

FALL 2023 EDITION

# ESA'LY YOURS

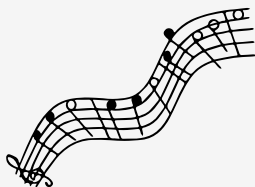
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**PRESIDENT - MISTY EVANS**

The leaves are quickly changing and soon that white stuff will be swirling around...its hard to believe the Holiday season is quickly approaching and then boom it will be 2024! We have had a busy couple of months in Illinois and I am not seeing any end in sight right now! Thank you to everyone who participated in the St. Jude Walk at Illinois Wesleyan back in September! We had a great turnout and TEAM ESA raised over \$3,400! It was a busy day that ended with our Fall Gathering in Normal!




## President's Report - Continued

Illinois hosted MARC in East Peoria and Jamie and Maria did a phenomenal job chairing this event! The countless hours they put in to prepare and keep everything moving smoothly does not go unnoticed! The committee and everyone else from Illinois that helped through the weekend did a superb job! I greatly appreciate all you did and continue to do! Congrats to Jill Shull on being installed as the 2023-24 MARC President! We are behind you 100% as we venture to "On Your MARC" adventures this next year!

Recruitment month is coming to a close and WOW...can I say you all amaze me with your participation in the Membership team's "Power of Us" Campaign and getting the word out about ESA! Make sure you submit your events on the ESA website so that Illinois gets credit along with your chapters!

As the end of the year is approaching and we head into 2024, it is time to think about your journey in ESA and where it has taken you and where else you can go! Eight years ago, I joined ESA as a way to volunteer and give back....at no time did I think I would be State President of the Illinois State Council or that I could be capable of doing it. BUT...look at me in the midst of my second year as your President and I'd have to say it's not been as tough as I imagined it would be! With that being said, please take the time to consider running for a position on the 2024-26 Executive Board. If you have any questions about the positions, President-Elect Kerry or myself would love the opportunity to talk to you! We must step up to keep the council going and continue to thrive!

I hope everyone has a wonderful Holiday season! I am excited to see several members over the next few weeks at events here in Central Illinois! Please remember if you have something going on, let me know as I would love to come to your area!

Keep Rockin' Away in ESA,   
Misty

Ps. Be sure to mark your calendars NOW for Saturday, March 23 to attend the Spring Gathering at Cedar Crest Country Club in Quincy hosted by Epsilon Zeta!!



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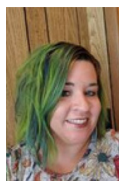
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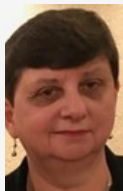
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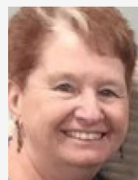
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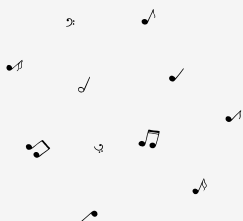
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Happy Fall Illinois ESAers!

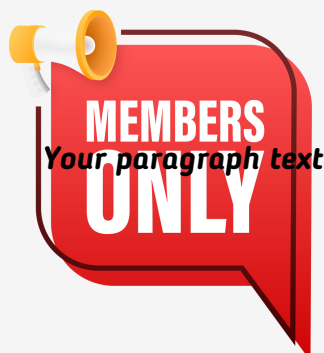
Fall has been off to a great start with decent weather, pumpkin patches, apple & pumpkin spice everything, sweaters, ISC Fall Gathering, and Recruitment!! The Fall Gathering group was small but mighty! We enjoyed the St. Jude Walk (IL ESA earning over \$3,100,) lunch, ESA comradery, and of course took care of business. It's always nice to see everyone from around the state!

Recruitment has wound down for most of us and I hope you were able to grow your chapters and add to the "Just 1 More" IC State Recruitment Challenge. The challenge is to grow our states with "Just 1 More" member than the month before, so that means if you lost a member you would need to add 2 members to grow by "Just 1 More." Reports are ran the 1st of every month. The month of October was crazy busy for my beloved Omega Nu chapter as we welcomed and celebrated 8 new pledges, 3 reinstatement members, and 2 chapter transfer members! Busy for me personally also, as I'm IC Membership Jr Chairperson and we implemented the IC Power of Us campaign. I hope you all were able to join in on some Facebook Membership Ideas group Lives and Challenges. It was fun to see so many participants, and from all over the country! Continue to check out the page and ESA website periodically for recruitment and event ideas, they're great resources! And continue to share the word of ESA with others!

It's coming up on nominations time! Chapters, nominations for the 2024-2026 Illinois State Council Executive Board are due to me in February. Please help serve at the state level, anyone interested in an elected office or appointed office reach out to me. Job descriptions can be found in the state by-laws on [www.esa-illinois.org](http://www.esa-illinois.org) website under the reports tab.

I wish you all a very Happy Thanksgiving and Merry Christmas!!

ESA Love,  
Kerry Considine  
'22-'23 ISC President Elect



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

## FALL GATHERING INFORMATION



### Minutes

Fall Gathering – September 23, 2023 – St. Luke’s Church, Bloomington, IL.

Kerry read Chaplain Jo’s blessing for the meal and we had lunch.

The meeting was called to order at 12:53 PM by President Misty.

Welcome was presented by hostess Jamie Atchison.

The opening ritual and the Pledge of Allegiance were recited in unison.

Kerry read Chaplain Jo’s opening remarks:

*Never apologize for being sensitive or emotional. Let this be a sign of  
having a big heart, not afraid to let others see it. Showing your  
emotions is a sign of strength.*

Parliamentarian Celeste made a motion to accept the rules of the meeting as printed. Maria, Epsilon Zeta, seconded. Motion carried.

Attendance was taken via registration, attached.

Treasurer Jamie presented her report, attached. Jamie told everyone to save their receipts if they purchased anything to be used at the MARC Conference. No bills were presented. Treasurer’s report was filed for audit.

Membership chair Kerry spoke to us about the “Power of Us”. This campaign runs from August 1, 2023 to 31 May, 2024. **How to participate is located under the International Council News on Pages 23-24.**

Disaster chair Adrian updated everyone on the new click path to find the disaster fund forms. It is now located under Council/Chapter Management. She also reminded us that the forms no longer go through the state officers, but directly to the IC disaster fund chair.

Parliamentarian Celeste stated that no bylaw/standing rule changes were submitted.

Chaplain Jo would like to make personal contact with any member in need. Please send notifications to Jo at [jografton@yahoo.com](mailto:jografton@yahoo.com). So far this year Jo has sent 3 get well/thinking of you cards and 6 sympathy cards.

Educational director Kristi Keck reminded us to include chapter name, and ESA Educational in the subject line of your email when submitting your educational information.



## *Fall Gathering Information Continued*

Awards director Jill reminded everyone to record all of your good deeds so that you receive all of your Pallas Athene points and your chapter and state get credit.

Collegiate chair Adrian is still working on making contact with the collegiate chapters now that rushing is over. Congratulations to Suzi for being named Outstanding ESA Coordinator for St. Jude.

ESA for St. Jude Suzi reminded us that the IC ESA for St. Jude coordinator is Heather Hoey and the Junior IC ISA for St. Jude coordinator is Anthe Tyndell. They can be reached at ICESA4StJude@gmail.com. Suzi also reported that ISC raised \$369,559 for St. Jude compared to the \$72,685 raised in the 21-22 year. A large part of this was due to the great participation in the \$50 for 50 challenge. The challenge for October is "Walk 31 miles with your dog" challenge. See the IC web site for details and many more suggestions. Look under the member center, making a difference for St. Jude. Contact Suzi if you need to check that your chapter donation totals are correct.

ESA'y Yours editor Rhonda reminded everyone that the next deadline for submission is October 25. Please copy Misty when you submit an article.

Foundation Counselor Maria stated that scholarship season is now open through Feb 1, 2024! Contact your local high schools to promote this great opportunity. Maria also educated us on submitting donations through the turn around fund in order to strengthen the Foundations 501c3 status.

### **Membership Dues:**

Annual dues are due to be received at ESA Headquarters before December 31st.

- Dues paid in 2023 give voting rights for 2024.
- Annual membership dues are \$40 and Life Active Membership is \$500.
- Reminder: Individuals don't need to be a member of ESA to be a member of the ESA Foundation; businesses may also join.
- Please ESAF members to pay dues early. Several eblast communications will be sent to remind members to pay before year end. Paying dues before November saves mailing a paper reminder to pay dues. These reminders are mailed early November.
- Verify/update your email address on your account.

2024 Director Nominations:

- Need nominations to fill 3 Director positions
- Nomination forms are available on the ESAF website and must be received by October 1
- Nominations are to be sent to the Vice Chairman, Kim Mandrell.

## *Fall Gathering Information Continued*

There are several grants available through the Foundation: The Career Enhancement Grant, the Vocational Training Grant, and the Partnership/Joint Venture Grant. Details for these grants can be found at <https://www.epsilonsigmaalpha.org/scholarships-and-grants/grant>.

The Foundation has started a new fundraiser to support the ESA Foundation, the Pathway Program. This fundraiser offers the opportunity to purchase virtual bricks at different levels. Your donations will pave the way to a brighter future for our organization, those who follow in our path and all we serve. Details can be found at [epsilonalpha.org/ESAFPathway](https://epsilonalpha.org/ESAFPathway). Maria's presentation is attached for more in depth details.

Easter Seals contact Sharon at [sknichols10@gmail.com](mailto:sknichols10@gmail.com).

Historian Rhonda is desperately seeking documents or pictures from your chapters to include in Misty's scrapbook. Send them to Rhonda at [esarawlings@gmail.com](mailto:esarawlings@gmail.com).

Hope for Heroes chair Leann suggested we go to the IC Hope for Heroes web site for ideas on how to support our troops. The web site is <https://epsilonalpha.org/HopeForHeroes>. Leann can be contacted at [lcposton@gmail.com](mailto:lcposton@gmail.com).

MARC Conference chairs Jamie and Marie gave an update on the status of the planning for the MARC Conference to be held in East Peoria October 13 -14. Things are moving right along. Maria has the center pieces under control and made some very tasty cookies to put in the goody bags. Jamie has been working with the hotel staff and ISC chapters to ensure that all necessities are covered. Everyone will have a job when we get there so come planning to pitch in. If you need an apron, please contact Jamie.

### **New Business:**

Mary Jo Day reached out to several ISC members – her information was forwarded to Tracy Swanson – a meeting is to be set up to discuss the possibility of starting a virtual chapter in the Chicago area.

MARC – there are a lot of bylaw changes being proposed, mostly house keeping changes. Incoming MARC President Jill shared her theme with us “A Vision to Connect Through Communication”. Jill proposes to institute a state of the month through her term as president. She asked if ISC would agree to be her inaugural state. Each state will promote what they are doing, be asked to hold a MARC fund raiser during their month to help involve people who don't go to MARC Conference in raising MARC funds. Jill is willing to make a blanket for ISC to hold a virtual online raffle. Adrian, Xi Chi, made a motion that ISC be Jill's first state of the month for the month of November, Maria, Epsilon Zeta, seconded. Motion carried. We now need to brainstorm what we want to do for our fundraiser.

## Fall Gathering Information Continued

### Future meetings:

- MARC 2023 – October 13-14 hosted by ISC at the Embassy Suites in East Peoria.
- Spring Gathering – March 23, 2024 – hosted by Epsilon Zeta at Cedar Crest Country Club in Quincy.
- ISC Convention – June
- IC Convention – July 10-13, 2024 – Overland Park, KS
- Fall Gathering 2024
- MARC 2024 – October 11-12, 2024 – hosted by Missouri in St. Louis

It was proposed that the Fall Gathering again be held in conjunction with the Bloomington/Normal Walk/Run – Adrian volunteered to host the meeting on that day in 2024.

Kerry read the closing thought from Chaplain Jo.

Closing ritual was recited in unison.

Meeting adjourned at 2:17 PM.





**Epsilon Sigma Alpha - Illinois State Council  
Treasurer Report - September 23, 2023**

**Balance on Hand as of June 10, 2023**

\$ 2 0,737.32

**Income**

Acct 2007Convention Reimbursement (IC/MARC Room & Youth Parent Lunch)	\$ 339.90	\$	
2003MAL 2023-2024 Dues D. Jenkins & J. Webb	30.00	\$	
2006Interest (June, July, August)	0.53	\$	
20041/2 Convention Profit	623.10	\$	
2001/2002Chapter Dues & Assessments	945.00	\$	
2007Fall Event Registration	230.00		

**Total Income**

\$ 2,168.53

\$ 2 2,905.85

**Expenses**

Acct 6001Debit Card American Airlines President M. Evans (from 2022-23 budget)	\$ 445.20	\$	
6011Check 1274 Bob Oetting & Associates - Treasurer Bond 2023-24	137.00		
6017			
Debit Card ESA Foundation Honorarium for IL Members serving on IC Board			
5001Check 1275 ESA International Council 2023-24 Dues	\$ 50.00	\$	
6002Check 1276 2023 MARC Conference President M. Evans Registration	45.00	\$	
8004Check 1277 2023 MARC Conference Program Ad Thank You	175.00	\$	
6002Check 1278 Reimburse President M. Evans IC Convention Hotel	100.00	\$	
8004Debit Card Fall Event Jimmy Johns Lunch	385.52	\$	
8004Check 1279 St. Luke Union Church Room fee	184.00	\$	
	25.00		

\$ 1,546.72

**Total Expenses**

**Balance on Hand as of June September 23, 2023**

\$ 2 1,359.13

**Date Paid Chapter Name & Number of Members**

7/24/2032Alpha Upsilon 644 Mattoon (16)  
 8/13/2023Epsilon Zeta 2668 Quincy (2)  
 8/14/2023Beta Zeta 4061 Quincy (14)  
 8/16/2023Beta Mu 4199 Charleston (13)  
 9/12/2023Alpha Alpha 5266 Bloomington (3)  
 9/21/2023Delta Chi 5546 Rock Island (5)

**Members At Large 4**

Dorothea Jenkins  
 Joyce Webb  
 Wanda Harris  
 LaDonna Beck

**Chapters Paid 6**

**Members Paid 53**

**Chapters Unpaid 6 (Alpha Beta, Alpha Chi, Beta Kappa, Omega Nu, Xi Chi)**



**Epsilon Sigma Alpha  
Illinois State Council  
Fun Fall Gathering  
Financial Statement  
September 23, 2023**

<b>Income</b>	Registration '2@\$20	\$ 40.00	
	Registration '10@\$15	\$ 1	
	Registration '1@\$20	50.00	\$
	Zoom '2@\$10	20.00	\$
<b>Total Income</b>		20.00	<b>\$ 230.00</b>
<b>Expenses</b>	Lunch Jimmy Johns	\$ 1	
	Room Rental	84.00	\$
	Registration Refunds '2@\$5	25.00	\$
<b>Total</b>		10.00	<b>\$</b>
<b>Expenses</b>			<b>219.00</b>
<b>Profit</b>			<b>\$ 1 1.00</b>





## 2023 MARC CONFERENCE REPORT



I am not sure where to even start with the thank yous. The Illinois State Council joined together to put on a really great MARC Conference. We had so many compliments on the Leadership and the entertainments. It was not just the committee or the co- chairs, it took every one of the Illinois State Council members in attendance. No matter what we asked for help with, the members all pitched in. The loot bags were stuffed in record time and the hospitality room was set up and ready for action. Registrations were handled with no issues. We could set the centerpieces and take them down in just a few minutes.

A special thanks to the steering committee—Kim Poling, Judy Huntley, Rhonda Rawlings, Misty Evans, Jill Shull, Celeste Webb and Adrian Spurduto.

Jamie Atchison and Maria Bingheim  
Conference Co-Chairs



***Danke!!!***

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





## Webmaster Report

http://



Please send your updated rosters, fall / spring events, and photos my way to include on the website!!! We have a lot of fun photos from the MARC Oktoberfest that will be posted soon!!!

Jamie ❤️



## Treasurer's Report

Cha-Ching!



Hope everyone is having a great fall!!!

The fall gathering was hosted by the Illinois State Council Executive Board, below please find the financial report.

### Financial Statement September 23, 2023

#### Income:

Registrations [2] @\$20	\$ 40.00
Registrations [10] @\$15	\$150.00
Registrations [1] @ \$20	\$ 20.00
Registrations [2] @ \$10	\$ 20.00

**Total Income:** \$219.00

#### Expenses:

Lunch - Jimmy John's	\$184.00
Room Rental	\$ 25.00
Registration Refunds [2] @ \$10	\$ 20.00

**Total Expenses:** \$219.00

**Profit To State:** \$ 11.00

At this time, 82% of chapters paid their member dues & chapter assessment, just waiting for the ISU and SIUe chapters to pay their dues.

Have a Happy Thanksgiving & Merry Christmas!!





## Updates from the ESA Foundation

### Scholarship Info:

The scholarship season kicked off on September 1st. To date we have received 397 new applications, with 41 applications completed. Now's the time to start sharing the information on scholarships. And, remember, the more people who you can recruit to help, the more students who can learn about the Foundation scholarships. Deadline is February 1st, 2024.

### Upcoming ESAF Workshop:

The workshop committee has been preparing a new ESAF workshop on Endowments and Scholarships. We will have ESAF Board Directors presenting information about how the process works, as well as taking your questions. The virtual workshop will occur on November 2, 2023, at 07:30 PM Central Time. An email will be sent indicating how to register to attend the event. Please help spread the word to those in your state/region.

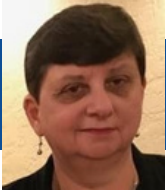
### New ESAF Program:

The Pathway Program is a new program that was announced this year at IC Convention. The program is a way to celebrate special ESA Foundation or ESA members, community volunteers, or other special people with a gift to the Pathway Program. Through the program, individuals can purchase virtual bricks in various contribution levels. The recognitions increase with the contribution amount as described on the website and attached program flyer: Pathway - Epsilon Sigma Alpha (ESA) - An International Service Organization.

Donations to the Pathway Program will pave the way to a brighter future for our organization, those who follow in our path, and all we serve.

### Email Addresses:

We will be having another election of Directors in December. We cannot remind our members enough to be sure they have their current email addresses and their current chapter/state/region officers in the ESA Member Center database under My Account. This will ensure they receive ESAF communications and newsletters. This is an important way for us to stay connected with our membership and ensures members will be able to vote the upcoming election.



## ESA Foundation Counselor - Continued

### ESAF Dues:

Membership Dues are to be received at ESA Headquarters by December 31st. In early November, paper dues reminders will be mailed to our members who have not yet paid their dues. Paying dues before November reduces printing and postage costs for the Foundation. Initial email reminders will be sent in October.

Additional email reminders will be sent on December 1st and December 15th. The Headquarters staff has a holiday break starting December 20th, so if members need additional help from a staff member to pay their dues, they need to call before the office closes.

To pay dues online, log into the member center: [ESA/Member-Center](#) and go to My Account.

Click on the [ESAF+Other Mbrsps](#) tab and look for the Blue icons for paying ESA Foundation membership dues. If you are interested in making a donation to the Foundation, the Donate to ESAF tab will take you to the online donation form.

If you prefer to pay by check or complete a paper copy, the contribution form can be printed from the Contribute page on the ESAF website: [ESAF/Contribution](#)

Please be sure to use an updated contribution form, as it was updated last April with the current dues amount and the new ESA Foundation Headquarters address.

In addition to annual membership, the Life Active Membership program is available for those who want to further support the Foundation or those who are tired trying to remember to pay annual dues. Individuals, chapters councils, or organizations interested in becoming Life Active Members make a one-time \$500 donation or two \$250 donations to become Life Active members. The contributions for Life Active Memberships are placed in a fund where the members' annual dues are paid each year as well as earnings from the fund are used to provide funds for the Grant program.

If anyone has questions about dues or your contributions, please let me know.  
Enjoy the Fall Holidays and be safe.

Maria Bingheim  
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### 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.





## ESA'y Yours Editor



At the 2023 IC International Convention, Illinois received the Second Place Award for our Newsletter.

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 [esalyyours@gmail.com](mailto:esalyyours@gmail.com)



Issue Dates:

10/25/2023

01/25/2024

03/25/2024

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, making cards and messing with mixed media. Grandkids' sports are the best, especially since I am retired!

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



## CHAPTER CHATTER



**Alpha Alpha** - Jamie Atchison

Happy Fall to All Y'all!

I had a wonderful opportunity at the MARC Conference to hear some great speakers on behalf of St. Jude's and I learned some new things. ALSAC Board Member Emeritus Rich Unes and Michael Maloof (son of Jim and Trudy Maloof) talked about the changes to the hospital over the years and the founding of the Peoria Affiliate Clinic (now called the Jim and Trudy Maloof Midwest Affiliate Clinic). I learned that it was the first affiliate of St. Jude Children's Hospital and now there are 8 affiliates located throughout the country. I also learned more about St. Jude's Global Outreach program which endeavors to bring help to children with cancer overseas, especially in under-developed countries.

From Tonya Lodge's inspiring story of her daughter Tori's battle with cancer, I learned that St. Jude protocols are not effective once the patient turns 22. This can be devastating to patients like Tori who go into remission only to have the cancer recur as they become young adults. And from Dane Perdieu I learned how a childhood cancer survivor became a St. Jude Hero in later life. Each speaker's presentation was sprinkled heavily with praise and thanks for the support of Epsilon Sigma Alpha and I was reminded once again of how proud I am to be part of this organization!

As the holidays approach, I'm sure that you, like me, are counting your blessings and giving thanks for ESA and St. Jude's. I encourage you to not just keep doing what you're doing, but to try to do a little more for "Danny's Kids".

Have a safe and Happy Thanksgiving and a very Merry Christmas!



## CHAPTER CHATTER



### Beta Mu - Edie Floyd

All are invited to the Celebration of Life for our Beta Mu sister, Pat Beaulieu. The Celebration of Life will be held at the Charleston, Illinois VFW on December 3, 2023 from 2 to 4 p.m. The VFW address is 1821 20th Street, Charleston, Illinois. Pat was the mother of our Beta Mu sister Kristi Keck. During the summer months Beta Mu held a Vantastic social. Members and friends were driven to several businesses, restaurants and wineries in east central Illinois. On June 15th we were the recipient for a quarter auction at the American Legion in Mattoon.

For our September meeting we met at the pavilion at Lake Charleston. Our educational theme this year is Craft and Care. We made book marks and learned about the Charleston Carnegie Public Library. Our October meeting was a wiener roast at the home of Helen Hendren. We created door decorations for the residents at Oak Manor. Debbie Dunning told us about Oak Manor in Oakland, Illinois where there are 13 assisted living residents. Barbara Warmoth and Edie Floyd volunteered at the St. Jude run in Bloomington. Tricia Bayles joined them in the afternoon to attend the Illinois State Council Fall Gathering. October 30th we will hold our fall rush event.



## CHAPTER CHATTER



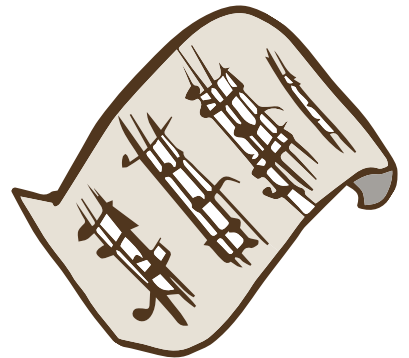
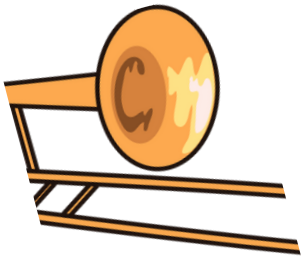
### ***Epsilon Zeta - Maria Bingheim***

Save the Date!

Please join Epsilon Zeta on March 23, 2024 in Quincy Illinois for our Spring Gathering on the Mississippi. The event will be held at Cedar Crest Country Club, 3312, North 36th St, Quincy IL. From 10am until 2pm.

Tentative plan is to have a representative for the Illinois Veterans Home here in Quincy to come talk about the needs of the veterans who are in the homes.

Then we will make Easter cards to be taken to the home as Easter is the next weekend. Lunch at noon with the business portion to follow.







### **Omega Nu** – Crystal Alwardt

Greetings from Omega Nu! We have been very busy little worker Bee's raising "honey" for our community and are proud to share our participation news!

In July members assisted with the annual Mark Williams picnic for our local Camp New Hope serving special needs children and adults. Our annual community festival "Bagelfest" had us buzzing around participating in the parade and hosting Bingo!

Chapter members had a great time at IC Convention gathering with other chapters & learning together! We also participated in the St. Jude Mattoon to Peoria Run which is a huge event in our community! Members marked the route, provided 2 tour buses for runners to rest, transportation, food and tons of cheerleading!

In August; our social event celebrated the music of Jimmy Buffet where several members enjoyed a wonderful production of "Return to Margaritaville" at the Little Theatre on the Square in Sullivan, IL. In addition; several members participated in the Special Olympics Family Festival helping with registration, pairing volunteers with participants, and volunteering as "Friends for a Day"

In September, we decided to "Bee all you can Bee" with our Rush event for ESA. We assisted our local American Legion with a Quarter Auction by donating items, setup/ cleanup and of course playing Bingo!

The Illinois State Fall Gathering was fun and informative!

ESA Enrichment event "Sharing the secret of ESA" was a huge success as we invited potential new members. We also presented a check to help support Franklin Preschool's Backpack food program to help provide food for families!

In October our members assisted with and enjoyed the "Taste of Something Special" wine tasting fundraising event for Special Olympics. Members attended MARC Conference where our very own Jill Shull was installed as President and several members served on the Honor Guard and offered our support.

Our Fall Banquet was a wonderful evening of recognizing our busy Bee's ESA leadership, hard work and tenure. We had 8 new pledges, 3 members reactivated and 2 transfers from other chapters totaling 13 new members to Omega Nu! Woo! Hoo!

Last but not least is our "Nightmare on 19th Street" Halloween Costume Ball event with celebrity "Freddy" (from Nightmare on Elmstreet) judging the costume contests!

Bee all you can Bee in ESA!  
Crystal Alwardt





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American Legion Auxiliary Vender Quarter Auction  
 Proceeds to benefit  
 Epsilon Sigma Alpha  
 Omega Nu  
 Thursday, September 21st, 2023  
 Harrison American Legion  
 1801 Maple Ave., Harrison, IL 61058  
 Doors open at 5:00pm Auction Starts at 6:00pm  
 Prizes will be 15.00 ea., or an 80¢ per pound for 125.

Items will range from \$5 to over \$500 retail:  
 1 quarter bid - item value \$5-\$15  
 2 quarter bid - item value \$16-\$20  
 3 quarter bid - item value \$21 & up

Food and Refreshments available  
 for purchase

Many items to bid on!  
 Crafts, Books, Food, Yard Decor, Jewelry,  
 Makeup, Gift Certificates, Kitchenware, and  
 Much More!

Come join the fun and support a great cause!

For Questions contact Kelly at 217-288-1388

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**How to Play:**  
 Bid on quality vendor items with open to three  
 quarters, depending on the retail value. Bids  
 are then collected for the items. Once all bids are  
 collected, a randomly chosen number is called. If  
 the person with that number placed a bid, he or  
 she wins the item. Bidders will continue to bid  
 items until there is a winner.

### Power of Us Campaign

- This year's ESA IC recruitment campaign, The Power Of Us information from the ESA website [www.epsilonsigmaalpha.org/powerofus](http://www.epsilonsigmaalpha.org/powerofus):

### Power of Us Campaign

**Overview:** ESA members are powerful. The friendship, service, and connection members make in ESA changes lives, and that power shines brightest through the values shared by members across this great organization. Throughout the 2023-2024 year we will be celebrating the bright superstars of ESA through The Power of Us - the collective, incredible power that comes when members do good works in their communities in the name of ESA.

As you host events, volunteer, and fundraise for great causes this year, submit your stories to ESA Headquarters below for a chance to be recognized. The Power of Us campaign is a way to show the world the power of ESA by amplifying our collective impact. [Printable flyer version of the campaign instructions.](#)

**How to Participate:** In accordance with the three pillars of ESA, members and chapters are challenged to complete an activity that falls under each of the Education, Service, and Association categories. Together, these three pillars create and highlight The Power of Us.

**The Power of Education:** Chapters and individuals are encouraged to grow their knowledge through their ESA membership

- External (*i.e. special chapter-hosted educational event open to the public*)
- Internal (*i.e.. take a class or attend a seminar as a chapter or individually*)

**The Power of Service:** Participate in a volunteer or fundraising activity, either individually or as a chapter

- Volunteering (*ie. Halloween craft with Easterseals*)
- Fundraising (*ie. silent auction benefiting St. Jude Children's Research Hospital®*)

**The Power of Association:** Share the ESA love! Your event **must** include at least one guest.

- Community Outreach (*ie. recruitment event*)
- Social Activity (*ie. scavenger hunt, costume party*)

**Power of Us:** Earn Star Status Chapters and individuals/MALs can join in the fun and competition by hosting an activity in any of the three competition categories based on the pillars of ESA: Education, Service, and Association. After each event or activity, chapters or individuals/MALs should submit their event description and photo(s) below. Remember all events must be done in the name of ESA. Participants earn **Power of Us: Star Status** when they complete and submit an event/activity in any pillar category. Star Status chapters/individuals/MALs will be added to the **Power**

**of Us** webpage and have a chance to be featured in the ESA News and/or ESA social media (#ESAPowerOfUs).

As an activity for each of the pillar categories is completed, fill out and submit the online form. Chapters and individuals/MALs are challenged to complete at least one activity in each pillar, qualifying them to compete for a larger national award and receive national recognition and ESA swag.

**National Titles Competition** A panel of ESA and non-ESA members will review the completed submissions and recognize one Power of Us: National Star Award winner in each pillar category, going to the chapter or individual member/MAL whose activity stood out for its creativity, impact, and community outreach.

The panel of judges will then review entries from chapters or individual members/MALs who submitted at least one activity in all three categories and select a Power of Us: Best in Show Star Award winner, going to the chapter or individual/MAL whose combined submissions from each of the three categories shined brightest among all submissions. The winning chapter or individual/MAL will receive ESA swag to help show off their victory and be featured in the ESA Journey Magazine and across ESA social media platforms.

Activities in each pillar must be completed and submitted between August 1, 2023 and May 31, 2024. Winners will be announced on social media and at the 2024 International Council Convention.

All submissions **MUST** include a photo from the event (not an event flyer) to be earn a pillar. If you have trouble with the submission form or questions, contact Mackeigan.

The submission form is located at the bottom of the website page listed above. Be sure to click the "submit" button and confirm your submission by checking your email for email confirmation.

