in the next ESA'ly Yours. Make plans NOW to attend the Illinois State Convention.

Your Convention Chairpersons - Celeste Webb, Jo Grafton, and Dalena Hall with the help of Omega Nu Chapter!



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Philanthropic Awards

I hope when this ESA'ly Yours comes out we are out of this crazy cold weather. I do not mind winter; it is below zero temperatures I do not like. I am thinking of Spring!

For the Philanthropic Award all monies donated between May 1 - April 30 is what you should use. Include all monies for both State and Chapter Projects. Monetary value is based on 20% of the original price of used items and full retail price of new donated items. The award will be given to the chapter with the highest dollar amount donated.

Philanthropic Hours are all donated hours May 1 - April 30. Philanthropic hours are hours donated in the name of ESA, hours spent on ways and means projects, hours spent in travel to and from philanthropic projects. The award will be given to the chapter with the highest number of hours donated.

The award form is located on the Illinois ESA webpage. If you have any questions about this award, please contact me. I hope to see every chapter submit this form! The form is on the next page and can also be downloaded from the Illinois State Council Webpage. <https://www.esa-illinois.org>

Dalena Hall
Philanthropic Chairman





ANNUAL IC PHILANTHROPIC REPORT
 (2021-2022 Mileage Rate = \$0.56 / mile)

Chapter Name & Number: _____ Reporting
 Period: May 1st – April 30th

PROJECTS	HOURS	A - CASH MONIES	B - DONATED GOODS	C - TOTAL DONATED MILES
Chapter Projects				
District / Zone Projects				
State Projects				
International Projects				
TOTAL HOURS				

TOTALS	AMOUNTS
A - Total Cash Monies	\$
B - Total Donated Goods	\$
C - Total Donated Miles (after figuring the IRS rate*) Total Mileage = # of miles X the IRS Rate of \$0.56	\$
TOTAL OF A, B, C	\$

Refer to Philanthropic Service Guidelines for how and what to count.

Submitted by: _____ Date: _____

Submission Deadline: May 10
 Send to: Illinois State Council Philanthropic Chair
 Via: Email or USPS
 Contact info may be found on state roster in members only section of ISC website (www.esa-illinois.org)



ESA'y Yours Editor



Keep those articles coming! This edition is light, so lets all get articles for the 2024 Spring Edition!!

Please send articles to me at esalyours@gmail.com



Issue Dates:
10/25/2024
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03/25/2024



Historian



I have a challenge for all chapters! Please send me a group picture of your chapter and a picture of an event. These are for Misty's yearbook.

Besides ESA, faith, family and friends, my passions include scrapbooking, junk journaling, making cards and messing with mixed media. Grandkids' sports are the best, especially since I am retired!

"Accept nothing. Challenge is everything" A.D. Posey

Challenge



SAY
cheese



CHAPTER CHATTER



Alpha Upsilon - Kathy Brown

Happy New Year! Got a lot to tell everyone about what our Alpha Upsilon ladies have been doing the past few months.

Starting in September with our annual Rummage Sale, it was busy with lots of good items. We prepared all week with the sales being on Friday and Saturday. Made a profit of \$226.55.

October, we baked, packed, and distributed cookies for our local Fire Fighter. This is an annual tradition to say thank you for keeping our community safe. Members who helped deliver the cookies were Linda Schilling, Paula Winchester, Joyce Warner, Suzi Coffman, Kathy Brown, and Kathleen Grissom.

MARC conference was in Peoria IL the weekend of Oct 13th and 14th. Three members of Alpha Upsilon attended. Kathleen Grissom our president, Suzi Coffman our Treasurer and Paula Winchester our Chaplin. The MARC 2023 Oktoberfest was a huge success. Our ladies had their German dresses on, they looked cute! Suzi Coffman had a table in the Marketplace area with lots of goodies for everyone.

October 24th was our social hosted by Rush committee Zelda Underwood and Suzi Coffman. The Theme was Friendsgiving. Bring new friends to our group. We had soup and Ice cream Sundaes Social everyone had a great time.

Now bring us to November 6, members Joyce Warner, Kathy Brown, Paula Winchester, Suzi Coffman, and Kathleen Grissom went to Riddle School to pick up new socks that were collected by the students for the One Stop Community Christmas at Lake Land College in Dec. We collected 850 pairs of new socks from the school. Great job to all the kids and everyone!

Sunday Nov 12 Beta Mu hosted our first Beta Mu-giving at the VFW in Charleston IL. Three local Chapters were invited with four members from Alpha Upsilon, six members from Beta Mu and eleven members from Omega Nu attending. Beta Mu furnished the turkey and dressing others brought side dishes. It was an awesome afternoon with our ESA sisters. Hope we can do it again next year!

November 28 was our Fall Friendsgiving Banquet at the Maranatha Baptist Church. We welcomed our newest member, Kim Hanley.

December 9 was our One Stop Community Christmas at Lake Land College. Over 9000 plus new socks were given out at Alpha Upsilon Chapter sock table. Each Child or family member received two pairs of new socks plus a pair of Bombas socks which was a generous donation. Thanks to all the volunteers and our ladies of Alpha Upsilon who put all the socks together to be handed out! The smiles and Joy of the families were so special to see.

December 12 was our Christmas party hosted by Paula Winchester and Joyce Warner at Paula's home. We did our Secret Sister exchange and an Ornament exchange. Lots of good food and conversation.

Well, that about wraps it up for now. See you next time. Alpha Upsilon has more coming in the New Year. Keep Warm out there. Spring will be here soon 😊

CHAPTER CHATTER

Alpha Upsilon - Continued



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Epsilon Zeta - Maria Bingheim

Do you know where and when the Spring Gathering for the Illinois State Council will be?

I can tell you—you will be on a road trip to Quincy. It has been a long time since the State Council ventured this far west. EpsilonZeta would like to invite you to “Spring along the Rolling Mississippi River.” The date is March 23, 2024. **The gathering will be at the Cedar Crest Country Club, 3312 No 36th Street Quincy Illinois.**

- Registration will begin at 9:30 am
- Card Making for the Veterans at the Illinois Veterans Home from 10–11:30
- Speaker from the Illinois Veterans Home–11:30 to 12:00
- Lunch 12:00–1:00 pm
- Business meeting 1:00 pm –3:00 pm



I will have basic card making supplies on hand. But if you have your own supplies/tools that you would like to bring, please do so. Since this is Palm Sunday weekend, I thought we could make Easter cards or thank you cards for the residents at the Veterans Home. And then present them to the speaker when they arrive.

Since this is weekend in Lent, if you come to Quincy on Friday—there are plenty of local fish fries. Since Quincy is on the river, the usual fare is catfish, carp, buffalo and some places have walleye. But the restaurants will also have shrimp, cod and some even have frog legs.

Local hotels

- East side of town–near the interstate
- Americinn 2179192416
- Fairfield Inn by Marriott 2172235922 Holiday Inn 272237800
- Stoney Creek Inn 2172232255
- Town and Country Inn and Suites 2172140400

Down town

- The Atrium Hotel on Third (currently being remodeled) 2172222666 Microtel Inn and Suites 217225620
- Quality Inn and Suites 2172222666

So put the tunes on in the car and rock on over to “Rolling in ‘to Spring along the Mississippi River” for the Illinois State Council Spring Gather. See you on March 23, 2024 in Quincy!!!

“Rollin into Spring Along the Mississippi River”

The Spring Gathering of the Illinois State Council

Hosted by Epsilon Zeta # 2668 Quincy

Date: March 23, 2024

Location: Cedar Crest Country Club, 3312 No 36th Street, Quincy

Cost: \$20

Agenda: 9:30 – 10:00 Registration

10:00 – 11:30 Activity---making cards for the Veterans at local Veterans Home

11:30 – 12:00 Speaker from the Illinois Veterans Home in Quincy

12:00 - 1:00 Lunch

1:00 - 3:00 Business Meeting

So put your tunes on in the car and “rock” on over to Quincy for the Illinois State Council Spring Gathering. Who doesn’t love a “road trip”?

Registration due by March 17, 2024. Zoom option can be set up if needed for no cost. Part of the registration fee will cover the basic supplies for making the cards.

Name: _____ Chapter: _____

Address: _____

Email: _____ In Person _____ Zoom _____

Medical food restrictions: _____

Make checks payable to Maria Bingheim, 1428 South 27th Street, Quincy Illinois 62301.

Message from Celeste Webb

Greetings Illinois. I'd like to take this opportunity to thank you all for your support on my journey on the International Council. Your campaign donations, kind words and friendship have been encouraging. Many of you have attended the IC Conventions for my installations and the friendship of ESA. I thank you for the reassurance. We always have each others back.

Please consider attending the IC Convention this year in Overland Park Kansas. It will be held July 7-14 at the Doubletree Corporate Woods. Convention chairs, Suzy Winters and Kim Kummer are going all out to ensure a great time.

Tours include a casino, shopping, a ballgame of the KC Monarchs and a dinner and musical production of Newsies at the New Theatre. There will be a tour of the Overland Park Arboretum and Botanical Garden on Monday the 8th of July. My favorite is the Witches Twisted Brew Bash on Tuesday where we visit a brewery, a coffee shop and a vinaigrette shop. Finishing the day at a vineyard.

The welcome party has a Great Gatsby theme so get your flapper outfit out of storage.

Of course we will reveal the St Jude numbers and celebrate Easterseals and Hope for Heroes. The keynote speaker is a woman military pilot. How inspirational!

What a fun week they have planned so please consider attending all or some of the week. Registration forms are on the ESA website.

Hope to see you in Quincy at the spring board meeting. ESA hugs, Celeste



The next few pages include information about the convention.



2024 INTERNATIONAL CONVENTION
 There's No Place Like Kansas
 July 7 – July 14, 2024
 DoubleTree by Hilton Hotel Kansas City – Overland Park
 10100 College Blvd., Overland Park, KS 66210
 DoubleTree Hotel at: (913) 451-6100



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 Each registered guest will receive an email confirmation after form and payment has been received

CHECK ALL THAT APPLY
 First IC Convention Pledge ELAN Collegiate Member – Campus HQ Staff _____
 ESA Foundation Board IC Elected/Appointed Board Past IC President (year) _____
 2023-2024 State President – State 2024-2025 State President – State _____
 Previous State President -- State(s)/Year(s) Served with: _____
 I will be recognized at convention for my years of ESA Service 25-70 years in 5-year increments: _____
 Dietary Restrictions: The hotel will do its best to accommodate DIETARY RESTRICTION requests only.
Restriction or Allergy alert: (Additional costs may apply)

	<u>CIRCLE AMOUNT</u>
MEMBER FULL REGISTRATION FEE: Includes general assemblies, workshops, welcome party, recognition dinner and banquet	<input type="checkbox"/> Postmarked by May 1, 2024 \$275 <input type="checkbox"/> After May 1, 2024 (see payment note on page 2) \$325
MEMBER FRI. & SAT. REGISTRATION FEE: Includes general assemblies, recognition dinner and banquet	<input type="checkbox"/> Postmarked by May 1, 2024 \$250 <input type="checkbox"/> After May 1, 2024 (see payment note on page 2) \$300
MEMBER SAT. ONLY REGISTRATION FEE: Includes general assembly and banquet	<input type="checkbox"/> Postmarked by May 1, 2024 \$150 <input type="checkbox"/> After May 1, 2024 (see payment note on page 2) \$200
MEMBER/NON-MEMBER WALK-IN REGISTRATION FEE: Includes everything in full registration	<input type="checkbox"/> See payment note \$350
*PICPA STATE PRESIDENT'S LUNCHEON (ADDITIONAL FEE) (all past and present state presidents/IC presidents) \$45
*If served with multiple IC presidents, indicate with whom you wish to sit? SUBTOTAL MEMBER REGISTRATION:	\$ _____

CONVENTION HOTEL ROOM RATES

Single/Double \$154 plus tax. King \$154 plus tax. Junior King Suite \$204 plus tax.
 \$10 Each additional person in the room over 2

To receive the group rate, you MUST make reservations by June 16, 2024.
 In House Reservations at 913-323-1947; reference code: CDT90H
 or click on the link: [Hotel Reservation Link](#)



TOUR OPPORTUNITIES

Kansas is proud to provide these tour options for your enjoyment in attending IC Convention. Transportation will be provided by 15-passenger vans. Register early to be a part of the fun! Space will be limited. Only 14 seats available for each tour van.

Tour Deadline: JUNE 1, 2024

Hit Hard, Run Fast and Turn Left Tour Sunday, July 7

The Legends is a premier outdoor super-regional outlet shopping mall and entertainment destination located in the Village West development in Kansas City, Kansas. We have several options to offer for a Sunday afternoon of food, fun and friends. Departure and Return Times Vary.

Option A: Maybe you would like trying your luck at the *Hollywood Casino*; there are four different options available at the Casino for your dining pleasure. This price includes transportation only. Departure Time: 10 AM. Return Time: 2 PM

Option B; Maybe shopping the outlet stores is more your game. The *Legends* is the only designer outlet center in the area so come explore more than 100 designer retail outlets and dine in one of their 30 restaurants. This price includes transportation only. Departure Time: 11 AM. Return Time: 3 PM

Option C: If you are a baseball fan, you will love the ! This is a minor league baseball team that is interactive, family oriented and moderately priced . *The VIP experience includes all you can eat buffet; all you can drink beer, wine, soda & water; as well as reserved outdoor balcony seat and indoor communal seat. And--If that isn't enough, one lucky ESA person will get to throw out the Ceremonial First Pitch!*
Departure Time: Noon. Game Time: 1 PM. Return Time: 4 PM

Newsies at the New Theatre Sunday, July 7, 6 PM seating

Enjoy dinner and the Disney musical production of *NEWSIES*. *NEWSIES* spins the inspirational tale of Jack Kelly - a charismatic newsboy who dreams of a better life. When the unscrupulous newspaper tycoon, Joseph Pulitzer, raises prices at the newsboys' expense, Jack, along with spitfire reporter, Katherine Plummer, rouse the downtrodden "newsies" to stand up against Pulitzer and fight for what's right!
Departure time: 5:30 PM. Return Time: approximately 10 PM

Nature that Nurtures Tour Monday, July 8, 11 AM-2 PM

The *Overland Park Arboretum and Botanical Garden* featuring Margaret's Pond, Monet Garden, sculpture trail and herb garden. All prices include catered box lunch from *Jack Stack BBQ* at the brand new visitor's center and your choice of a self-guided walking tour, walking tour with guide or golf cart tour. Departure time: 11 AM Return Time: 2 PM

Option A: Self Guided Walking Tour

Option B: Walking Tour with Guide

Option C: Golf Cart Tour

Witches "Twisted" Brew Bash Tuesday, July 9, 10 AM-4 PM

Spend the day visiting a brewery, a coffee shop, and a olive oil/vinaigrette store in historic downtown Overland Park. We will have taco bar lunch at the *Brew Lab* as well as enjoy a flight of your favorite ciders or brews. You might also enjoy visiting the *Parisi Coffee* shop nearby that will enlighten you about the art of brewing a quality of cup of joe and they will share a sweet treat. A little "twist" in the brew bash is a visit to *The Tasteful Olive* where you can sample and purchase your favorite blend of olive oil or vinaigrette dressing. We will finish the day with a visit to *Aubrey's Vineyard* on the way back to the hotel for a tour and flight tasting of your favorite wines. Underage guests are allowed, including children. Departure time: 10 AM Return Time: 4 PM

Crossing the Border Tour Tuesday, July 9 (non-members only please) , 9 AM – :3:30 PM or Wednesday, July 10 (non-members only please) , 9 AM – 3:30 PM

We will cross the state line to Kansas City, Missouri to visit three great museums. First you will see the *Negro League Baseball Museum* and the *Jazz Museum* followed by lunch (included) at the *WWI Museum*. After lunch, spend the afternoon at the National WWI Museum and Memorial. Departure time from hotel: 9 AM Return Time: 3:30 PM

□ The *Negro League Baseball Museum* highlights the obstacles players of color faced, what they did to overcome the challenges of prejudice and social injustice in this country and how their talent, passion and perseverance changed Major League Baseball and America.

□ The *Jazz Museum* preserves the history of American jazz music, with exhibits on Charlie Parker, Duke Ellington, Louis Armstrong, Ella Fitzgerald and others.

□ The *WWI Museum* and Memorial is the nation's only public museum dedicated to WWI, with a large collection of photos, weapons and more.

TOUR REGISTRATION FORM
TOUR DEADLINE: JUNE 1, 2024

Please select the number of tickets you wish to purchase for the Group Tours listed below. Enclose your check for Total Amount Due.

Name _____ Phone # _____

Address _____ State/Zip _____

Email address: _____

Hit Hard, Run Fast and Turn Left Tour Sunday, July 7

Option A Number of Tickets _____ @ \$24.00 each (10 am – 2 pm)

Option B Number of Tickets _____ @ \$24.00 each (11 am – 3 pm)

Option C Number of Tickets _____ @ \$105.00 each (12 pm – 4 pm)

Amount Due for Legends Tour \$ _____

NEWSIES Dinner Theatre Sunday, July 7 (6 pm seating)

Number of Tickets _____ @ \$85.00 each (5:30 – 10 pm)

Amount Due for Dinner Theatre Tour \$ _____

Nature That Nurtures Tour Monday, July 8

Option A Number of Tickets _____ @ \$50.00 each (11 am – 2 pm)

Option B Number of Tickets _____ @ \$60.00 each (11 am – 2 pm)

Option C Number of Tickets _____ @ \$60.00 each (11 am – 2 pm)

A hot boxed lunch (Simple Q Sandwich served with cheesy corn bake, pickle & cookie) will be provided. Please indicate your choice: ___ pulled pork ___ pulled chicken ___ turkey ___ beef brisket

Amount Due for Nature Tour \$ _____

Witches "Twisted" Brew Bash Tuesday, July 9

Number of Tickets _____ @ \$82.00 each (10 am – 4 pm)

Amount Due for Brew Bash Tour \$ _____

**Crossing the Border Tour..... Tuesday, July 9 (anyone)
Wednesday, July 10 (men only please)**

Tuesday Number of Tickets _____ @ \$73.00 each (9 am – 3:30 pm)

Wednesday Number of Tickets _____ @ \$73.00 each (9 am – 3:30 pm)

A boxed lunch (sandwich, chips, cookie, bottled water) will be provided. Please indicate your choice:

___ Honey Ham & Cheddar ___ Turkey & Swiss on Wheat ___ Chicken Salad ___ Veggie Wrap ___ Chef Salad

Amount Due for Crossing the Border Tour \$ _____

TOTAL AMOUNT ENCLOSED \$ _____

Make Checks Payable to ESA IC 2024 Convention

Mail registration form with payment to:

Tammi Mitchell, ESA IC REGISTRATION CHAIR
2298 N Road I, Ulysses, KS 67880; 620-353-0467
ICconvention24@esaks.org

OR

Register and pay online (a 4% handling fee will be added at checkout): www.epsilonsigmaalpha.org

Connect
THROUGH ESA





Brenda Meyers
International Council President



Happy New Year and greetings from sunny and cool Ohio. The month of December was unseasonably warm, and I missed the snow of my youth! I know many of you are facing unusual weather challenges and my heart goes out to all those who have been in harms way. Praying that things will be better in the new year.

Several members of the IC Board are excited to be going to the Western States Fling in San Diego this month. Personally, I have never been there, and they are giving us plenty of opportunities to tour that beautiful area in between the Helping Hands Walk and the ESA business meeting. Lots of Social time too!

The Board, aka Sunflowers, are looking forward to seeing you at our final performance in Denver so look for us at Leadership in February! I have it on good authority it's going to be a great weekend. There is still time to register!

I hope you have had time to follow the events posted on the ESA Membership Ideas group. Membership Chairs Lauren Ryan (NC) and Kerry Considine (IL) gave us much to do and think about last fall and they are not done yet! With the support of Tracy Swanson (HQ) this is a great page made just for us and I know the three of them will have a lot more to share in the coming months.

I have read many great stories on the ESA website Power of Us page! I love the way that many of your chapters and states are making connections in your communities and each other! There are many new members that have come from using your events for Recruitment and I'm looking forward to the results of the "Just 1 More" membership challenge too.

And now it is January! 2024 IC Convention. General Chair, 2nd Vice-President Celeste Webb is working closely with the Kansas Convention Chairs Suzy Winters and Kim Kummer, and everything is coming together grandly! Workshop Coordinator Margaret Kramer (OK) will have much to share about our Keynote Speaker, sponsored again this year by the ESA Foundation. Webmaster Courtney Ginder (IN) has been adding more 2024 information to the website so be sure to check it out in the member center. Jr. Webmaster Trish Villianes is posting some fun and important information about Kansas and 2024 on Facebook!

I'm looking forward to another awesome year in ESA! (I'm thinking Spring cannot come soon enough) Please continue to "Connect Through ESA" with all the fabulous things you do!

Lynda has had technical issues with her computer and wi-fi so we have no article from her. But she is looking forward to seeing many of you in Denver at Leadership!

Lynda Edwards

IC First Vice President



Greeting from Workshop Coordinator, Margaret Kramer



It's 2024, how many of us believe in making New Year Resolutions? Not sure I do, however I do support whoever has those goals set. 1 Year = 366 OPPORTUNITIES (2024 is a leap year so you get an extra day) to be and do whatever you choose. If you want something you never had, you have to do something you have never done.

I have been working diligently planning for this year's International Council Convention Workshops. Since Headquarters challenge is the "Power of Us", it sparked me to attempt and fit this into planning Workshops and selecting a Keynote Speaker. Elizabeth McCormick US Army Black Hawk pilot, Congressional Veteran Commendation recipient, will share her unique messages. Elizabeth takes the challenges faced as a Black Hawk Helicopter pilot and Chief Warrant Officer for the United States Army and shares empowering, uplifting stories with relatable and actionable lessons. The Hope for Hero Workshop will be preempted by Mary Jean Eisenhower, granddaughter of President Dwight Eisenhower.

There will be 3 scheduled Workshops presented by ESA members, highlighting their expertise and talents. The "Tech Squad", Culinary master and American Sign Language specialist.

Looking forward to working closely with the Convention planning team, presenters and IC Board to make it a marvelous Convention. It's not too early to register. Hope to see you in Overland Park, Kansas.

May this year bring happiness, new achievements, and many new inspirations to your life. Wishing you a year fully loaded with joy and pleasure.

Save the date: July 7 – 14, 2024 for the **2024 ESA IC Convention** held at the **DoubleTree by Hilton Hotel Kansas City - Overland Park**. Your Kansas ESA Sisters and Brothers look forward to hosting you for a fabulous time in Overland Park. Tammi Mitchell, Registration Chair is ready to receive your registration form. You can complete the form and send snail mail or via a google docs on the ESA Website >> Member Center>> Chapter Council Mgmt>> IC Convention. Registration form is also included in this newsletter.



Convention Tours have been finalized and we are excited to share the best of Overland Park and the area with you. There is shopping, casinos and baseball, oh my with the **Hit Hard, Run Fast, Turn Left** tour on Sunday, July 7. **Newsies at the New Theatre** also on Sunday, July 7. **Nature that Nurtures** tour at the Overland Park Arboretum and Botanical Gardens, Monday, July 8. **Witches "Twisted" Brew Bash** will take you to historic downtown Overland Park with visits to a brewery, coffee shop, an olive oil store and finish the day at a winery on Tuesday, July 9th. Finally, **Crossing the Border** to Kansas City, Missouri to visit the Negro League Baseball Museum, Jazz Museum and WW I Museum on Tuesday, July 9th and Wednesday, July 10th (men only). Check out the tour opportunities attachment for more information and pricing. Contact Kim Kummer or Suzy Winters with questions. We look forward to you joining us for the ESA IC Convention in 2024.



“CONNECT
through ESA”
IC Educational Director

I hope everyone had a safe, healthy and happy Christmas and now Happy New Year, January, 2024.

Now that we are into the new year, it's time to remember the deadline to submit your Chapter Educational Books. Plus, those State Educational Maie Wells entries. You have approximately 5 months before the June 1 deadline.

I am looking forward to your educationals that will be submitted as a chapter Educational notebook. It's always interesting to see what the Chapter Educational Chairs use as their theme and then the members choosing their educationals across the United States. I love the variety of ideas.

Also, for those attending ESA Leadership in Denver, Colo. It is Feb. 22-25 for those arriving on Thursday and departing on Sunday. This is a great opportunity for new ideas, leadership skills, and fun/fellowship.

If I can be of any assistance you can email me at jerae09@hotmail.com or call me at (405) 623-5884.

2023-24 IC Educational Director

Jacquie Cantrel

From Tracy Swanson, ESA HQ Membership Director

From ESA HQ Membership Director

JUST ONE MORE!

As we approach Founder's Day, our goal is to have JUST ONE MORE member in each state this May 31 as we did at the start of the campaign year on June 1, 2023. Do your part by welcoming someone new this spring and welcoming back some former ESA friends who you miss and would love to see again. **Reinstated members count too in the Just One More campaign.** A recruitment party or reunion activity is the perfect way to up the friendship fun in your chapter too. Net growth states will be celebrated throughout the spring at their state conventions and again at IC Convention.

Come for the fun on Facebook Live with IC Membership Chairs Lauren Ryan and Kerry Considine each month to see if your state had growth for the month and watch the prize drawing. Join the ESA Membership Ideas group on Facebook and log in for the monthly updates (about 10 minutes each) All events are Monday evenings, 8 pm Eastern/7 pm Central/6 pm Mountain/5 pm Pacific (Tuesdays, 11 am in Queensland, AU)

- Feb 5
- March 11
- April 8
- May 6
- June 10

<https://www.facebook.com/groups/ESAmembershipIdeas>

Earn Your Power of Association in ESA's Power of Us Campaign

Remember, the Power of Us campaign concludes on May 31. One way to earn your ESA Power of Association component is to host a recruitment activity this spring. Host your recruitment party and submit your entry via www.epsilonsigmaalpha.org/PowerofUs to earn prizes and recognition through the campaign.

For materials and assistance to plan a reunion or recruitment event, contact ESA Membership Director Tracy Swanson membership@epsilonalpha.org or visit the website www.epsilonsigmaalpha.org/Recruitment

Join Us for Founder's Day on Thursday, May 2nd via Zoom

4:30 PM Pacific / 5:30 PM Mountain / 6:30 PM Central / 7:30 PM Eastern (9:30 AM *Friday* QLD/AU)

Save the Date! Celebrate ESA Founder's Day with friends across the country during this virtual national anniversary celebration. We will perform a live lamp pin ceremony for any new members who would like to join ESA during the special event. Any new members from this year who have already joined and would like to re-enact their pin ceremony are invited to do so as well. This is a great opportunity to welcome new members to your chapter this spring and give them a great ESA experience to kick off their ESA journey.

Whether you have been a member for a few months or many decades, please join us as we celebrate our history and our future. Come on your own or host a chapter watch party to hear our special guest speakers, join in a group toast to ESA, and share this opportunity to welcome new members from across the country to the ESA family in style. Registration opens in March at www.epsilonsigmaalpha.org/Events.

Happy New Year to everyone!

Hope everyone is doing well and getting ready for a New Year at fundraising for St. Jude and their families.

Did you know...



Know anyone who loves gaming? You can participate in Jude Video Gaming events by checking out Play Live at stjude.org

Join a St Jude Run Club at stjude.org

Dedicate your birthday to St Jude this year at stjude.org

Share St Jude video's with your friends & family to help raise awareness at stjude.org

And...fundraiser thru your workplace at stjude.org

Contact ESA Headquarters to find out how you can receive credit for these events.

But...did you know that in 2023 there were 20,000 participants who joined the Memphis Marathon virtually and we had 40,000 St Jude Heroes fundraiser over four distances.

Please remember that all of us in ESA can help December 7, 2024 make the next Memphis Marathon even bigger and better with our help and love for St Jude Children's Research Hospital.

Our next St Jude Coordinator quarterly meeting will be February 1, 2024. If you have any specific topics you would like to talk about please let me know so we can discuss them during our meeting.

FYI...

Maybe 2024 is the year your chapter can visit St Jude and plan an craft activity party, plan a performance, Bingo or a puppet show for the kids.

Remember we have a St Jude Coordinator Face Book Page so please let us know what your State and chapters are doing for St Jude fundraising.

[Facebook.com/groups/esaforstjude](https://facebook.com/groups/esaforstjude)

Keep sharing your events through the Power of Us Campaign! Go to: epsilonalpha.org/PowerofUs

As an additional reminder, Leadership is February 22-25 in Denver, CO. There will be a great workshops, fun activities, and information from St Jude. Please join us and encourage members in your state to attend as well! Register today at epsilonalpha.org/Leadership

Happy New Year and thank you for all you do for St Jude!

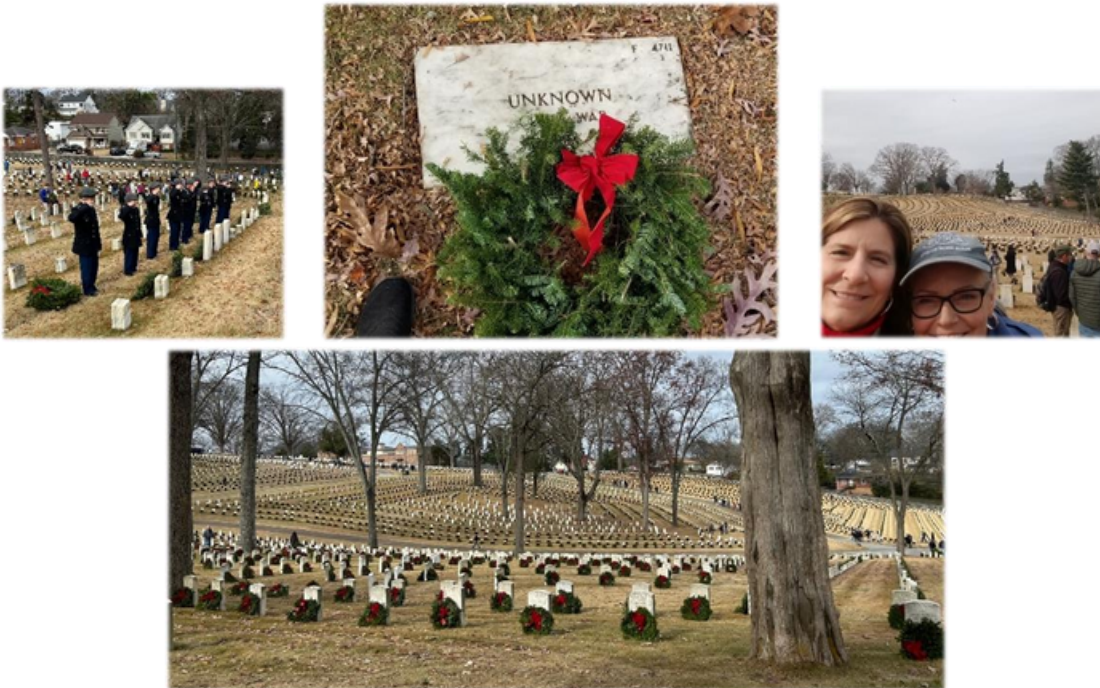
Anthe Tyndell & Jennifer Gailey

IC St Jude Coordinators

NEWS FROM THE STATES!

Hello from Georgia State Council,

We hope that everyone had a wonderful holiday season. Several members were able to donate Christmas items for the Veterans at the Trinkka Davis Veterans Village in Carrollton, Georgia, as well as laying wreaths at the Military National Cemetery in Marietta, Georgia. There are over 18,000 interments at this cemetery and this was the first year that there were enough wreaths to cover each headstone. There were hundreds of volunteers there and all of the wreaths were laid in under an hour. What a wonderful way to honor our Veterans.



Next, we are gearing up for our Mid-Year meeting in February and share what projects our chapters have been involved in. Stay warm!!

Susan Garner
GSC President 2023-2024
ESA . . . Adventure Awaits





When your head hits the pillow tonight, remind yourself that you've done a good job. You are headed down your path at your own pace, and with every obstacle you are trying your utmost best. Be patient with yourself and remember that big things are achieved not all at once, but one day at a time

ESA IC Chaplain Report
February 6, 2024
Sandra Edwards ESA
IC Chaplain

Kansas

Ray Archambeau

Please put Ray Archambeau in your prayer for his healing. Today, 2/2/24, Ray underwent back surgery at the Kansas Spine Hospital. I just spoke with Ruth and he is doing good and expects to be go home later today. Please put Ray in your prayers for him to do well through these next 6 weeks, as he will need to be very careful during that time. They were happy he was cleared for this surgery, as he has been going through some heart issues. Thankful to God that he made it through the surgery just fine with no complications. He and Ruth still welcome your prayers to get them through these next 6 weeks.

Mary Schaar

Please keep Mary in your prayers, as well as the doctors and nurses caring for her so that they can guide her to the very best treatment plan.

Mary had surgery yesterday. It is cancer - but they are still trying to figure out what type and come up with a plan. She will have treatment, just not sure what at this point. The lab is working on it.

Dr. Grundmeyer got the tumor, still knowing there can always be microscopic escapes too. She had a very rough night they said. Hopefully there will be some answers by days end. Continue to pray for the treatment plan and Mary's recovery.

Mary is a fighter, so with all of our prayers and Mary's fight and the good doctors, we know there will be rough days, but we will stay positive as she makes it through this time.

Michigan

It is with great sadness that I am sending the news that Pat Petty's husband, Aaron, has passed away. Aaron was a wonderful man; warm, compassionate, giving and funny. He will be missed by everyone who knew him. Please keep Aaron and Pat in your prayers. I will let you know of his funeral arrangements and of anything we can do for Pat as soon as I know. As promised here are the arrangements for Aaron Petty's funeral. Visitation on Monday Feb. 5 from 3 until 8 with a rosary being prayed at 7 at Wujek-Calcaterra & Sons, 36900 Schoenherr Rd. Sterling Heights 48312. Instate at St. Michael's Catholic Church, 40501 Hayes Rd. Sterling Heights 48033, on Tuesday Feb. 6 from 9 to 9:30 with Funeral Mass to follow at 9:30. Internment at Resurrection Cemetary. You can find his obituary at Aaron E. "Shorty" Petty Obituary - Visitation & Funeral Information (wujekcalcaterra.com). The obituary requests in lieu of flowers donations be made to the Washington Lions Club or the charity of your choice.

Pat Petty

39597 Cadborough Clinton Twp, MI 48312

Missouri

Sandy Hosack and her sister Dot Hill, both from Rho Chi, had a terrible tragedy in their family earlier this month. There was a house fire where their two small Great Grand nephews lived. Sadly both boys perished in the fire. Please pray for the families involved.

Sandy Hosack

85 Foxgate Court

St. Peters,MO 63376 Dot Hill

315 GlasgowDr

St. Charles,MO 63301

The mother of Kathy Farmer, President of Beta Tau, passed away on Wednesday, Jan 24, 2023. She had suffered for Parkinson's Disease for over 30 years. Visitation will be Jan 31. Her funeral will be Feb 01. Cards of condolences mea be sent to:

Kathy Farmer 2513 Kyle Ct.

Columbia, MO 65203

Dorothey Smith, Iota Omega, has pneumonia and it having a very rough time trying to getting over it and spent ten days in ICU on a ventilator after she stopped breathing. After a brief visit to rehab, she is home and doing as well as can be expected. Send your well wishes to:

Dorothey Smith 1223 NW 57th St
Kansas city, MO 64118

Roberta Garrett, Iota Omega, had a very bad fall. At the time they told her she broke her left Humorous laterally. Can't do anything but splint it. After almost two weeks of severe pain and inability to use her left hand although they told her to wiggle her fingers. they finally listened to her and decided to X-ray her left wrist and fingers. She was in pain because she broke her wrist and all her fingers except for her pointer finger. Roberta has become septic after her fall. She was in North Kansas City hospital in ICU, her blood pressure was very low. She is now home

recovering. She would appreciate cards and well wishes. You can send to:

8265 N. Revere
Kansas City Missouri 64151

Oklahoma

Kathy Roderick, Gamma Zeta, has been physically ill with many symptoms for several years. Her doctors eventually told her it was all in her head. Finally doctors discovered several cancers in different organs. She will have 3 to 4 hour surgery to resect her small bowel to remove tumors there, ablation with a laser for her liver tumors, and then remove the pancreatic tumor if he can find it. After a few months, on to an excellent kidney surgeon who will perform tumor ablation of her kidney. Lung cancers are too small to biopsy but will be watched. Neuroendocrine tumors are rare and slow growing.

She has neuroendocrine tumors which are rare and slow growing in her lungs. There is no chemotherapy for them nor will they respond to radiation. She has serotonin syndrome caused by the cancers which was causing all the symptoms. Kathy needs our prayers and encouragement. No calls please. Emails welcomed. Cards may be sent to:

Kathy Roderick 2205 Castle Rock
Edmond, Ok 73003-4776

Washington

Lanaya Hazeltine: has been in/out of the hospital and care center with a diagnosis of myalgia, pneumonia and difficulty walking. She is on a walker and back at home and oxygen. Struggling to get her strength back and feeling back to normal.

Lanaya Haxeltine 2604 E Queen
Spokane WA 99205

Marilyn Lloyd: recently hospitalized with a 'heartevent'. First thought a slight heart attack but after all of the testing - defined it as a stress event.

Marilyn Lloyd 3620 E 35th
Spokane, WA 99223

Washington - Continued

Dorothy Nechanicky: diagnosed with breast cancer in her 'other' breast. Had a lumpectomy and was waiting to have radiation.. In the meantime, they found further cancer and were in the midst of setting up another surgery. She developed Covid which she thought she got while in for the lumpectomy, on the verge of pneumonia. She had a flood in the bathroom, went in, slipped on the floor - came down on the bathtub and broke a rib.

Dorothy Nechanicky 416 N Bell
Greenacres, WA 99016

Richard Roark, Fern's husband: was treated for about a year with either Minere's, dizziness, pneumonia and come to find out - was in congestive heart condition They took him to surgery and put in a pacemaker and he is on the mend.

Richard Roark 4917 E 43rd
Spokane WA 99223

Wisconsin

Betty Donnelly, Beta Omicron, suddenly just lost her sister, Patricia Schoenherr on Monday, Jan 29 at her home. She was 85 years old and lived in Columbus,WI. Visitation will be from 4:00 pm until 7:00 pm

will be at the Jensen Funeral Home, Columbus. A private family only funeral will follow. Condolences may be sent to:

Betty Donnelly
241 Kensington Drive
Madison, WI 53704