

# ESA'y Yours

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## Step Up In ESA

Winter greetings everyone!! Hope everyone had a great Christmas and Happy New Year! Hope your 2020 is off to an awesome start! I had the pleasure of volunteering at the Polar Plunge in Effingham for Special Olympics! It was a great day and a fun way to support our Special Olympic Athletes. The money raised will support every Special Olympics Illinois event the athletes participate in. Special Olympics do not ever charge any of the athletes any sort of participation fee, so all the money that is

raised goes directly toward making sure that they can compete in the sports they love.

Spring is a busy time for everyone, please be sure to reach out and invite me to your events. Please be sure to check the Illinois website for all the upcoming year end deadlines, we need to strive for 100% participation so we can recognize all the good works we do in Illinois!

Looking forward to seeing everyone at the March Mania Mad Hatters Event in Normal on

March 14. Safe travels and see you soon!



Terri Crum, President

## Membership— A Key Step to Success

Hope everyone had a great holiday! Thank you Illinois State Council for allowing me to attend ESA Leadership in Denver, Colorado, the first weekend in February, it was a great experience! ESA is on the move and making strides in many areas, but we continue to struggle with our community membership declining. We can turn it around, everyone of us need to think outside the box on how to attract and keep members. Make a list of people who know, ask them to join us or if they'd like to volunteer at one of our events. Show them all the fun we have while

making a difference in our communities and they will be sure to join!

Being an ESA member provides one with so many opportunities, I remember when I joined ESA at Illinois State University, it provided me with a way to help others, make lifelong friends and have a ton of fun experiences. I also had an opportunity to learn and lead. ESA provides opportunities at the chapter and state level to learn and lead, I received nominations from only a few chapters as of the Feb. 1st deadline. I will be contacting those nominated for elected offices and also those for the appointed board positions. I am excited to serve as your

president and I ask you to consider joining me and being part of ESA in the 2020-2021 year.

Looking forward to seeing everyone in Normal for the March Madness Spring Event!!!



Adrian Spurduto, President—Elect / Membership

## Treasurer News

The holidays have passed, and a new year is upon us. Decorations have been put away, leaving behind the holiday memories. New year resolutions are being made; did you make one this year? 2019 was a challenging year for me and I'm sure I will encounter a few obstacles in 2020, but I'm learning to take each day as it comes and to keep true to my goals.

As for the 2019-2020 International Council Chapter Dues,

ISC Members and Chapter Dues, we still have a few outstanding. I have personally reminded them, and hopefully they are in. Wonderful Job ladies and gents! Thank you for your response.

Our Spring Meeting will be held in Normal, Illinois on March 14. Alpha Alpha Chapter will be hosting this event: ISC March Mania Mad Hatters, along with a

Trivia Night Fundraiser that evening. Check out the details in this newsletter. Hope to see you at this meeting, sounds like a lot of fun.

Even though, as I write this during the end of January, our weather has been very mild. It will be exciting to see what Mother Nature has in store for us for the rest of winter. Hope you all have a safe and healthy 2020.



Sharon Nichols, Treasurer

## Past President/Disaster Fund Chair

This is just a friendly reminder that each ESA member has the ability to file for Disaster Fund Assistance from June 1st through May 31. Illinois has been fortunate in not having many claims reported. But, our local Chapter continue to collect monetary donations throughout the year; which, in turn, goes to our IC Disaster Fund Chair, Kim Kummer. The Disaster Fun Application may be found on the ESA IC Web-

site. The "criteria" is simply to be an active member of 90 days or more OR a MAL who is in good standing with Headquarters. Any Life Active member applying will be determined by the IC Disaster Fund Chair, in agreement with our IC President and 1st Vice-President/President Elect. There is a \$5000.00 maximum amount given for a Disaster Fund Claim. Each application MUST start with your local Chapter. It will be signed by your Chapter President, un-

less the Chapter President is applying personally. When submitting an application, please send the original copy to the State Disaster Fund Chair (your Past State President) and keep a copy of this application for your Chapter's records. Contributions to the Disaster Fund may be sent at any time; however, most Chapters submit these funds at the end of April or the first of May. Once received, these contribu-

tions will be sent directly to our IC Disaster Fund Chair, Kim Kummer. In the meantime, Stay SAFE.... but don't forget ESA is here for YOU!!



Kathleen Grissom, Disaster Fund

## ESA Foundation News

"March Mania Mad Hatters Spring Event" is coming March 14, and I plan to be there with raffle tickets for the quilt below, please bring money and/or checks made payable to ESA Foundation. Your donations are tax deductible.

The drawing will be during the June convention (6/5—6/7).

Leap Day (2/29) has come and gone, it was the last day to pay your ESA Foundation dues to be able to vote at the ESA Foundation meeting in Grapevine, Texas in July.

You may join at anytime, dues are \$25 for new mem-

bers or chapters and \$15 annually thereafter. The ESA Foundation is dedicated to the promotion of continuing education and to altruistic activities that make a positive difference in the world community. of The dues and contribution form is on the ESA Website at:

[https://epsilonsigmaalpha.org/epsilonsigmaalpha/media/ESA\\_Public/International%20Council%20Library/2017-18/II-4-7-ESAF-CONTRIBUTION-Form-updated-12-20-2018.pdf](https://epsilonsigmaalpha.org/epsilonsigmaalpha/media/ESA_Public/International%20Council%20Library/2017-18/II-4-7-ESAF-CONTRIBUTION-Form-updated-12-20-2018.pdf)  
Be sure to support our state scholarships also, look for

the the Illinois State/Charles B Atchison Memorial Endowment n the contribution form. We have thirteen individual Life Active Members and five chapter Life Active Members, as well as the Usterwuzzers, Illinois State Council, and the newest one, Art2Go. Plus nine have already paid their annual dues for this year. Thank you for all you do.



Lurene Connor, ESAF Counselor



Support the ESA Foundation with a chance to win this quilt.

## Chaplain News

HOPE....Its the glue that holds us together. Hope gives us strength to face whatever Life throws at us. It keeps us balanced. Hope assures us that it will be ok. I have to apologize for not submitting a report for the last ESA'y Yours. The deadline just simply slipped by me. I have sent cards to the following people and ask that you keep them in your thoughts and prayers.

- Donna Wilson – Alpha Alpha, Bloomington. Hip replacement in October. Her address is 11570 N. 2600 E. Rd. Ellsworth, IL 61736
- Judy Huntley – Delta Chi, Rock Island. Thinking of you. Her address is 2010 40<sup>th</sup> Street

- Pat Crum, - Husband of Terri Crum, ISC President had Heart Surgery. Cards were sent to him at 2518 N. Co. Rd. 150 E. Mattoon, IL 61938
- Natasha Hershey - Gamma Chi, Fairfield. Death of Grandfather. Her address is 1902 Co. Rd. 1070 N. Fairfield, IL 62837
- Barbara Young – Gamma Chi, Fairfield Death of Sister-in-law. Her address is 408 SE 4<sup>th</sup> St. Fairfield, IL 62837
- Jamie Vaughan – Gamma Chi, Fairfield. Death of Father. Her address is 1974 Co. Rd. 1070 N. Fairfield, IL 62837

- Celeste Webb – Omega Nu, Death of her Sister-in-law. Her address is 1120 Richmond, Mattoon, IL.61938
- Jacki Smith – Alpha Alpha, Bloomington. Death of Father-in-law. Her address is 404 E. Stewart Street, Bloomington, IL 61701
- Joyce McCoy – Omega Nu, Mattoon. Broken hip and shoulder, along with dementia. She is in Rehab at Mattoon Health Care, Room 302, 2121 S. 9<sup>th</sup> Street, Mattoon, IL 61938

Please let me know if there is anyone who needs cards sent to them.



Dalena Hall, Chaplain

## Philanthropic—the Heart of ESA

Well, here we are in February 2020, hope everyone is keeping up with their philanthropic endeavors hours, monies, and mileage! Our new goals are reporting more than last year, meaning be sure you are counting every thing...mileage, time, money, donated goods.. Target is over 7,649 hours and total philanthropic monies (cash, donated goods and miles) are over \$652,469.91.

And the KEY is to REPORT it to me by May 10th! Track today so it will be easy when we get to May.

Remember that as we work for our causes that we are also to shine ESA's light onto the world so that we may grow our organization and set examples of hard work, integrity and leadership for our future generations of members.

Let's Step Up & Make it An Incredible year for ESA Illinois! If you have questions, please

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Kim Haverkamp, Philanthropic Chair

## Editor / Webmaster

As an editor, I am to put articles together from executive/appointed board members, chapters, MARC and the International Council, in order to do this member must to get articles by the deadline, for the winter issue, I only had 9 articles at the deadline. I have 3

weeks to publish but waiting on context pushes that deadline back. Also, due to personal family issues, I was unable to get publish in February, my apologies, I will try to do better.

The spring article submission deadline is March 25, please

submit articles/context to: [esalyours@gmail.com](mailto:esalyours@gmail.com)

The same goes with the Website, I need content to update it, thanks to those who sent their 2019-2020 rosters, we are still missing some, please get them in.



Jamie Atchison, ESA'y Yours Editor/ Webmaster

## Chapter Chatter

### Alpha Alpha — Jamie Atchison

Looking forward to seeing everyone in Normal on March 14 for the March Mania Mad Hatter Spring Event, where you hats and favorite ESA attire. If you are planning on coming and have not sent your registration form in next, please let Jamie Atchison know at jamiea2@gmail.com or 309-838-6199 so we can plan on enough food & goodies for everyone. We are SO excited to hosting a Trivia Night for Easterseals the evening of March 14th, this event has been a long time coming and we are looking forward to our ESA sisters who are staying over to support Easterseals and have fun!

Some of our members worked the St. Jude Radiothon in Bloomington on February 13 & 14th and we are gearing up to host the open houses at the St. Jude Dream Home in Peoria Heights; we are looking forward to seeing the new loft style home in a new location, the drawing is April 19, 2020! Also be sure to mark your calendar for Saturday, September 19, 2020 and join Team ESA (registration opens March 2, 2020) and be part of the Walk/Run to End Childhood Cancers featuring the We Care Half Marathon in Normal, our goal is the rased more than \$133,000 we raised in 2019!

Hope to see you on the 14th!

### Alpha Upsilon—Jane Raciti

Happy New Year greetings from your Alpha Upsilon Sisters! As we look back on our end of the year activities, we are so grateful for all who contributed to the success of our Socks For Soldiers Collection of over 750 pairs of socks for our veterans. The first weekend in November found us at Camp New Hope sponsoring the Trails of Hope 5K and 1 mile races. Thank you to all who came out to run or walk. In December, our efforts turned to the One Stop Community Christmas Event as we worked the socks table. Wishing great success for all of your efforts and events to support the projects of ESA in the coming year.

### Gamma Chi—Dorothea Jenkins

Gamma Chi Chapter has been unusually quiet during the fall. However, Gamma Chi Chapter members have been busier than usual with family affairs. Nearly all of us have children, grandchildren or great-grandchildren (in my case) that have two or three different ballgames a week, plus dance recitals, school parties and a list of activities that can go on forever. As a matter of fact, our porkburger sale scheduled for fall had to be rescheduled for spring because a date couldn't be found when we'd have enough workers. G.C. even had to cancel the Thanksgiving dinner at the Pumpkin Patch due to not having enough eaters. Imagine that!! Never fear, however, G.C. members will find something to eat even if they must cook it themselves. Dinner was served at the Jenkins homestead. Natasha Hershey's turkey proved that some young ladies do know how to cook. It was delicious and she cooked it in about 30 minutes in some new-fangled pot. Do you think that some of G.C.'s old know-it-alls need to get a new program? Maybe a new pot?

Projects for November that we did manage were Pecan Sales (done individually) and Fall Fun Fest Booth Raffle (Hope for Heroes project). In December, Amanda Tullis, Mary Ann Harrison and Dorothea Jenkins attended the Marion Veterans Hospital Christmas party. Well, Dorothea brought her gifts, went to park the car, had a coughing fit, and left before she donated whatever she had to others. Gifts were given to patients and items for the Activity Center wreath-making project were donated as well.

Christmas Dinner was lasagna, salads, and desserts at Carrie Rice's beautifully decorated home. January found G. C. back at Dorothea's planning projects for spring. Flower sales in April, Rummage in June, Porkburger Sale when weather permits, etc. Hope to see y'all in March, weather permitting!



Gamma Chi members—Christmas Dinner 2019



Gamma Chi Carrie Rice & hubby Christmas Hosts

## Chapter Chatter

### Beta Kappa—Kim Poling

The Beta Kappa chapter is settling in as a new chapter in Illinois. We've had a couple of chapter meetings that went well and we are going to be as great together as a chapter as we were as a state. We are also working on getting our by-laws and standing rules figured out. They will be a combination of the by-laws and rules from all three chapters that combined.

Our big push right now is getting our trivia night/rushing event together for February 8 th . The event will be held in Bettendorf, Iowa at the Masonic Village. We are working on getting door prizes, the questions are ready and we have a projector. Now all we need are some bodies. Fliers have been posted, the event is on a Facebook Trivia Page and everyone is spreading the word. Cross your fingers that we have a successful event! Better yet, come and join us!

### Beta Mu—Sharon Nichols

Beta Mu Chapter has had a quiet winter so far. Members have been busy with their families making great memories. On December 14, 2019, Helen Hendren, Kristi Keck and Barbara Warmoth helped at One Stop Christmas Shopping, where 999 Families and 2000 children were helped this year at Christmas.

We were able to get-together for a Christmas Celebration. We had dinner and played games of Bingo, winning delightful gifts. Laughter, Memories, and Love filled our Holiday Season.



Left to Right: Kathy Spence, Barbara Warmoth, Helen Hendren, Sharon Nichols, Debbie Dunning, Pat Beaulieu, Edie Floyd, and photographer Kristi Keck (missing from photo)

Since Mother Nature has been good to us, those available got together for a social of games. Our game night had delicious vegetable soup, cheese/ crackers, Chex Mix, Cheetos, Rice Crispy Treats, and brownies; great conversation; and fun, fun, fun playing the game of Scattergories with prizes supplied by Debbie Dunning's sister (winners were Kristi Beaulieu Keck and Edie Floyd).



Attending left to right Edie Floyd, Barbara Warmoth, Kristi Keck, Pat Beaulieu, and Debbie Dunning in second photo. It was a small group, but they had fun.

## Chapter Chatter

### Omega Nu—Tracy Valinevicius

Omega Nu – Mattoon chapter has had a busy Fall. On October 10th the chapter assisted with the annual Taste of Something Special. This event is a fundraiser for the Special Olympics that is held at Lake Land College each year. Participants enjoyed a fun filled evening with beverages, wine and delicious food. Other members that included Celeste Webb, Jill Shull, Terri Crum, & Rhonda Rawlings traveled to the MARC conference on October 11-13. Omega Nu's Fall Banquet was held on October 22, 2019 at the Smith House in Tuscola, IL. Members enjoyed a delicious buffet dinner followed by awards and recognition ceremony.

On Veteran's Day, November 11, 2019, chapter members prepared several desserts and delivered them to the Mattoon American Legion and the VFW. Jo Grafton was instrumental in gather the items and delivering them to the establishments.

Omega Nu held its first Vendors Market on November 22, 2019, at the Mattoon Eagles. Melissa Kamm and other members recruited area vendors to set up at the market and share their items. This event was very successful with a good turnout of vendors and community members.

December 8, 2019, the Mattoon Police Department held their annual Cops for Kids. Omega Nu members assisted with helping with this event. Area children were selected to participate and were able to Christmas shop at the local Walmart. This is an annual event this is able to serve over 100 children.

Dalena Hall and Jo Grafton delivered stockings to two local nursing facilities for Veteran's on December 12. Veterans at the Cedar Creek facility and Mattoon Health Care were grateful for the gifts.

Omega Nu's annual Christmas party was held on December 10, 2019 at the home of Kerry Considine. The Christmas committee graciously provided an amazing variety of food and had the group participate in several fun games.

The annual One Stop Community Christmas was help on December 14, 2019. Over 100 families in the community were given cleaning supplies. Omega Nu provides cleaning supplies each year for this event. Chapter members assisted with assisting families and taking care of clean up after the event.

Omega Nu's Celeste Webb participated in the 5k Memphis Marathon on December 5-6, 2019. The chapter was very proud of Celeste for completing the 5k and representing our chapter.

In other news, Omega Nu's member Joyce McCoy fell and broke her hip and shoulder in January. She is currently rehabbing and would appreciate prayers for healing.

Upcoming events for Omega Nu: 2/14/2020 Bake Sale for the Polar Plunge, 2/29/2020 Omega Nu will assist the Polar Plunge after party and on 3/6/2020 Omega Nu members will be assisting with the phones for the St. Jude Radio Thon at WMCI.



Celeste Webb & Jamie Atchison at Memphis Marathon



Celeste Webb & Terri Crum at Polar Plunge



# Epsilon Sigma Alpha Illinois State Council March Mania Mad Hatters Spring Event Saturday, March 14, 2020

Town of Normal  
Community Activity Center  
Community Room  
1110 Douglas Ave  
Normal, IL 61716

# Spring

Please join Alpha ~~Alpha~~, wearing your favorite mad hat and an ESA attire for the March Mania Spring Event!

### Agenda

- 10:00-11:00am Executive Board Meeting
- 10:30-11:00am Registration
- 11:00am Call to Order
- 12:30-1:30pm Lunch
- 1:30-2:00 Parade of Hats/Photo Booth
- 2:00-3:30pm State Updates

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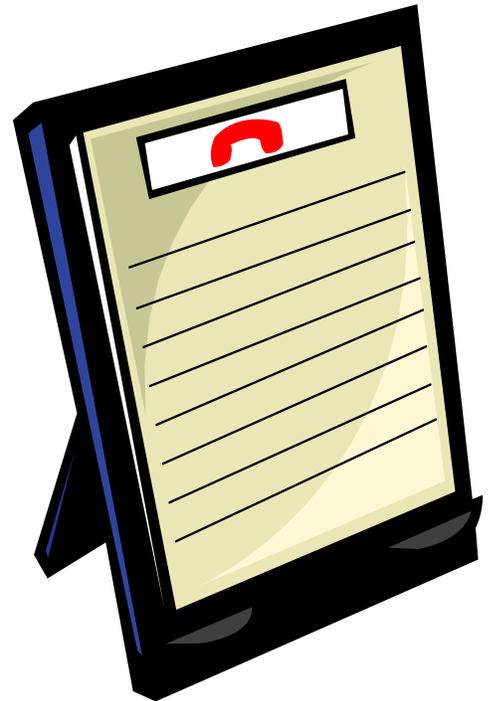
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Alpha ~~Alpha~~ is also hosting a Trivia Night on March 14 benefitting Easter Seals at The Station Saloon, teams 5-8 people, \$10 per person, doors open at 5:15pm, Trivia starts at 7pm, there will be light snacks & cash bar

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**March Mania Mad Hatters Spring Event 3/14/2020**  
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**State Convention Save the Date 6/5—6/7/2020**

**Epsilon Sigma Alpha (ESA)** is an extraordinary organization – an organization that is truly defined by the hearts, loyalty, and dedication of our members. An international leadership and service organization, ESA is a place where members develop meaningful friendships, find their passion for community service, and continue on the path of lifelong learning. The Illinois State Council consists of 18 chapters throughout Illinois with the purpose of promoting philanthropic and service endeavors, educational and leadership development, friendship and fellowship, and to assist in the growth of ESA.

Through ESA, women and men of all ages, backgrounds, and interests are united by the desire to make a difference in the lives of others – as well as their own. Some join collegiate or community chapters, others join as individual members. But all leave a positive mark on their communities and the world around them.

When you join ESA, you become a part of a large network – one that supports you, challenges you, and works with you to help you become your best self. You'll grow as a person, becoming more confident and a better leader. You'll be introduced to new situations that expand your horizons and increase your levels of knowledge and understanding. Perhaps most importantly, you'll have fun, make lasting memories, and form deep bonds with fellow members, as you work together to accomplish good things on a local, state, national, and international level. Find out more at [www.epsilonsigmaalpha.org](http://www.epsilonsigmaalpha.org)



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