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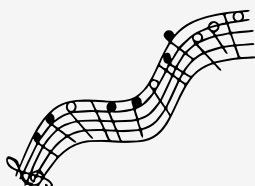
International Council



PRESIDENT - MISTY EVANS

Hello Spring! I am so ready for warmer weather, blooming flowers and all the busyness that comes with the next several months. Haha, who am I kidding, it is never slow in my life!

Thank you to Beta Mu for hosting our Spring Gathering! It was a fun day seeing everyone and I hope that all that attended enjoyed themselves! If you weren't there, I hope you plan to join us in June for the Illinois State Convention in Effingham! Omega Nu is working away to plan a fun-filled couple of days!



President's Report - Continued

Membership engagement is key to the vitality of our state. We must retain the members we have, while recruiting new ones! Please visit the ESA website as Headquarters as lots of vital information out there for us to utilize. If you are looking for something and can't find it, please let me know and I will help you!

Now is the time to be getting all your forms submitted on your chapter's accomplishments for the past year! The awards luncheon is always a fun time recognizing all we do! Jill has a spectacular Awards Banquet planned! I am looking forward to visiting some chapters at functions the next couple of months. Please, if you have something coming up that you would like me to attend, let me know! I want to be present and at events to support YOU! I can't wait to see you all soon! Until then, keep up the good work and Keep Rockin' Away in ESA!

ESA HUGS, Misty ❤️



ISC President Misty Evans with Libby Neathery, owner of Libby Jo Art Studios in Villa Grove. Libby presented a workshop on the benefits of painting while leading those that attended through a painting project!



Members participated in an interactive workshop while learning about the mental and physical benefits of painting.



Illinois members at ESA Leadership Conference ready for Music Bingo!!



Queen....?



Illinois State Council members were honored guests at Tori's Legacy Gala, hosted by ISA Chapter Alpha Beta. Tori Lodge was a member of ESA and lost her battle to ALL in February 2022. Members of Alpha Beta hosted a gala to honor Tori's legacy and raises fund for St. Jude.



Pictured left to right: Jamie Atchison, Alpha Beta Chapter Founder & Illinois State Council Treasurer; Megan Fitzgerald, Development Specialist at ALSAC/St. Jude Children's Research Hospital; Misty Evans, Illinois State Council President and Kathleen Grissom, Illinois State Council Recording Secretary.



ISC 2023 Convention is right around the corner!



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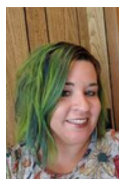
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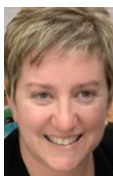
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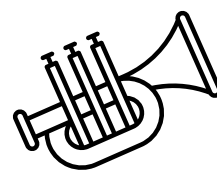
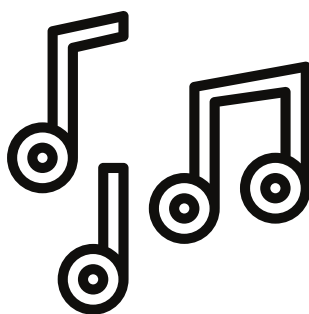
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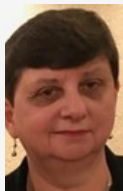
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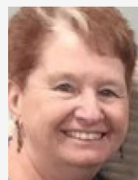
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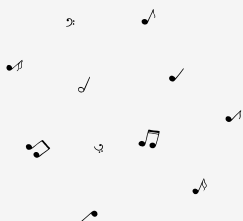
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President - Elect



Happy Spring! I hope you're all able to enjoy our crazy up and down weather! Spring Board Meeting was a great event, I hope you were able to attend in person or Zoom in for some fun, learning, and a delicious lunch hosted by Beta Mu. Normally at this time I would be talking about state board nominations and leadership conference but since we're on 2 year terms that's not the topic of conversation today.

Membership is ESA's hot topic. We need to grow, we need to ASK! Ask people to attend your events, talk about ESA, share on social media. Share YOUR story, make it personal, people connect with personal stories. Don't keep ESA 'the best kept secret!' as Tracy Swanson says. I hope you're planning on hosting a spring recruitment, expanding your chapters, and asking people to join us! We need new members! Through ESA's Ambassador Program you can earn free dues during our business year, June 1-May 31, by sponsoring members! Welcome 4 new members for 1 year dues paid, 8 new members for 2 years dues paid, or 10 new members in the year can earn you life-active(lifetime) membership paid! So host events, invite everyone, share your story, and recruit new members!

Please reach out to me for help with recruitment, navigating the ESA website, using ESA online materials for recruiting, or hosting events! I'd love to attend spring recruitments around Illinois!

I hope to see you at Illinois State Convention at the Hilton Garden Inn in Effingham for 'ESA Diamonds & Gold in Las Vegas' themed event hosted by my very own chapter, Omega Nu!

ESA is Good Friends, Good Works, and Good Times...

Kerry Considine

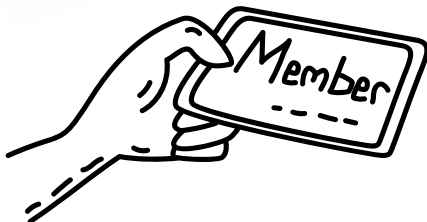
ISC President-Elect

 EPSILON SIGMA ALPHA
Community Membership Application
Join Epsilon Sigma Alpha today...and make a difference

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Reinstatement of Membership Application

 EPSILON SIGMA ALPHA
Collegiate Membership Application
Join Epsilon Sigma Alpha today...and make a difference





Past President

I hope everyone is enjoying the change in weather as much as I am. However, with that change of weather comes severe storms and flooding that may affect some of our ESA family around the country. Disaster Fund is a support program designed for us so we can support each other in our times of need. If you are in need, go to the ESA website in the member sections for directions on how to submit paperwork. If your chapter plans to contribute to the Disaster Fund this year, please have all payments postmarked to me by May 10th so I can get them all turned in to IC on time. If you need help with anything related to the Disaster Fund, please do not hesitate to contact me!



Illinois Weather!



Have your cell phone or radio at hand to keep track of the weather



Corresponding Secretary



Happy Spring brings new ESA dates to remember. Please mark these down (or “Save the Date”) and get ready for some interesting times with our many friends!!

First: June 9th -10th, Friday/Saturday... our Omega Nu friends are planning the ISC Convention in Effingham. It is sure to be an amazing weekend with President Misty presiding!

Followed by: July 24th -30th, Monday-Sunday, the IC Convention in Grapevine, TX .. Come join our IC Treasurer and IL Sister Celeste Webb this week in the sleepy (?) little town outside of Dallas... there will be LOTS of Texas hospitality and a ‘drop or two’ of vino from the many local wineries.

Lastly: October 13th-14th , Friday/Saturday in E. Peoria for MARC. Illinois will be hosting, and co-chairs Jamie Atchison and Maria Bingheim are planning a true Oktoberfest experience!! Omega Nu’s Jill Shull will be installed at President!

Hope to see as many of you as possible at ALL of these dates... bring a new member and share the experience, Education and just some fun!



Chaplin



On April 5, 2023, Regina Considine Considine lost her husband Dick. Please keep Regina and family in your thoughts and prayers thru this difficult time.

Cards can be sent to:
Regina Considine
3124 Oak Ave.
Mattoon, IL. 61938

Also remember the family of Lurene Connor, a long time member of ESA. We all will miss her.

Thinking of You





2023 MARC CONFERENCE REPORT



Mark your calendars for October 13-14, 2023 as the Illinois State Council is hosting the Midwest Area Regional Council annual leadership conference at the Embassy Suites in East Peoria. The registration is \$175 and the room rates are: \$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. For the registration form & hotel details, please check out the ESA MARC website for more details.

Conference Committee: Jamie Atchison & Maria Bingheim - Co-Chairs, Adrian Sperduto - Leadership Coordinator, Rhonda Rawlings - Treasurer/Registration Chair, Judy Huntley - Registration Committee, Celeste Webb - Registration Committee, Kim Poling, Jill Shull, and Misty Evans.

Additional assignments: Dalena Hall, Registration Committee, Beta Mu - Friday lunch, Beta Kappa - Friday mixer, Alpha Upsilon/Xi Chi - hospitality/pages, Saturday lunch - Alpha Alpha, Delta Chi & Epsilon Zeta, Saturday banquet & entertainment - Omega Nu.

Friday Leadership Agenda: Learn about the history of St. Jude Midwest Affiliate in Peoria, Illinois - Michael Maloof, The Legacy of Tori Lodge - Tonya Lodge, St. Jude patient then & now Dane Perdieu, Mobility Matters - Michy Maloof, German Society fun & games, and Learn to Polka.

Illinois members will wear Oktoberfest aprons, order forms with check/cash payment will be due at the state convention in June.

Any questions, please contact Jamie or Maria.

Jamie & Maria & Committee





The Illinois State Council invites you to mark your calendar to attend, Oktoberfest, the 38th annual conference of Midwest Area Regional Council in East Peoria at the Embassy Suites by Hilton East Peoria Riverfront Hotel & Conference Center October 13 – 14, 2023. Your stay includes Your stay includes:

- ✓ Complimentary parking ✓ On-site restaurant
- ✓ Complimentary Wi-Fi in guestrooms ✓ Indoor pool
- ✓ Free made-to-order breakfast ✓ Fitness center
- ✓ Complimentary evening reception ✓ Pet-friendly rooms
- ✓ Non-smoking rooms ✓ Business center
- ✓ Room Rates: \$139 Single/Double; \$149 Triple; \$159 Quad plus 12% tax
- ✓ Conference room rate 2 days prior & 2 days after (based on availability)

East Peoria, Illinois is within a day's driving distance for the majority of our Midwest members and also easy to get to for those members outside the Midwest as everyone is welcomed to join in the Oktoberfest themed conference. If you prefer to fly, the General Wayne A. Downing Peoria International Airport currently provides service to 13 destinations on three airlines. With popular nonstop destinations and convenient connections, you can go ANYWHERE through PIA on the following airlines: Allegiant Air, American Airlines, United Airlines, check out schedules at www.flypia.com

What's nearby: The East Peoria Levee District is a vibrant mixed-use development and major shopping destination for the greater Peoria area. The Levee District is home to retail, restaurants, and services, along with office, hotel and civic components. Must see sites: Caterpillar Visitors Center, Home of the Peoria Chiefs Baseball, Home of the Peoria Rivermen Hockey, Paradise Casino, Bass Pro Shop, Costco, Target, Wal-mart, Aldi's, Ulta, Gordmans, Texas Roadhouse, Chili's, Shogun, Culvers, Tequilla's Mexican, Steak 'n Shake, Johnny's Italian Steakhouse, Chick-Fil-A, Chipotle, Panda Express & Discover Peoria and So Much More at www.peoria.org

Check out the MARC Website (password required) MARC Conference Page for Registration Form, Ad Program form, Leadership details, Hotel Link and much more at <http://www.esamarc.org/marc-conference.html>



Roll out the barrel, we'll have a barrel of fun!





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 _____
Email Address Phone _____
Emergency Contact Phone _____
Travel Plans: Driving: Flying: Airline Flight# Date _____
Names of Roommates: _____
Name Tags Yes ___ No ___ (I will bring my own) Program Book Yes PDF Only _____

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

Postmarked By 9/12/2023

- Registration for Conference and Leadership \$175.00
- Registration excluding Friday Leadership \$150.00

Partial Registration

- Saturday Lunch only \$50.00
- Saturday Banquet only \$65.00

Postmarked After 9/12/2023

- Registration for Conference and Leadership \$190.00
- Registration excluding Friday Leadership \$175.00

Partial Registration

- Saturday Lunch only \$65.00
- Saturday Banquet only \$80.00

Walk-in Registration After 10/1/2023

- Walk-In Cash or Money Order Only \$205.00

Youth Meals (Under 12 years old) *

- Friday Lunch \$22.00
- Saturday Lunch \$22.00
- Banquet \$22.00

Total Enclosed \$ _____

**Current Officer /
Offices Held**

(Check all that apply)

- MARC Exec Board
- MARC Appt Board
- MARC Cete
- 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.

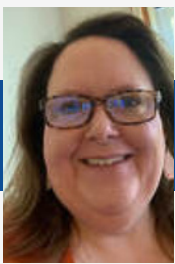
Pay by Credit Card processed via Square (4% service charge applies)

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



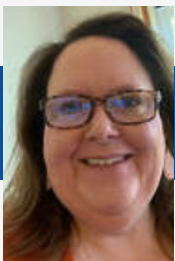
Webmaster Report



It is that time again to download year-end reports from IL Website (www.esa-illinois.org) under the Reports & More section of the website, it is password protected (ISC#1). Please advise if you see something that is missing or needs updating.

Jamie

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



Treasurer's Report



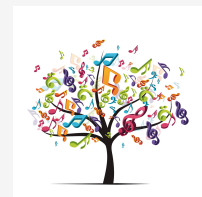
Happy Spring! Thanks for Beta Mu for hosting the spring event on March 25, it was great! I realized I need to brush up on my painting skills, it was a fun event! Thanks Misty for all the stenciling and arranging your friend to instruct us and share her story.

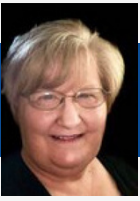
Attention state officers and chairpersons, please note the following standing rules please submit your expense vouchers and receipts accordingly. Any overages will need to be approved by the executive board (\$100 or less) or full membership at the annual convention.

1. The ISC Fiscal Year is July 1 - June 30, all checks must be cleared prior to fiscal year-end.
2. The ISC Treasury shall pay expenses of executive and appointed officers, and committee chairs and general advisory board members as designated in the approved budget.
3. The executive and appointed officers, and committee chairs and general advisory board members must submit expense vouchers with receipts to treasurer for reimbursement by June 1 (with exception of convention expenses); if the amount is greater than designated in the approved budget, overages will be voted on at the fall or spring meeting or annual convention.

Additionally, if you have any suggestions for the proposed budget please let me know. It will be posted prior to convention for your review so that we may be ready to vote on it at convention.

Any questions please let me know either email jamiea2@gmail.com or text/call 309-838-6199.





Awards Chairman Report



75TH ANNUAL ROCKIN' AWAY IN ESA AWARDS GALA

You are all invited to attend and enjoy hearing about all your good deeds at the ESA Illinois State Council Convention this year. This event will be held at the ISC Awards Luncheon on Saturday, June 10, 2023. The Awards Luncheon will be a red-carpet event. Come dressed as if you are going to an EGOT (Emmy, Grammy, Oscar, or Tony) Award Ceremony. So, come dressed to the nines or as your favorite rock star. We will have an action reporter and photographer on the red carpet to do an interview and photo shoot. Our IC and MARC Representatives for the weekend will be our judges. Our Presenters for each award will be that Awards Chair. For example as the Hope for Heroes Chair will be the presenter for the Hope for Heroes Award. They will share a **very brief** description of the award and announce 3rd and 2nd place. Then they will ask for "the envelope please" for the 1st place winner. The 1st place winner will give a **brief** acceptance speech description of one of their projects for which they worked hard to receive this award. We will also have a photo booth area the "President of the Academy", Misty Evans, for all award winners. I, Jill Shull, the ISC Awards Chair will be hosting as your Emcee. Please register for the Illinois State Council Convention this June. It will be Rockin'!

Jill Shull

2022-2023 Illinois State Council Awards Chair





Greetings from West Central Illinois

It appears that spring has arrived in Quincy. I just hope it is here to stay. I am sorry that I was unable to attend the Spring event hosted by Beta Mu. Both of the girls were home and that doesn't happen that often.

Here is some important information on upcoming ESA Foundation happenings.

Foundation Fund Fest:

As you can read—the ESAF is asking for a state basket or similar item to bring to the Fund Fest. They are also going to have another wine/spirts pull.

Any ideas on what Illinois might be able to contribute? We have done a purse filled with gift cards the last several years.

Foundation Fund Fest:

The Foundation Fund Fest at IC convention will be held on Tuesday night, July 25th, as the kickoff for the Convention. Given the fun that we had last year, the theme will once again be “Under the Big Top” with games and prizes. This year the game tickets will be used for a chance to win a life active membership for yourself or you can gift it to someone else.

As in prior years, Sandy Hosack, FFF Chairman, is asking for states to bring a “basket” or similar item for the oral action. If your state/region is prepared early, please send photos of your item, as we want to promote them on our ESAF Facebook page to entice people to attend the event.

Additionally, the committee is planning to have another wine/spirts pull. We are asking for states to bring bottles of wine, spirits, beer, and/or other adult beverages for that silent/bind auction. As always, there will be a standard silent auction as well, although it is planned to be smaller with a larger focus on the games, oral auction, and wine/spirts pull. See the Spring Membership newsletter for more details regarding the Fund Fest.

Please contact Sandy Hosack at esaffundfest@gmail.com with questions. Sandy will be thrilled to hear from those who are interested in participating.





ESA's Yours Editor



This issue is the last Newsletter for the 2022-2023 year, can you believe it!

Thank you to everyone that submitted articles for this issue.

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



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! It's that time of year to remember to do your Spring Cleaning. This includes going through pictures for Misty's scrapbook!

Besides ESA, faith, family and friends, my passions include scrapbooking, junk journaling, make cards and messing with mixed media. It is my pleasure to share these talents in saving Misty's memories.

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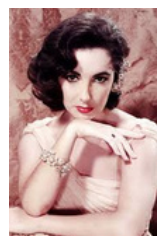
Illinois State 2023 Convention Co-Chairs

The 2023 Illinois State Convention will be held on June 9th and 10th, 2023 at the Thelma Convention Center in Effingham, Illinois. Omega Nu is your host and as like last year, the event begins on Friday night and ends after Saturday night's festivities. This year's theme is *"Diamonds and Gold, Sparkle in ESA."* This theme is in celebration of our 75th Jubilee. The Registration form is on the next page and is available the the Illinois State Council website. Mark your calendars now!

**THE LAST DAY TO REGISTER FOR HOTEL
ROOMS IS MARCH 9TH! BOOK NOW!**



Our venue!



Diamonds are a
girl's best friend!



Saturday night Murder Mystery,
Vegas Style!





La\$ Vega\$



ESA Diamonds and Gold in Las Vegas
ESA Illinois State Convention June 9-10, 2023
Holiday Inn 1301 Ave of Mid America Effingham, IL 62401

Name: _____ Phone: _____
Address: _____ City/State/Zip: _____
Chapter Name and Number: _____

Please check all that apply:

- ☐ IL State Council Executive Board Officer* ☐ Pledge
☐ IL State Council Appointed Officer** ☐ Chapter Voting Delegate
☐ Usterwuzzer (Past ISC President) ☐ Outstanding Woman
☐ Chapter President ☐ Outstanding Pledge
☐ General Member ☐ Out of State ESA Member
☐ Member At Large Name of State _____
☐ Collegiate Member Other Guests:
☐ First Time Attendee 1. _____

2. _____

*Full registration paid by Illinois State Council (full registration only) 3. _____

** Deduct \$7.50 paid by Illinois State Council (full registration only) 4. _____

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Please check full registration or individual events you will attend.

Postmarked by Postmarked after Walk-In Registration

May 25, 2023 May 25, 2023 CASH-ONLY

- ☐ Full Registration \$125.00 \$155.00 \$170.00
☐ Friday Night Mixer Dinner \$40.00 \$50.00 \$ 55.00
☐ Saturday Awards Luncheon \$45.00 \$55.00 \$ 60.00
☐ Saturday Night Banquet \$50.00 \$60.00 \$ 65.00
☐ Zoom (Business Sessions) \$10.00 \$15.00

Medical Dietary Restrictions: _____

Make checks payable to: ESA Illinois State Convention

Amount of check: _____ Check number: _____

Mail checks and registration form to: Celeste Webb, Registration Co-Chairperson

1120 Richmond Ave

Mattoon, IL 61938

Registrants are responsible for the costs of any return checks & bank fees

No refunds after June 1, 2022

HOTEL INFORMATION:

Holiday Inn 1301 Avenue Of Mid America, Effingham, IL, IL 62401, US

June 9th and 10th, 2022.

The 2023 room rate is \$135 plus tax per standard room or \$165 plus tax per suite room. [Only 1 suite]

20 rooms available to reserve between now and May 8th, 2022...nights of
group code ESA

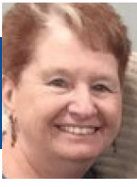
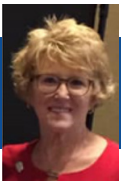
Reservations can be made by calling 217-540-7777 Ext. 600 for local reservations.

Indicate the date(s) of stay and to receive the discounted room rate and be attached to the ESA group...

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MARC Reps Report



On March 10th and 11th, Judy and I attended the Mid Year MARC Planning meeting in E. Peoria. Illinois will be hosting MARC on October 13-14, 2023 at the Embassy Suites in E. Peoria. The theme will be Oktoberfest!!

Hope for Heroes will have speakers Anita Dixon, a GoldStar Mother, as well as Patti Latch, the Founder and Director of America's Gold Star Families.

Foundation will have a fun "Heads or Tails" event.

Ways and Means is bringing back the Market Place where members can rent a table for the weekend to sell their own or Chapter wares/items. There will also be another purse and/or separate item Auction, along with gift cards associated with that item (ie coffee cup, fishing pole, golf club). This last is to involve the men of MARC (members or husbands!) in our auction.

Much discussion was held throughout the day of the need to increase the Treasury. But, the "bottom line" is simply this: due to the current low balance and per discussion at our 2022 MARC meeting in Tulsa, OK, the members need to generate at least \$3000.00 during MARC. We ask that you please plan to attend and that you participate in the many Ways and Means fundraisers.

We will honor and install Illinois Omega Nu member Jill Shull. Jill's theme will be focused on "Communication".

It's going to be an Oktoberfest like no other ... so come early and stay late, you won't want to miss out on the FUN!!

Judy and Kathleen





St Jude Coordinator



Looking forward to seeing you at the Illinois State Council to see how we have done in Illinois. The reveal will be at the Saturday night banquet!





Easterseals



All Easterseal contributions from May 1st, 2022 through April 30th, 2023 needs to be reported to the Illinois State Easterseal chair by May 10th. Donations may be sent to the ESA foundation turn-around fund, mailed to Easterseals Central Illinois, or to me and I will forward to Easterseals.

Easterseals Central Illinois,
507 East Armstrong Avenue
Peoria, Illinois 61603 -3201.

Even if you send in your contributions, you must notify me with your form of your donations so that I can notify IC of our state donations. Thank you!



Our Mission

Easterseals Central Illinois provides exceptional services to ensure that children with developmental delays, disabilities, and other special needs can reach their full potential.



CHAPTER CHATTER



Alpha Alpha - Jamie Atchison

Mark your calendars to join Team ESA IL at the St. Jude Walk/Run on September 23, 2023 at a new location, the campus of Illinois Wesleyan University in Bloomington. Please click the following [Team ESA IL](https://fundraising.stjude.org/site/TR/Walk/Walk?pg=entry&fr_id=144743) to join us and help the kids of St. Jude today. The link is found on the Epsilon Sigma Alpha Illinois State Council website under Events.

Copy this in your URL

https://fundraising.stjude.org/site/TR/Walk/Walk?pg=entry&fr_id=144743



CHAPTER CHATTER



Beta Mu – Sharon Nicholas

April is here, and as they say April showers brings May flower. Looks like we will have tons of flowers this May. Remember to take your umbrella with you as you about your business this month.

Beta Mu doesn't meet in January, because the weather can get bad. We spent February and March getting ready for the ISC Spring Get-together "Rockin n' rollin with ESA".

On Saturday, March 25, Beta Mu hosted the ISC Spring Get-Together "Rockin n Rollin with ESA".

Thank you everyone for coming, we were very happy to be able to host the event and see you all. We had 25 members in attendance with 2 on zoom. Libby Jo from Villa Grove did a workshop. We painted on a canvas pencil case, which Misty helped ESA Stenciled on the front. Everyone created their own look, we had blue, white and sparkly gold paint to work with. They all looked great. Thanks Libby Jo. Edie won the Easterseals Prize, 3 painted wooden eggs and a chocolate bunny.





Omega Nu - Jo Grafton

These past few months, Omega Nu has been very busy. Lots of different meetings have been held for fundraisers, events and of course, the Illinois State Council Conventions. Omega Nu will be your host this year! Hope to see you there!

February was the annual Special Olympics Polar Plunge held at Lake Sara in Effingham. It was a very brisk morning for those plunging, but it didn't stop them! After lunch, teams were recognized, and awards were presented.

Amanda Cornell and her committee put together a Cookies and Cocktails fundraiser. Everything was provided and Amanda helped us through each step. So many laughs as we watched each other decorate. Proceeds from this event will go to Camp New Hope to help with repairs from water damage to the Respite Center.

Our first Music Bingo was held on March 24th. Jill Shull and her committee worked hard to get this event going. It was a great success! The event raised \$6,000 for the Mattoon to Peoria runners' buses.

April 1st was the 2nd Annual Daddy/Daughter Dance. This event is very popular which raised \$4,400 for St. Jude Children's Research Hospital.

Many Omega Nu members attended the Spring Gathering Hosted by Beta Mu.



Cookies and Cocktails participants



Music Bingo



Daddy/Daughter Dance

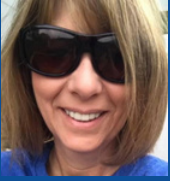


March Social - March Madness



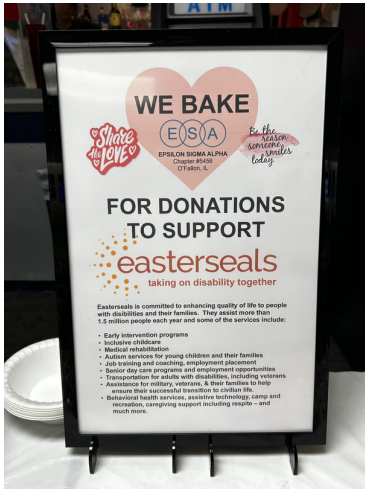
Omega Nu members attending Spring Gathering

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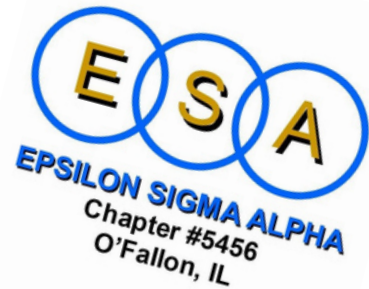


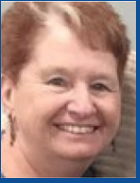
Xi Chi – Kim Haverkamp

Xi Chi held a bake sale in February to raise funds for Easterseals. Lots of homemade goodies!



Yum!





Usterwuzzers

Dear Illinois Sisters and Brothers,

Our State has some members who have taken leadership offices on the MARC and IC Boards. Our state wishes to support those members by helping pay for some expenses during their time on these boards.

As IL State Council Campaign Chair, my responsibility is to raise funds on their behalf for expenses as listed below:

1. MARC and IC Council Ads for the conventions Program Book, ½ Page for \$50.
2. Helping pay their Incoming Installations and outgoing Installations receptions (food and drinks).
3. On the IC Board, it costs a lot for their IC President's installation...Stage Setup, AV Equipment costs, hand carries, and Theme banner. These expenses can cost \$1000 or more.

So as Chairman, I have had Theme basket at each IL State meeting to ask for members support by giving a donation to win the basket. The past two baskets brought in around \$190.

I want to thank the members who have supported in the last year... but if you would like to support this cause, you can send me a check made out to the USTERWUZZERS any amount you wish.

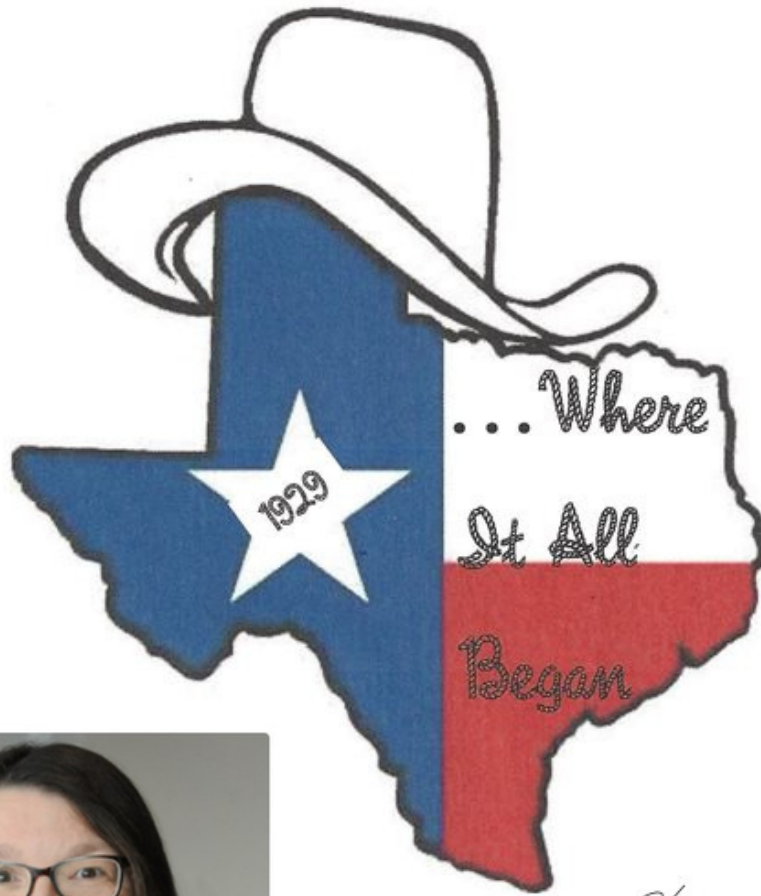
We can then continue our support for Jill Shull, MARC Installation and Celeste Webb IC installation coming in a few years.

Judy Huntley, Chair
2010-40th Street
Rock Island, IL 61201



Forms associated with the International Convention are below.

- Registration Form
- Lip Sync Contest
- 2023 IC Challenge



Denise Holdaway

President





International Council Convention - July 23-30, 2023

"TEXAS... WHERE IT ALL BEGAN"

EMBASSY SUITES BY HILTON DFW AIRPORT NORTH

2401 Bass Pro Drive, Grapevine, TX, 76051 (972) 724-2600



MEMBER NAME STATE COUNCIL _____
ADDRESS _____
CITY, STATE, ZIP _____
PHONE EMAIL _____
MAL Y/N ROOM MATE(S): _____
USING SCOOTER Y/N NAME BADGE HOLDER Y/N PDF BOOKLET ONLY Y/N _____

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) _____
2022/2023 State President – State ~~2023-2024 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 30 35 40 45 50 55 60 65 70 (Please circle)
Medical Food Allergy: The hotel will do its best to accommodate **MEDICAL Food Allergy** requests only.
Allergy alert for (Additional costs may apply.) See Page 2 to List the Allergy _____

CIRCLE AMOUNT

MEMBER FULL REGISTRATION FEE: Postmarked by May 1, 2023 \$275
Includes general assemblies, workshops, Postmarked May 2 – June 1, 2023 \$325
welcome party, recognition luncheon and banquet After June 1, 2023 (see payment note on page 2) \$350
MEMBER FRI & SAT REGISTRATION FEE: Postmarked by May 1, 2023 \$250
Includes general assemblies, recognition Postmarked May 2 – June 1, 2023 \$300
luncheon and banquet After June 1, 2023 (see payment note on page 2) \$350
MEMBER SAT REGISTRATION FEE: Postmarked by May 1, 2023 \$150
Includes general assembly and banquet Postmarked May 2 – June 1, 2023 \$200
After June 1, 2023 (see payment note on page 2) \$250
MEMBER/NON-MEMBER WALK-IN REGISTRATION
FEE: Includes everything in full registration \$350
PICP NO--HOST LUNCHEON (all past and present state presidents/IC presidents) \$45
If served with multiple presidents, indicate with whom you wish to sit _____
SUBTOTAL MEMBER REGISTRATION: \$ _____

Convention Hotel Room Rates - July 20, 2023 through August 2, 2023
Single/Double \$169 plus tax King \$159 plus tax Premium Suite \$289 plus tax

\$10 for each additional person in room over 2

To reserve room rates, you MUST make reservations by June 30, 2023
Call **"in house reservations"** at **972-724-2600** and reference booking code **EPS**

Member Name as listed on first page _____

(Circle one) MEMBER/NON-MEMBER

NAME _____

Please indicate if special guest of the following: ALSAC EASTER SEALS

INCOMING IC PRESIDENT OTHER (Please specify)

CIRCLE AMOUNT

MEMBER/NON-MEMBER FULL REGISTRATION FEE

Includes general assemblies, workshops,
welcome party, recognition luncheon and banquet

NON-MEMBER attending WELCOME PARTY

NON-MEMBER attending RECOGNITION LUNCHEON

NON-MEMBER attending BANQUET

YOUTH REGISTRATION FEE (includes general
assemblies, welcome party, recognition luncheon
and banquet)

Postmarked by May 1, 2023 [Full].....	\$275
Postmarked May 2 – June 1, 2023	\$350
Postmarked by June 1, 2023 [Welcome Party Only].....	\$ 65
After June 1, 2023	\$ 115
Postmarked by June 1, 2023 [Recognition Luncheon].....	\$ 50
After June 1, 2023 (see payment note below)	\$ 100
Postmarked by June 1, 2023 [Banquet Only].....	\$ 75
After June 1, 2023 (see payment note below)	\$ 125
Postmarked May 1, 2023 (12 and under) [Youth]	\$100
After May 1, 2023(see payment note)	\$150
Postmarked May 1, 2023 (13-17 years old)	\$150
After May 1, 2023 (see payment note below)	\$200

TOTAL PAGE 2 REGISTRATION: \$ _____

ENTER TOTAL FROM FIRST PAGE: \$ _____

TOTAL REGISTRATION: \$ _____

***List food allergies for members and
non-members indicating who has the allergy*

NAME: _____

ALLERGY: _____

MEN'S GOLF . . . Indicate days you would like to play golf. Please complete golf info sheet on website.

I wish to golf: ☐ Monday ☐ Tuesday ☐ Wednesday ☐ Thursday ☐ Friday ☐ Saturday

SELECT ONE PAYMENT TYPE

****PAYMENT NOTE:** Payment after June 1, 2023 must be paid by CREDIT CARD AND MAILED TO THE IC CONVENTION
TREASURER BEFORE JUNE 23, 2023. Email the IC Convention Treasurer that the form has been mailed.

☐ Check ☐ Money Order Make payable to: **ESA IC 2023 Convention**

A \$45 fee will be assessed for any returned check.

☐ Credit card*** A fee of 3.5% of the total charge will be added and can only be done online.

Click here to pay online through SQUARE: <https://esa-ic-convention.square.site/>

CANCELLATION: If you find it necessary to cancel this registration, the full amount less a \$15 processing fee will be refunded when WRITTEN
cancellation is postmarked NO LATER THAN JUNE 15, 2023. NO REFUNDS AFTER JUNE 15.

TRANSFER TO ANOTHER MEMBER: One time transfer allowed, \$15 transfer fee. See separate form.

**Mail registration form with payment to: IC Convention Treasurer - Teresa Stewart, #1 Louis Circle, Andrews, TX 79714
(432) 664-5625 terresa@mustangenergy.biz**

LIP SYNC ESA STYLE



Thursday, July 27, 2023 | 7pm - 10pm

A NEW ESA STAR WILL BE BORN.

Entry Fee: \$30 (includes 5 votes)

Cost to Perform:

\$20 for 1-2 artists

\$50 for 3+ artists

Winners Receive:

1st place - \$300

2nd place - \$200

3rd place: \$100

50/50 Raffle
Cash Bar
Music Trivia

FOR TICKETS:

<https://esaic.square.site/>

Questions? lray2@comcast.net



Registration Form (PLEASE PRINT)



Name: _____
Address: _____
City: _____ State: _____ ZIP: _____
Phone : _____ Member #: _____
Email: _____
Chapter Name and #: _____

qNo, I am not able to attend the IC Challenge but enclosed is my donation of \$_____.

qYes, I will raise at least \$200 and attend the IC Challenge. Enclosed is my first donation of \$_____.

qYes, I raised more than \$200 for the Memphis Marathon and will attend the IC Challenge. I understand that this amount only covers entry for the event and the event t-shirt.

Note: A \$200 donation total is required to receive a T-shirt and attend the event. You may continue to send donations through May 31, 2023. I select the following T-shirt size (check one):

qS qM qL qXL qXXL qXXXL

Please make all checks payable to St. Jude Children's Research Hospital.

*All t-shirts and additional prizes will be picked up at IC Convention in July. If you are unable to attend your items will be shipped to you after the convention.

Consent and release of liability:

By signing below, you agree, warrant, and covenant as follows:

ALL PARTICIPANTS IN THE JOURNEY AROUND THE WORLD CHALLENGE AND RELATED EVENTS ARE REQUIRED TO ASSUME ALL RISK OF PARTICIPATION IN THE EVENT BY SIGNING THIS GENERAL RELEASE AGREEMENT.

The undersigned participant, on behalf of himself/herself and on behalf of the participant's personal representatives, assigns, heirs, and executors, hereby fully and forever releases, waives, discharges, and covenants not to sue Epsilon Sigma Alpha International, Epsilon Sigma Alpha Membership Corporation, American Lebanese Syrian Associated Charities (ALSAC), St. Jude Children's Research Hospital (St. Jude), and all public or private agencies whose property and/or personnel are used and all other sponsoring or co-sponsoring companies or individuals related to the event (collectively Releases) from all liability to the participant and his/her personal representatives, assigns, heirs, and executors, for all loss(es) or damage(s) and any and all claims or demands therefore, on account of injury to the participant or property or resulting in the death of the participant, whether caused by the active or passive negligence of all or any of the Releases or otherwise, in connection with the participants in the event.

The participant represents and warrants that he/she is in good physical condition and is able to safely participate in the event. The participant is fully aware of the risks and hazards inherent in participating in the event and hereby elects to participate voluntarily in the event, knowing the risks associated with the event. The participant hereby assumes all risks of loss(es), damage(s), or injury(ies) that may be sustained by him/her while participating in the event.

The participant agrees to the use of his/her name and photograph in broadcasts, newspapers, brochures, and other media without compensation.

The participant acknowledges that the entry fee is non-refundable and non-transferable.

The participant hereby grants to Epsilon Sigma Alpha International and their agents, affiliates, and designees access to all medical records (and physicians) as needed and to authorize medical treatment as needed.

The participant warrants that all statements made herein are true and correct and understands that Releases have relied on them in allowing participant to participate in the event.

IF PARTICIPANT IS UNDER AGE 18: The parent/guardian certifies that my son/daughter has my permission to participate in the event. The parent/guardian has read the foregoing RELEASE AND WAIVER OF LIABILITY AGREEMENT and by accepting, the waiver intentionally and voluntarily agrees to its terms and conditions. The parent/guardian further certifies that my son/daughter is in good physical condition and is able to participate safely in the event. I hereby authorize medical treatment for him/her and grant access to my child's medical records as necessary.

PARTICIPANT HAS READ THE FOREGOING AND INTENTIONALLY AND VOLUNTARILY ACCEPTS THIS RELEASE AND WAIVER OF LIABILITY AGREEMENT.

Signature of Entrant _____ Date _____

Epsilon Sigma Alpha International reserves the right to require proof of age. Parent or guardian must also sign below for entrants under 18 years of age.

By signing, parent agrees to the same conditions required of entrant.

Signature of Parent/Guardian _____ Date _____

2023 PROPOSED INTERNATIONAL COUNCIL BYLAW CHANGES

READS

ARTICLE VI. – ELECTIONS

Section 2. Voting

Candidates shall be elected according to a preferential electronic voting system approved by the Executive Board by vote at the annual meeting. A ballot containing the names of the nominees shall be distributed via email before the date of the annual election. Nominations may be made from the floor for all offices with the exception of President. “Notice of Intent to Nominate” for all offices with the exception of President from the floor shall be submitted in writing to the First Vice President, 60 days prior to the election.

Candidates so nominated must conform to provisions of Article V. Nominations for each office shall not exceed five. Voting shall begin after the close of the First General Assembly.

Section 3. Election Determination

Elections shall be determined by plurality vote of delegates casting their own and proxy votes. In the event of a tie for the largest number of votes, there shall be a re-ballot for that office between the candidates receiving the votes.

PROPOSED CHANGE

ARTICLE VI. – ELECTIONS

Section 2. Voting

Candidates shall be elected according to a preferential electronic voting system approved by the Executive Board by vote at the annual meeting. **A slate of officers containing** the names of the nominees shall be distributed **to each member of International Council in good standing by February 28 and printed in the ESA Magazine.** Nominations may be made from the floor for all offices with the exception of President. “Notice of Intent to Nominate” for all offices with the exception of President from the floor shall be submitted in writing to the First Vice President, 60 days prior to the election. Candidates so nominated must conform to provisions of Article V. Nominations for each office shall not exceed five.

Section 3. Election Determination

Elections shall be determined by plurality vote of delegates casting their own and proxy votes, **processed by the determined electronic voting system.** In the event of a tie for the largest number of votes, there shall be a re-vote for that office between the candidates receiving the votes.

RATIONAL

To comply with method of notification of membership of Slate of Officers Nominated.

To comply with voting by electronic voting system.



2023 ASSOCIATION OF THE ARTS ENTRY FORM

July 23 – July 30, 2023

Embassy Suites DFW North - Grapevine, TX

Artists Name: (please print) _____

City, State, and Zip: _____

Chapter _____ Name, _____ Number, _____ State _____ Council: _____
Phone and E-mail: _____

ONLY ONE ENTRY PER DIVISION PER MEMBER IS ALLOWED.

Division I – Visual Arts

- ____ Oil Paintings or Acrylics
- ____ Drawings, Pastel, Pencil or Charcoal
- ____ Watercolors
- ____ Sculpture
- ____ Pottery (hand formed or wheel thrown)

____ # of Entries in Division

Division II – Photography

- ____ Black & White or Color Photos
- ____ Graphic Design
- ____ Computer Assisted Design

____ # of Entries in Division

Division III – Crafts (Painted Art)

- ____ Tole Painting
- ____ Painted Pottery
- ____ China Painting
- ____ Porcelain
- ____ Calligraphy (matted for display)
- ____ Fabric Painting

____ # of Entries in Division

Division IV – Crafts (Mixed Media)

- ____ Jewelry
- ____ Rubber Stamping
- ____ Decoupage
- ____ Glass
- ____ Wood
- ____ Floral Arrangements
- ____ Other (soap, candle, paper making, baskets, etc.)

____ # of Entries in Division

Division V – Needlework (fibers)

- ____ Crewel
- ____ Embroidery/Hardanger/Silk Ribbon
- ____ Counted Cross Stitch
- ____ Needlepoint
- ____ Knitting
- ____ Crochet
- ____ Cloth Weaving
- ____ Latch Hooking
- ____ Stuffed Animals
- ____ Sewing

____ # of Entries in Division

Division VI – Quilting

____ # of Entries in Division

Division VII – Holiday (Ornaments or Decorations)

Please Describe Entry (attach to this form)

____ # of Entries in Division

Division VIII – Composition (Literary or Musical)

Please Describe Entry (attach to this form)

____ # of Entries in Division

Division VIX – Presidential Division

Bring any art showing ESA logo dealing with your theme.

____ # of Entries in Division

PLEASE SEND COMPLETED FORM BY JUNE 15, 2023 TO: **

Lynn Howley
6210 W 300 N
Boggstown, IN 46110
Lehowley92@gmail.com

You are responsible for getting your entries to IC in Grapevine, TX. Please check if you will be bringing your entry or sending it with someone else. Please identify who you are sending it with.

____ I WILL BE BRINGING MY ENTRY

____ I WILL BE SENDING MY ENTRY

____ TOTAL # OF ENTRIES SUBMITTED

**** Review schedule for check-in and pickup time.**

Revised January 17, 2023

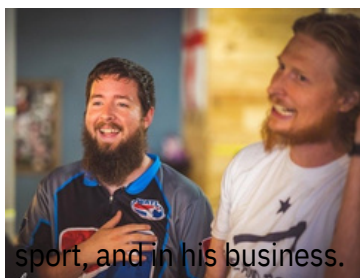
Workshop

Axe Throwing Demonstration



Ever wondered how some people overcome huge obstacles in their lives? Sam chose to overcome his in a uniquely different way... He started throwing AXES! Come learn why and how he did it and maybe throw an axe yourself.

Sam Arias is a world-renowned professional Axe and Knife thrower, known for his exceptional skills in the World Axe Throwing League. With over a hundred global tournaments under his belt, some of which were featured on ESPN, Sam has proven himself to be one of the best in the world. Currently, he ranks #6 globally in knives, and his Hatchet skills are in the top 10% of all throwers. In addition to being a competitive thrower, Sam is also a co-owner of Drengur Axe Throwing, a popular axe throwing venue in Bedford, TX. He is also the founder and operator of



sport, and in his business.

Throw it To Grow it, a non-profit organization dedicated to promoting community activity and education around the history and safety of axe throwing. Despite being diagnosed with Permanent Bell's Palsy in July of 2020, Sam has not let this slow him down. His determination to succeed and provide for his family has only fueled his passion for axe throwing, and he continues to excel in his





Tech Bar

Do you have questions about the ESA Website? Do you wonder what apps our amazing Tech Squad is recommending?

Come drop by and chat with members of our amazing Tech Squad and Headquarters Staff as we host our first Tech Bar time. They will be on hand to answer whatever questions you have about the ESA website and apps that have been promoted through ESA Leadership and Coffee Chats.



IC Newsletter

April 2023

Hi All,

Another month has come and gone, and we are so close to the May 1st IC Convention registration deadline before the price goes up. I sure hope you have gotten your registrations in, if not get them postmarked by May 1st, to save some dollars. I am looking forward to seeing everyone, we are going to have a great time in Grapevine. What to expect:

The ESAF will be there hosting their Fund Fest on Tuesday Night.

Texas has two great tours planned, one to the Texas Rangers baseball game (FYI it will be air conditioned) on Sunday afternoon. On Monday you can take a trip to WinStar World Casino.

Lip Sync ESA Style is back for Season 2. We can't wait to see the "A-list" music artist, coming to IC Convention to perform. 💎

The have some fun workshops headed your way.

Tech Bar: You can learn how to fill out or create online forms or how to use some new apps that can help you with ESA.

Stepping Together in ESA: We will decorate children's canvas shoes once we decorate shoes, they will be donated to a local Grapevine Charity call Grace Community. Just bring a pair of shoes.

Axe Throwing: Heard or seen people sharing pictures throwing an axe for fun or to relieve some stress? Well, this will be your time to see what it is all about.

Our Keynote speaker, DIRK WEISIGER is a travel trekker, trick roper, and storyteller. He will be sharing stories and show us a trick for two. Thanks to the ESAF for sponsoring!

On Friday Afternoon the IC Challenge will bring us "Christmas in July"! It is always fun to celebrate St. Jude.

On Friday Night, we are adding a fundraising event for Easterseals, we will be playing bunco. In talking with Dawn and Casey, we thought it would be fun to have an event instead of asking members to travel with a lot of things. They felt it would be nice to add a little fun and laughter after a day of business.

The IC Board has a Vacation Getaway that we will be raffling! You can go anywhere you want and anytime as long as your dates and destination aligns. IC reps attending your State Convention will bring you more info and watch FB in case you miss your state convention for more info.

The banquet on Saturday night will bring us a new executive board with Brenda Meyers being installed as president. Also, we get to hear all the amazing numbers raised for St. Jude...

The IC Board has started traveling to IC Conventions and we are so excited to get out and spend time with our ESA family.

Have a great rest of May!

Sending all my love,

Denise Holdaway

IC President 2022-23