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Adrian Sperduto
2021-2022
President



Well, I don't know about anyone else, but I am sitting at my house bundled up in my heated blanket, big sweater and slippers because bbbrrrrr it's cold! I hope that everyone is able to stay warm and cozy during the coldest time of the year.

I know that this year was meant to feel a bit more normal, and though we have tried in ways to keep things as it was, there are still many things that are changing into what seems to be more than likely our new normal. Events are taking place but are smaller and more compact. But, those events are still important to our communities and appreciated by the organizations they raise money for. Remember that I would love more than anything to attend an event your organization is hosting so please be sure to shoot me an email when you have things coming up so I can try and make it. My email has been a bit quiet so send some good stuff my way!

I know that some chapters have just been happy with being able to host their meetings and get together for dinners and events with each other. Those are also important to keeping our group strong because those friendships mean so much it is how chapters keep moving forward. And guess what, I would love to join you for those too! So if you are having a particularly fun monthly meeting or going out to eat at your favorite local restaurant, let me know!

Know that I am proud of how Illinois has adapted and made ESA work for each of us. I want nothing more than to see us continue to evolve and work towards what is most important, doing good works for others around us. Keep your eyes open for the Spring Meeting information, IL ESA t-shirt signup, and convention information. I would love to see everyone come out to as many events as you can. Stay warm everyone and don't forget to invite me to all your fun events!!!

“Things turn out best for the people who make the best of the way things turn out.” – John Wooden



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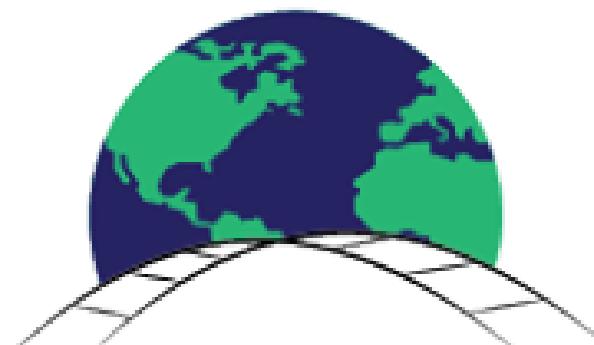
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in what they are doing.

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Keep your face always toward the sunshine and shadows will fall behind you.



President-Elect

As I sit down to write this, I am preparing to travel to Denver next week for Leadership 2022! I am excited for this adventure and ready to equip myself with some great ideas to bring back to Illinois! The last almost two years has been quite eventful for all of us with lots of ups and downs but it is exciting to still see us join together to carry out the ESA Mission!

It is time to decide how you would like to be involved during 2022–2024! We need chapters to host the Fall 2022 and Spring 2023 events! We need officers, appointments, and committee members! Nominations were due February 1st, but if you still want to throw your name in the hat, I will gladly accept it! There is something for everybody!

I can't wait to see all your smiling faces at our Spring Event hosted by Alpha Upsilon in March! They have been busy preparing and I am sure it will be a fun event! It will be nice to be able to visit in person! Till we meet again, let's keep rockin' away with ESA!!

Misty



Members of Omega Nu, Beta Mu & Alpha Upsilon volunteered their time at One Stop Community Christmas on December 11, 2021. OSCC is a collaborative effort of many different area organizations that come together at Christmas time to provide help and hope to families from Clark, Coles, Cumberland, Douglas, Edgar, Moultrie and Shelby counties.



Treasurer's Report

Snow!!!! I love a good snow at least once a season. It is the winter season's highlight; a bright white covering the ground. Snowmen will be made, drinking hot chocolate before a fireplace, and warm and cozy cuddles with our favorite, (book, animal, person or etc). Its a time to plan and relax, because spring will be upon us before we know it. By that time, we'll be tired of the cold, the snow will melt or become dirty, leaving behind mud. Suddenly, we look and see peeking out of the snow and mud, the newly sprig of green with the tiny bloom of a flower. Our hope and spirit bloom with joy. Spring will be on its way.

I don't have any treasurer updates. I'll have a report for you at our Spring meeting. See you then. Have a safe and wonderful winter.

Sharon Nichols
ISC Treasurer





A 2021-2022 “PILL”anthropic Fundraiser

Save coins and bills in empty
prescription bottles and bring to
the ISC Spring Event on March 12.

RX

Jill Shull
ISC Easterseals Chair





ESA Illinois State Council

2022 Spring Event

Hosted by Alpha Upsilon

Saturday, March 12th

Mattoon Public Library - 1600 Charleston Avenue

“Come Learn ... Relax ... and Enjoy”

Doors open at 9:30 a.m.

Meeting begins at 10 a.m.

Lunch will be served at Noon

Registration – In Person	\$20.00	Zoom Registration	\$10.00
Late (Feb 25 th) or Walk-In	\$25.00	After Feb 25 th	\$15.00

Name _____

Address _____

Town _____

Phone _____

Email _____

Chapter Name and # _____

Do you have any dietary restrictions? _____

Mail registration form & payment to:

Suzi Coffman, Alpha Upsilon Treasurer, 11685 NCR 1000 E, Mattoon, IL 61938

“Give A Hoot ... Be Wise ... Don’t Miss This Meeting”



Parliamentarian Report

Happy New Year, wishing all of you much health, happiness, and joy in 2022!

If you have any proposed bylaw or standing rule changes, hopefully, they have reached me by the February 1 deadline. There will be few proposed bylaw changes and standing rules presented at the spring event, mainly some housekeeping issues. These will be voted on at the June annual convention.



Chaplain Report

Hi everyone,



I am the Chaplain for the State of Illinois. If you have any requests for cards to be sent for any reason, please let me know. My email is vking@fairfieldilcpa.com and my phone number is 618-599-3094. I will gladly send messages of congratulations, sympathy, best wishes, thinking of you, happy birthday, happy anniversary or any other occasion. I hope to hear from you soon.

*ESA Love & Hugs,
Vickie King*



2022 ISC Convention Chair

The Usterwuzzers (aka IL Past Presidents) will be hosting the 74th Annual Illinois State Council Convention!!!

Theme: Oooh La La Passport to Paris

When: June 10 – 11, 2022 (no events Sunday)

Where: Holiday Inn 1301 Ave of Mid America Effingham, IL 62401

20 rooms available to reserve between now and May 8th, 2022...nights of June 10th and 11th, 2022.

The 2022 rate is \$129 plus tax per standard room or \$159 plus tax per suite room. Reservations can be made by calling 217-540-7777 x. 600 for local reservations. Indicate the date(s) of stay and group code ESA to receive the discounted room rate and be attached to the ESA group. [Holiday Inn ESA Group Reservation](#)

Please make your plans to join us on Friday evening for dinner and get ready to Paint the Town! Saturday brings the General Assemblies, Café de Paris Celebration Luncheon, and the grand finale, A Night in Paris, filled with lots of glamour & more. So, grab your “passport”, favorite beret, and get ready to experience the glitz of grand Paris! The Usterwuzzers are excited to host you in Effingham!!! The registration form will be available in March with cost still being determined.

Au Revoir for now!





IC Educational Chair

Dear Members... in less than a week (February 1st at 11PM) our Foundation Scholarship submission will close. We hope that all of you have been able to share our wonderful story!! The link has been sent through our Foundation Officers to all of our ESA members in encouragement of getting the Scholarship news 'out there'!!

This link has also been posted several times on Facebook and can personally share that several of my teaching friends have reached out for more information! I'm glad once again for Social Media😊.

So, here is our ESA Foundation Scholarship information.... Please share, you never know who may need this!!

www.epsilonsigmaalpha.org/scholarships

Kathleen
IC Educational Chair – 2021-2022
Don't just Fly...Soar with ESA!



The graphic features a central title "Our Philanthropic Projects" in a large, pink, handwritten-style font. Below it, a red button contains the text "THE ESA FOUNDATION". To the left, there's a stack of colorful books topped with a black graduation cap. To the right, there's another stack of books topped with a blue graduation cap. The background is light yellow with abstract shapes like circles and dots. At the bottom, there's a stack of books with a red apple on top, and a pencil resting on a yellow book. The overall theme is education and achievement.

THE ESA FOUNDATION

The ESA Foundation was established in 1970 and its mission is to promote continuing education and altruistic activities that make a positive difference in the world.



Philanthropic Chair

Hello Friends,

Here we are in 2022. I trust that everyone is keeping up with their philanthropic endeavors, hours, monies and mileage. Our goal is to simply report more than last year. Be sure to count everything: mileage, time, money and donated goods.

As we reflect on our efforts from 2020-21 our totals were as follows: Total hours: 3,619.5, Total philanthropic monies (Cash, donated goods and miles: \$207,581.88.

Again the deadline for reporting your totals to me is 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 to also 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.

If you have any questions please contact me at:

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Awards Chair



Greetings from your Awards Chairman on a cold wintery day.

I don't know about you, but I am looking forward to Spring. Luckily, we here in Mattoon have only had a dusting of snow, which is fine with me. It will not be long until awards forms are due. You can download all of the award forms on the Illinois State Council website. I am sure you have some person or persons in your community who are deserving of being acknowledged with the Distinguished Achievement Award. It must be someone outside of ESA. Think about all of the people who have gone above and beyond during these trying times we have had with Covid. Also, I am sure that there is a youth in your community that deserves to be recognized for their achievements. Think about taking the time to acknowledge both of these people.

The forms are not difficult to fill out, so I will be looking for my mailbox to be overflowing with entries. All of the other forms must be submitted to the appropriate chairperson by the date on the forms.

Stay warm and healthy as Leslie Holt, news anchor on NBC says, "Take care of yourself and each other."

Dalena Hall – ISC Awards Chairman





St Jude Chair



What? You say it's not your anniversary? Ahh, but it is because you are an ESA member and 2022 marks the 50th Anniversary of ESA's affiliation with St. Jude's Children's Research Hospital! A lot of special events are being planned to celebrate this year and they are working on a special website which will have all kinds of things to help you celebrate. As of this writing, the website is not completed, but I will send the URL to chapters as soon as I get it. The Journey will also have some helpful ideas.

I'd like to tell you about IC's \$50 for 50 Challenge—to have every state make AT LEAST fifty \$50 donations to St. Jude's during this special year. At the end of the year, IC will determine which state made the most donations and that state will win a very special prize for their 2023 state convention. Here are the guidelines:

- Must be NEW money, not money from a chapter's annual event or donation. For example, if your chapter raised \$1,000 at your annual event (Walk, Run, Traffic Stop etc.) or donates \$1,000 annually, you CANNOT use that to count for twenty \$50 donations for the challenge. This is intended to stretch us beyond what we do all the time.
- When submitting funds with your Completed Event form, be sure to indicate that it is for the \$50 for 50 challenge. Make a note on the check or use the new checkbox on the Completed Event form. This must be done at the time of donation as HQ cannot retroactively apply donations to this challenge.
- Donations could come in increments of \$50 (50, 100, 200, 250 etc.) HQ will track these for each state. They cannot track smaller donations, so just hold on to them until you accumulate \$50 and then send them in.
- NEVER mail cash! Checks only!!

If you have any questions, please contact me! Stay warm and healthy and I'll see you in March!

Suzi



Hope for Heroes Chair

Hello Illinois!

Hope everyone is staying warm and healthy. Between the weather and Covid, I have been somewhat lazy. I think we all get in a slump at times. I hope every chapter was involved in a Veteran's Day project in November. Omega Nu filled stockings with personal items and took them to the Mattoon VA Clinic in December. We also baked goodies on Veteran's Day for the VFW and the American Legion and we are still sending coupons to our military base overseas. Beta Mu gave me a beautiful Marine no sew blanket which I dropped off at the VA.

Not sure what anyone else is doing, but I do know ESA loves our military and veterans. We all make a point to get involved in November as it is Hope for Heroes month, but what about the rest of the year? Our military are protecting us 12 months a year so why not a small project in February? It takes nothing to make or buy a few valentine cards and drop them off at the VA or the Salvation Army marked for vets. On St. Patrick's Day, drop off a plate of cookies or \$20 at the bar at the VFW or American Legion. At Easter, fill a small basket with a few treats and a few personal items and leave them at the nursing home marked for a veteran. Baskets are a \$1.00 at Dollar Tree, imagine the smiles. On Memorial Day, decorate a grave for a soldier without family. It does not take much to show a little appreciation. We are ESA, we can think outside the box and come up with ideas to show our heroes how much we appreciate them 12 months a year.

Send me your projects so I can brag on them and you! Looking forward to March and Spring Meeting.

Hugs, Celeste





IC Workshop News

All,

I want to thank you all for your support this year as I serve on the International Council. It is a learning process and I know if I need help my Illinois ESA family will be there to assist. The International Council Convention will be held in Indy this year. Just a hop, skip and a jump away so I hope many of you will be there. There will be 5 workshops offered and they are all in the works.

Here are the proposed workshops:

- Estate Planning. Pat Griffin, Past IC President, suggested this to me last year in Louisville. She felt this would be beneficial for the membership so they do not lose their home if they have to go to a healthcare facility.
- Life Hacks- while many of us need to hear what the attorney has to say about estate planning the younger members do not care at this point. Life hacks will offer suggestions on current issues like protecting yourself against scams, or protecting your kids from predators. I hope they teach how to Venmo because I do not know how to do that and everyone wants paid that way.
- As you know, President Robin's theme this year is regarding our furry friends. We will make 3 pet projects and donate them to a local animal shelter. A snuffle mat, a no sew blanket and some kind of cat toy as Robin is a cat person. If you have a cat toy project, please let me know!
- Cooking with Bloody Mary mix. Justin from Bloody Point Mixing Company has agreed to give a demonstration. This is still in the works so cross your fingers.
- Laughter Yoga, still in the works but this will be hysterical. HaHaHa!

As you know, this will be the 50th anniversary of the ESA and St. Jude partnership. BJ Clark will be the keynote speaker. I know she will motivate us to do more for St. Jude, for ESA and for ourselves. Hope to see you all in Indy.

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Chapter Chatter

Beta Mu

In November we received and delivered the pecans for our annual sale. We still have 12 bags left and will have them with us at the Spring Event in March if anyone would like some. They are \$12 per 1lb bag and are from this years crop which means they are so much fresher than what is in the grocery stores.

December was our Christmas Party hosted by Debbie Dunning and Pat Beaulieu at Debbie's house in Ashmore. We enjoyed a large pot of vegetable soup along with a sandwich charcuterie board, chips, cheese ball and crackers, and other treats. We played Bingo for prizes donated by Edie Floyd. It was great to spend time visiting with each other.

Also in December, Barbara Warmoth, Helen Hendren, and Kristi Keck volunteered to help man Omega Nu's cleaning supply table at One Stop Community Christmas at teh Cross County Mall in Mattoon. It was great to see the families shopping in person again after not being able to last year due to Covid.



Chapter Chatter

Omega Nu

Here's hoping you all had a Happy Thanksgiving, Merry Christmas and Happy New Year!!!

Omega Nu has been super busy since our last ESA'ly Yours. November started out with a busy schedule. Our November meeting brought 3 more prospective members. With Thanksgiving around the corner, Omega Nu included their monthly social with our meeting. Social committee brought snacks for us to have after our meeting. A prospective member works for DCFS and informed the chapter of 14 DCFS children who would be celebrating Christmas without presents. As a chapter, Omega Nu took on some of these children. Individual members took the rest of them. All of these 14 kids had a Christmas!! In that same week, Omega Nu members baked desserts for the Veteran's Day meals that were served at the Veteran's of Foreign Wars and America Legion. Next in November Omega Nu participated in the Music Night with other ESA chapters. We were dubbed the "Sideburn Chasers" It was a fun night with some of our new members joining us. We were named CHAMPS!!!!

December brought Omega Nu another busy month. We started off helping Camp New Hope with spreading seeds and straw for their Butterfly Habitat. We had our Christmas Party, hosted by Kerry Considine. Along with great food, fellowship and games, which included an Ornament Exchange, we had a great time. Next up was gathering and handing out items for One Stop Community Christmas, which was held for 2 days. The next day we assisted the Mattoon Police Department with the Shop With A Cop program. Following this, items were collected for Veteran's Christmas Stockings. We had 15 stockings that were handed out at our local Veteran's Administration Office.

January brought our first meeting of 2022. We had two more prospective members!! Omega Nu partnered with Monical's Pizza with a fundraiser to help with our Philanthropic program.,
On January 23rd, ESA celebrated 50 YEARS with St. Jude's Research Hospital. How awesome is that!!!! Until spring.....enjoy!!!!

Jo Grafton
Corresponding Secretary

