



OHIO STATE COUNCIL OF EPSILON SIGMA ALPHA

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Spring is coming. I can see all the little sprouts poking out in my flower beds. It always gets me excited to see what all comes back every year. In a week I will be making the trek to St. Louis, MO to view the conference hotel for MARC this year. It's exciting this time because in October it's where I am going to be installed as MARC President.

I can think back to 10 years ago when Aunt Brenda said if we make a position for you on the Ohio State Council board will you come back to ESA. Jump to 7-ish years ago when Judi King so graciously nudged me into the executive board and onto Ohio State President for the first time.

Over the course of my 13 years in ESA I have learned so much and am so thankful for what this organization has done for my career, life, and soul. I have honed in my leadership skills, met some amazing people, donated my time and money to fantastic causes, brought people together and so much more. Most importantly, I have made THE BEST FRIENDS ever in my life and it all started here, in ESA.

We all need to remember our WHY. Why we are in ESA. Why we stay in ESA, and why it's so important to us. This organization has given us all so much. We need to give our all back to it. Now is the time to stop saying "we don't do that" or "it's the way we have always done it" or even "they won't want to join us". I know everyone preaches about membership, but everyone also realizes it takes members to keep ESA alive.

Use this new spring season coming to host "just one more" event. Just one more coffee with a new friend. Just one more Hi Hello to a person you wouldn't normally talk to. We must make this our priority this year. I challenge all of you to bring in just one more member this year. Just ONE more. Let's give ESA a fighting chance.

Switching gears, I wanted to let you all know I will provide more updates once I know more about the MARC conference. I would really like to see members of Ohio show up for me. This means so much to me. I hope that I am making Ohio proud.

Thank you to Sigma Chi for a wonderful meeting and all your heart decorations were fantastic. I loved how you embraced my theme "All Heart in ESA". Specifically, because ESA does have my heart. I look forward to seeing what Delta Chi has in store for us at the convention. I hope to see more of you there in May.

### My Why:



Best Friends from 5 different States at Leadership 2024

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## VICE-PRESIDENT/PRESIDENT-ELECT . . . TAMMY REYNOLDS

Hello everyone!

I hope you are all doing well. I had such an amazing time at leadership and made a few life long friends. I learned a few things and can't wait to use them in the future.

I wanted to thank those of you who stepped up and joined my board and I want to encourage those who have not to try something new.

I have a few spaces open and would love to fill the rest of my board. I am still in need of a Vice President, both of our St. Jude reps., we need a Marc Rep., membership chair, Philanthropic chair, social chair, special projects and ways and means.

I truly hope we can fill the board, If there is a position you would like to fill please reach out to me via email (esatreynolds83@gmail.com).

I'm looking forward to seeing all of you in May!

Tammy Reynolds



**Tammy with 5 new friends at Leadership  
Celebrating My ESA Power**

## JUNIOR PAST PRESIDENT . . . JOAN FARABEE

Hello ESA members!

Here is hoping today is finding you well and anxious for spring! I always love it when spring flowers start popping us. It just reminds me of new growth and new beginnings!

My desire for each of you is exactly that, that you experience new growth in your individual chapters as well as for yourself and that you start new beginnings in your chapter and self, maybe try something different or find a new passion. Whatever you do, just remember that the way to happiness is to do for others. I know I am preaching to the choir, but it is the truth.

With that being said, I just want to remind you that if you are planning on giving to the **disaster fund**, please do so quickly. I am waiting until I get a few checks before I send to ESA, and currently I only have one check. I would like to send this in soon. Thank you for your attention to this matter!

I am hopeful that many of you are planning on attending our state convention. It should be filled with fun events as well as lots of celebrating!

Take care dear friends and hope to see you in May at the convention!

Fondly,  
Joan



## FOUNDATION ...MARY LYKINS

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

The ESA Foundation is a public foundation for anyone who shares our goals. The annual membership fee is \$40. You may also opt to support the Career Enhancement Grant through a \$500 one time Life Active membership. All dues are tax deductible. In order to vote at the annual meeting, the active member must have their annual dues paid before December 31. **Become a member.**

**All contributions made directly to the ESA Foundation are tax deductible as "Gifts to Charity" due to our 501 c 3 charitable status under the Internal Revenue Code.** You may either print out a contribution form or a Turn-Around-Fund form from this site or use the online services to contribute with your credit card. Contributions may be designated or undesignated. Undesignated gifts become a part of the general fund. Designated contributions are used for the purpose designed by the donor.

If you are 72 or older, you must take your Required Minimum Distribution (RMD) this year. You can gift all or a portion of your RMD. Because this gift does not provide a charitable deduction on your income taxes, it is an ideal way for non-itemizers to reduce taxable income while providing support for the ESA Foundation. Contact your IRA administrator for more details and, when ready, reach out to ESA Headquarters for directions of how and where to send your check and/or electronic transfer. Plan ahead so your contribution gets credited prior to December 31st.

**Learn from yesterday, live for today, hope for tomorrow.  
The important thing is not to stop questioning.**

**Albert Einstein**



EPSILON SIGMA ALPHA  
**FOUNDATION**

# FOUNDATION ...MARY LYKINS (Continued)



## Tuesday, July 9, 2024 Overland Park, Kansas



The ESA Foundation needs your help at IC Convention with the Foundation Fund Fest. Please let me know if you would be able to help at a game, set up and clean up, donate, or work at the silent auction tables and the game areas.

Sponsors: \_\_\_\_\_ \$100 – Carnival Sponsor

FFF Patrons: \_\_\_\_\_ \$200 Silver \_\_\_\_\_ \$300 Gold \_\_\_\_\_ \$500 Pearl \_\_\_\_\_ \$1,000 Platinum

Volunteer at the Silent Auction Table and Game Areas \_\_\_\_\_

Member Name/Email Address \_\_\_\_\_

Chapter Name/Number \_\_\_\_\_

Willing to Donate: \_\_\_\_\_ Silent Auction Items \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ Oral Auction Items \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ State Basket – Description \_\_\_\_\_

Please remember that successful basket winner will probably be traveling by plane. Possibly donate an ‘experience’ at a future convention city’s event or outing.

*(PLEASE mark value of all auction items to assist in bid amounts)*

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Name \_\_\_\_\_ Phone \_\_\_\_\_ Email \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Please return this form to:

Patricia Howerton

146 Alanen Rd, Naselle, WA 98638

[esaffundfest@gmail.com](mailto:esaffundfest@gmail.com) / 503-440-5268 (text)



## Connect Through ESA Shirt

It's official! ESA 2023 - 2024 IC President Brenda Meyers logo is available on Etsy. You can choose your favorite color and style. Get yours today! Price: \$25.80+

[Connect Through ESA Epsilon Sigma Alpha IC President's Logo T Shirt With Arrow ESA Hoodie Tee Crewneck Sorority Sweatshirt T-shirt - Etsy](#)

# ASSOCIATION OF THE ARTS . . . KATHI SILVEY & JILL MONTGOMERY

We know that all of you are creative and we are so excited to see your talents! You should also be excited to show off your talents to all of your state sisters! Anything you create will fit into a category so bring it and flaunt your talents. Let's share in each other's hobbies and passions beyond ESA. It will be so nice to get to know each other in this special way.

The categories for the May 2024 Ohio State Convention are as follows:

Love of Baking

Photography

Dazzling Jewelry

For the Home

Dollar Tree DIY

Seasonal projects

Love of quilting

Needle Arts

Perfect purses and totes

Upscale recycling

All things patriotic

Everything baskets

By the Kids

UFOs - Unfinished projects



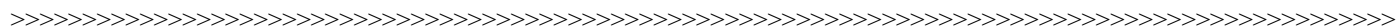
Reach out if you have any questions or concerns about where your art might fit.

Kathi Silvey and Jill Montgomery, Association of the Arts Co-chairs

Friends, I cannot begin to thank you for all the prayers and kind thoughts to all of our friends in ESA. This past year in ESA I have received several notices about illnesses and the loss of a loved one. They have come from all over including Ohio. It is such a blessing to me that you have prayed or sent cards to those in need. I am so proud of Ohio for stepping up to make someone have a better day. Always remember that GOD is in control and will always bless those that help others.

Love,

Maddy – OSC Chaplain 2023 – 2024



**Here is a little something just to make you smile!**

*Friends are Like Panties  
Some crawl up your butt  
Some get a little twisted  
Some are your favorite  
Some are "Holy"  
Some are cheap  
Some are naughty  
And some actually cover your butt  
When you need them*





## RECORDING SECRETARY...THERESE SNIVELY

### Happy Belated New Year from your recording secretary.

I hope each and everyone of you had a wonderful holiday with family and friends. My holiday was extra special this year because Ezra was old enough to enjoy Christmas and my good friend, Terri Sayre and her husband Alan were able to come to Ohio to spend Christmas with us. Terri is the one who recruited me to ESA. She was the S.E.R.C. President in 2022.

It was great seeing those who attended the Spring Council Meeting. I look forward to seeing all at our state convention in May.

ESA Hugs,

Therese Snively



## WAYS & MEANS...MARSHA REYNOLDS

Dear wonderful ESA Members,

### NEW IDEA FOR FUNDRAISING FOR THE WAYS AND MEANS FOR OHIO STATE CONVENTION 2024

Reminder about the BALLOON POP. I have received wonderful gift cards and many more to be given. You must join all of your Ohio ESA Sisters to “EMBRACE THE LOVE FOR OHIO” at our Ohio State Convention.

I look forward to seeing all of you at our fundraiser for OHIO ESA.

#### NEWS ABOUT OUR STATE CONVENTION:

Theme: “ESA EMBRACES THE LOVE FOR OHIO”

MAY 3-4, 2024

HOPE HOTEL

WPAFB, OHIO



The Hope Hotel has been refurbished since we have been there several years ago. We have more information as we finalize the contract.

Respectfully yours,

Marsha Reynolds  
Ohio State Ways and Means





Hello from the St. Jude reps. We are happy to report that the auction is going well, although down a little from last year, but hopefully we will continue to support our last two items. For March, Linda Dawes Son, from Delta Chi, has graciously donated a homemade charcuterie board. It is absolutely beautiful, along with stainless steel cheese tool set. It's something you all need to bid on, it's lovely.

April's auction item was donated by Shirley's group which is a beautiful hand made wall hanging just in time for Spring, so save up and watch for this one. It's a piece of art and absolutely beautiful.

We want to thank everyone for their support of the state of Ohio's fundraiser.

I have been sending the ALSAC report every month and want to make sure you're reviewing it and if there are issues you all should contact Deena.

St. Jude walk/run will be virtual again this year on September, 28, 2024. I'm sure Ohio will set up a team, however each chapter should consider setting up a team. Would be fun to see who can donate the highest dollar amount.

**Let's go Ohio!**

Cincinnati's dream home will kick off with ticket sales beginning in April and the giveaway will be in June 2024. So watch for more details to come.

Cleveland's tickets are already **sold out**. So congratulations to Cleveland job well done.

**The total for the 2023 Cleveland Dream Home is \$1,250,000 (its dated October 31, 2023 on the report) and the Cincinnati Walk/Run was about \$1,245 from what I could tell. That was individual fundraising and based off the walk participant report I received from St. Jude. Those totals are also on the St. Jude Coordinator report dated 1/1/24.**



# Easter Seals...JANET IVERS

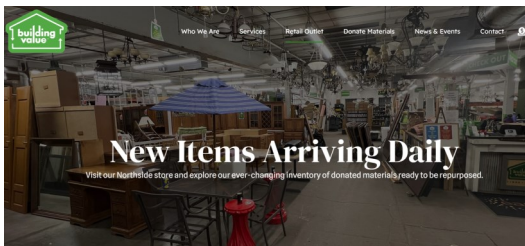
## Other ways of helping Easterseals



**Building Value (Cinti)** is a social enterprise powered by **Easterseals Redwood (Greater Cinti)**. Founded in 2004, Building Value was created with two goals: first, to create sustainable training and lucrative career opportunities for people facing challenges to employment; second, to build a construction model and retail store for reclaiming, recycling, and repurposing building materials.

### How can I help?

**Visit our retail store at 4040 Spring Grove Avenue** in the heart of Northside's historic district **to shop from thousands of one-of-a-kind products** – including cabinet sets, doors, building materials, and architectural gems – all diverted from landfills.



### Donate Your Items

Let's say you're remodeling a room in your house or downsizing. Building Value will take your donations of building materials, Cabinets, Appliances, Doors, Windows, Sinks, Bathtubs, Outdoor gardening items: Bird baths, Tools, Planters, Tomato fencing, Patio furniture, Arbors, Flower-pots and urns, Decorative yard art, Sundials, and Firepits

Your donations are considered charitable contributions and may be tax deductible.

Material donations are accepted at the retail store Monday-Friday 9 am to 5 pm and Saturday from 9 am to 4 pm.

We also pick up donations of value. There may be a small service fee to pick up, depending on items and location distance. Visit our Retail Outlet page for a list of accepted materials.

[Accepted Donation Materials - Lumber, Doors, & More | Building Value](#)



Building Value crew lead Stephon Martin shares his personal story of transformation with the help of our programs. When you donate items and shop at Building Value, you are supporting our mission to help people like Stephon achieve success.

# Easter Seals...JANET IVERS (Continued)



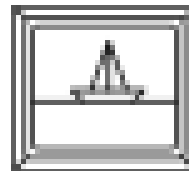
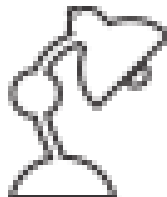
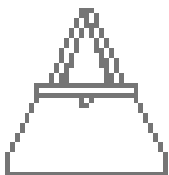
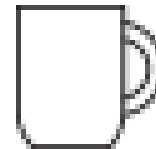
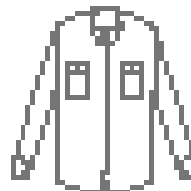
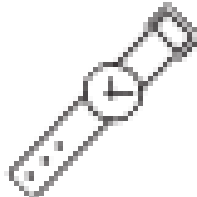
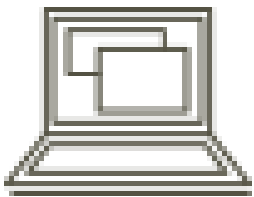
Donate household, clothing and other items to Easterseals. Check website for more details  
<https://www.donateclothings.com/>

## **Schedule a Donation Pickup**

It's easy to schedule a free home pickup of your used clothing and household goods. Just enter your zip code above to get started. Donations collected by Easter Seals of Central & Southeast Ohio help fund local programs and services to support our mission. With your help we can better serve our community, as well as give the donated items a new life outside of a landfill.

**I prefer to drop off my donation. [Where do I go?](#)**

## **Items We Love**



**Clothing, Clothing Accessories, Personal Accessories, Media, Housewares, Toys**

## Easter Seals...JANET IVERS (Continued)

In November 2023, Redwood opened a new location in Florence, KY – offering Children's Services and Prescribed Pediatric Extended Care (Medical Childcare).

<https://nkytribune.com/2022/07/redwood-rehabilitation-center-easterseals-sign-letter-of-intent-to-combine-the-two-organizations/>

<https://nkytribune.com/2023/08/easterseals-redwood-expands-child-disability-and-therapy-services-with-new-florence-location/>

### Easterseals Redwood

2901 Gilbert Avenue  
Cincinnati, OH 45206  
Phone: (513)281-2316

### Easterseals Redwood

71 Orphanage Rd,  
Fort Mitchell, KY 41017  
Phone: [\(859\) 331-0880](tel:8593310880)



Betsy Eiserman, ATRC and Austin Alley  
Easterseals Redwood Ft. Mitchell



Easterseals Redwood  
Ft. Mitchell, ATRC program

*Submitted by Janet Ivers*

# MARC...SHIRLEY KRCDMAR and DENISE GUMBITA



It's time to plan for the 2024 MARC Conference to celebrate our own Ohio sister, Amanda Dixon, becoming MARC President. We've all observed her leadership qualities as she has supported ESA in many ways and at all levels. Let's show our support by serving on the appointed board to help make an impact in an area dear to your heart.

We want to have an impressive group of Ohio ESA sisters attend the 2024 MARC Conference to be held in St. Louis, Missouri, October 11-12, 2024. Start planning now to attend this impressive event where the Leadership portion offers you education in several areas and you share time and information with sisters from other states. And there is always lots of fun to be had.

Please mark your calendars and start making plans to attend. The Registration form will be finalized and available at the OSC May Convention.

**BE THERE for Mandy and BE THERE for yourself!**

<i>October 2024</i>						
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## CHAPTER CHATTER . . . BETA PSI

### Beta Psi has been busy this fall.

In October we had the Olive Oil and Vinegar virtual tasting at Brenda Meyers home. We had a lovely time sampling the olive oils and vinegars on the tasty treats Brenda made. We invited several potential members and sign up a couple that evening.

Our December meeting was held at Therese Snively's house. She provided a delicious brunch. After the brunch, we held a pinning ceremony for Connie Moyer and Beverly Flora. Cathy Rowland, rejoined ESA and received her jewel pin.

As a service project, the chapter baked cookies and made candies to provide individual treat boxes for the 20 staff members at the Dayton YWCA women's shelter. Happy holidays and happy new year to all.

Our chapter is planning a "Craft garage sale" in May.

Therese Snively, Chapter president





## CHAPTER CHATTER . . . DELTA CHI

### Happy Sparing Ohio Sisters,

These past few months have been rather quiet for Delta Chi, since we have voted to take our yearly break January and February, instead of the summer months.

Many of our sisters have traveled south for the winter, and with daylight hours so short, and many of us having issues driving at night, we all voted to try out this option for a year to see how it will work out for our chapter. So far, it actually seems to work well. We will take another vote at our planning meeting in June to see if this schedule is something we want to continue. Sometimes life offers options, and flexibility opens us to view things in a new way.

About 10 of our sisters were able to attend the OSC meeting on March 2<sup>nd</sup>. Thanks so much to Sigma Chi for hosting. As always, you all did a wonderful Job. The facility at the Symmes Township Safety Center is a great location, our breakfast and lunch were both delicious, and many of us are looking forward to attending Bunco for St Jude on April 7<sup>th</sup>.

And a big thank you also, to Mandy, our esteemed state President and her OSC board, who are doing an awesome job leading Ohio, and keeping us all informed in all things ESA! We all appreciate what you do for Ohio!

Our speaker at the meeting was from the Alzheimer's Association, which was very informative . . . . I think we decided we may have a little bit of Alzheimer's going on as we age!!

Delta Chi will be hosting our Ohio

State Convention this May 3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup>. Although we have not had any formal meetings, we have been keeping in touch via zoom, as well as meeting for breakfast/lunch/dinner, to make sure our upcoming convention is a huge success.

We will again, be meeting at the Hope Hotel in Dayton, which has been newly renovated and is quite lovely. I think all who attend will love all the improvements that have been made. The staff is eager to have us return and seem very committed to making our weekend efficient and enjoyable. Please plan on attending. . . . We'll start off Friday with a sock hop, which I know will be tons of fun, and a great night for relaxing, laughing, and reuniting with all our Ohio sisters.

We are keeping busy in our philanthropic endeavors. Many of our sisters are still helping out monthly at Matthew 23, as well as quilting for Butler County Foster Kids. Our quilting days are usually the first Saturdays of the month, (unless we have a OSC meeting) at Jill's home in Trenton.

Judi is still collecting paperback books for veterans, and we are helping out at Find A Way with craft activities, and helping to celebrate holidays by serving at their upcoming Easter Dinner, and collecting for Go Pantry.

We are looking forward to getting together soon, as our meetings will resume at the end of March.

As usual, I know that many of our Ohio sisters, as well as our sisters throughout ESA are struggling with Health issues, death, and care giving for loved ones. Please know you are always in our thoughts and prayers, and we hope you will remember us as well. As we all are aging, the sisterhood of ESA means so much to so many!!

Take care friends, Enjoy the new life sprouting as our gardens come back to life and remind us of God's gift of life.

God Bless

Beth

## CHAPTER CHATTER...DELTA GAMMA

### Cleveland Rocks! Again!

We had another exciting day for the ticket Sell-A-Thon for our St. Jude Dream Home . . . 26,000 tickets sold in 2 hours and 20 minutes!



Of course, the largest amount goes to St. Jude, then Easter Seals, Alzheimers, Disaster Fund, and Foundation Scholarships. Our local projects include Feeding Medina County, Battered Women's Shelter, and Cups Café (feeds needy).

Sarah's husband, Norm, is recovering and slowly gaining strength back following his illness. Our son, Kevin, and wife, Lisa, drove us to Wisconsin to attend the funeral of Gene's brother who died unexpectedly of a massive stroke. Sarah, Denise, and I were able to have lunch with a couple faithful St. Jude Volunteers, Jennifer Robinson and Dan Anter, this week. It was a joy to laugh and reminisce.

We are looking forward to our state convention at the Hope Hotel.

Shirley Krcmar, President

Now we wait till July to work the open houses and enjoy the drawing for winners.

While we wait, it was time to spend the money we earned from our candy project.



## CHAPTER CHATTER ... GAMMA BETA

Gamma Beta is excited to welcome a new member to our chapter, Deb Brilla. Deb and her coffee group along with the ladies at the USO Airman's Attic provided support to Gamma Beta at Christmas. Because of the ladies and Gamma Beta members the adopted family received gifts and food for Christmas.

Deb told Mary that she liked what Epsilon Sigma Alpha represents and would like to become a member. She is a neat lady that brings lots of good ideas to our meetings. We are happy that she has joined our little chapter as of February 2024.

Welcome Deb, you are already a great addition to our chapter!

Valentine's Day was celebrated when the chapter and spouses and significant others went out for lunch at a local Mexican restaurant.



Gamma Beta continues to support local charities. Since June we have provided support to the Fairborn Fish Food Pantry; First Presbyterian Church Pantry; Fairborn Transitional Living Program; Michael's House; a Family-in-need; Fairborn Primary School clothes closet, and the Greene County Domestic Violence Project.



Carol, Kathleen, Mary, and Pat worked on making fleece blankets for the Transitional Living Program then enjoyed lunch.



**Happy Spring to each of you.**



Although there still are several health issues within the chapter, we remind ourselves that the only right we have in ESA is the right to be of service.

That doesn't mean we don't manage to have a good time along the way.

Our educationals this year have focused on the history of foods in the greater Cincinnati area. February had us choosing our 3 favorite toppings (pepperoni, sausage & onions), then using them within a deep-dish pizza. As Rita Eigel is gluten free, she demonstrated how to make a gluten free crust. There are several different factors that go into this type of recipe. Although the recipe she chose didn't rise for some unknown reason (yes the yeast was fresh), we sampled it and made suggestions for changes.

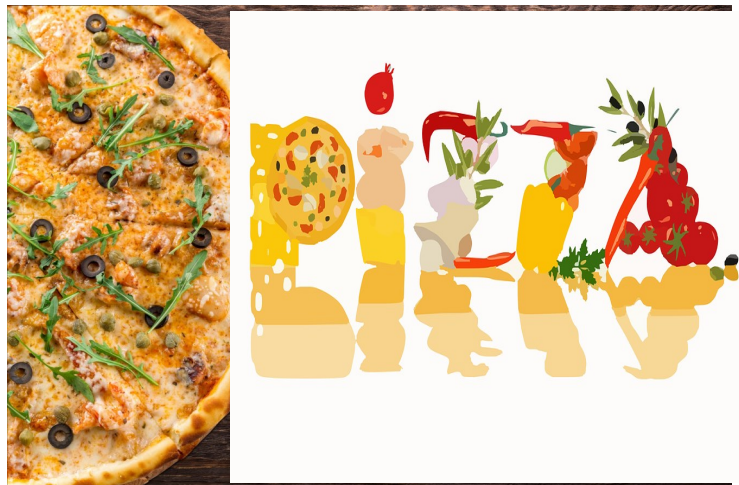
The history of pizza goes back to the 900's AD. What are the two highest grossing chains in the US? 1954 was the start of two popular pizza chains in Cincinnati. They were?

**Ask me at convention for the answers.**

We are in the midst of furnishing some personal care items for drop in veterans at easterseals, as there has been a growing need for so many veterans, who are trying to find their way in life. A little thoughtfulness like this can mean so much to those who have little or nothing.

Hope to see many of you at the OSC convention in May.

Kathy Solt



## Spring Greetings from Sigma Chi

### Ohio: The Heart of It All and Women in Ohio History

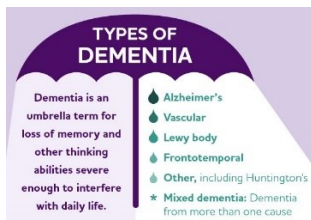
**Women's History Month is celebrated in March**, so I checked out what impact women have made in Ohio history. We see a variety of achievements or important roles from women throughout history in Ohio in the fields: government, aviation, business, social justice, women's rights, suffragettes, abolitionist, education, actresses, and authors. Before you read on, see how well you know these Ohio women and historic times by **answering the 8 questions in "TAKE THE QUIZ" - a separate area of BJ.**

As we know and love Ohio and tour many local historic educational sites, it's interesting to note that there's an official "**Ohio Women in History Road Trip**" through various cities in Ohio outlined at Ohio's website [Ohio Women in History Road Trip | Official Travel & Tourism Website for Ohio](#) . Of course we can tour these neat sites throughout the year – not just March.

There is no doubt that women are changing the world in many positive ways. We, as members of ESA make a significant difference; we contribute an immeasurable level of service and fundraisers benefiting people in our community and around the world.

### OSC Meeting – March 2024

At our OSC meeting on March 2<sup>nd</sup>, **Alzheimer Assn (Greater Cinti) Kelsey Nihiser, Program Manager** gave a presentation explaining the difference between Alzheimer's Disease and Dementia – see pictures attached. Dementia is an umbrella term for loss of memory and other cognitive abilities severe enough to interfere with daily activities. Alzheimer's being one disease under Dementia. Kelsey also reviewed the "10 early signs and symptoms of Alzheimer's and Dementia - see webpage for summary [https://www.alz.org/events/event\\_search?etid=2&cid=138](https://www.alz.org/events/event_search?etid=2&cid=138) At our meeting, we also assembled 50 packages tailored for Alzheimer's care takers. Alzheimer Assn will be taking these packages to distribute at a care taker event in Middletown, OH.



**Meet Sigma Chi's new member Kim Garland.** Kim has been attending a number of our business meetings since last year, along with educational and social events. She had a great time at Amy Gross's educational presentation of her experience walking 500 miles on the Camino Pilgrimage. Kim likes shopping, painting, traveling, hanging out with good friends and camping. She enjoys volunteering opportunities with Sigma Chi. Sounds like a good fit for ESA: Good friends. Good works. Good times.

### Harmon House Museum (Lebanon OH) – February educational tour

For our February educational docent-led tour, we found a hidden gem - the **Harmon House Museum, located in Lebanon, Ohio** near the Golden Lamb historic restaurant. It houses an extensive collection of art and artifacts from the rich history of Southwest Ohio. The museum is housed in historic Harmon Hall. Harmon Museum and Art Gallery covers four floors (over 77,000 sq. ft.) and houses **four art galleries, prehistoric artifacts, Shaker artifacts and documents, a recreation of a 19<sup>th</sup> century town square, an extensive textile collection, and a research library.** The newly renovated **Archeological & Indigenous Peoples Exhibit** contains an impressive display of relics, and fossils (trilobites from 400-500 million years ago). Many of these historical artifacts were recovered from the **Fort Ancient State Memorial Park (Oregonia -**

**Warren County)** – now listed as 1 of the **UNESCO World Heritage** sites - where ancient American Indian ceremonial and burial mounds were constructed 2,000 years ago. The Robert & Virginia Jones **Shaker Gallery** offers one of the finest collections of Shaker artifacts and archives in the Midwest. Their extensive textile collection is the 2<sup>nd</sup> largest in the Midwest and features items as far back as 1740. The updated **Bruce E. Young Farm Heritage Gallery** showcases the tools used by Warren County's agricultural community throughout its history. **“The Village Green” area covers an entire floor containing a recreation of 19th century town square with twelve shops** including: a daguerreotype studio, milliner, sweet shop, and more. It’s similar to the Cincinnati Museum’s display of the Ohio River riverboat and town shops in the 19<sup>th</sup> century.

### **St. Jude fundraiser “Bunco For St. Jude Kids” – Sunday, April 7<sup>th</sup>, 2-4pm**

Sigma Chi will be hosting our St. Jude fundraiser “Bunco For St. Jude Kids” on Sunday, April 7<sup>th</sup>, 2-4pm at **Symmes Twp Safety Center in Cinti.**

Reservations are required so we can hold your table – contact Debbie Martins at [martinsdebra@yahoo.com](mailto:martinsdebra@yahoo.com) . Check the attached flier for all details. Reservations are \$25 which include a hearty buffet of appetizers, sandwiches, fresh fruit and veggies, desserts, and beverages. Have fun playing the easy game of Bunco and enjoy door prizes, Bunco prizes, 30+ silent auction baskets, and split-the-pot. The silent auction with a variety of beautiful baskets (30+) contain a ton of gift cards and merch for restaurants, spas, outdoor and indoor activities, Reds tickets, museums, gardening, Pampered Chef items, handmade items from Artisans, jewelry, and more. **We hope to again see our ESA sisters for a FUN AFTERNOON. Bring your friends or anyone interested in learning more about ESA.** We’ll be posting some silent auction items and updates on our “Bunco For St. Jude Kids” facebook page <https://www.facebook.com/profile.php?id=100067205503782>

Submitted by: Janet Ivers



OSC Feb. mtg: Jean Bryant, Sigma Chi and Kelsie Nihiser, Alzheimer’s Assn (Greater Cinti)

## CHAPTER CHATTER ... SIGMA CHI (CONTINUED)



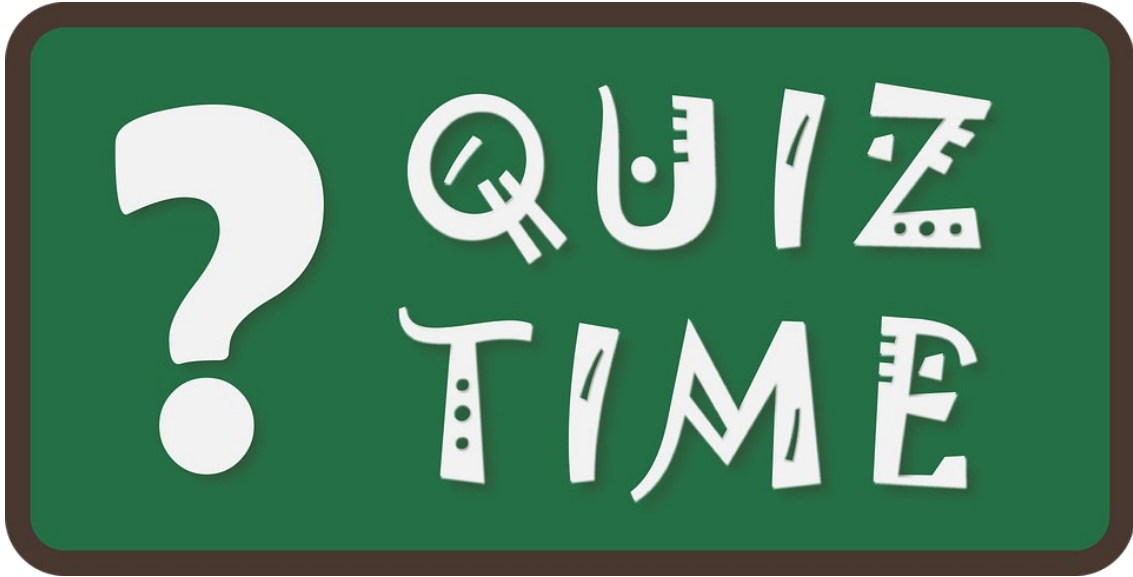
OSC Feb. mtg: Sigma Chi and Mandy Dixon, OSC ESA President  
Next to Sue Schenz, Sigma Chi President



Sigma Chi at Educational Tour "Harmon House Museum"  
Kim Garland pledge (furthest right)



Sigma Chi at Golden Lamb, Kim Garland pledge  
(furthest right)



**TAKE THE QUIZ**

**Ohio: The Heart of It All and Women in Ohio History**

What Ohio college became the first in the US to admit women?

Who was the expert sharpshooter who traveled with Buffalo Bill's Wild West Show and is buried in the Spring Grove Cemetery in Cinti?

Who was the first woman to pilot an aircraft on a solo trip around the world, and the first woman to fly around the world in a single-engine airplane?

What Ohio city has the International Women's Air & Space Museum?

Which famous author in Ohio was the first Black woman to win the Nobel Prize in Literature in the fall of 1993?

On June 16, (insert year), Ohio became the **fifth state** to vote for ratification of the 19th Amendment, which would guarantee women the right to vote. On August 26, 1920, the amendment was incorporated into the U.S. Constitution.

Who wrote the best-selling book of its time, *Uncle Tom's Cabin*?

Who was a close friend of Susan B. Anthony and led the suffrage movement from Trumbull County Ohio (Northeast OH)?



## QUIZ ANSWERS

### Ohio: The Heart of It All and Women in Ohio History



**Oberlin College** Oberlin College, since its founding in 1833, was also the first college in America to grant undergraduate degrees to women in a coeducational program (1841), and the first to adopt a policy to admit students of color (1835).

**Annie Oakley**

**Jerrie Mock**

**Cleveland** (*Shirley, have you seen this museum?*)

**Toni Morrison**

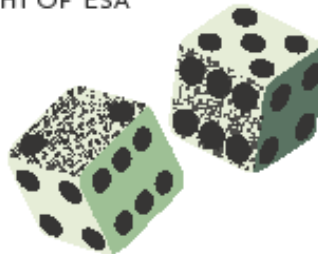
**1919** As a result, the election of 1922 delivered as a first, six women to Ohio's 85th General Assembly - two to the state Senate - Nettie Bromley Loughead of Hamilton County and Maude Comstock Waitt of Cuyahoga County - and four women to the House of Representatives.

**Harriet Beecher-Stowe** The novel is a fictionalized account of the pain slavery caused its victims, the struggles slaves endured to escape and travel on the Underground Railroad, and the triumph of escaping to freedom in the northern states or Canada. This book was written at a time when women did not have a right to vote, have legal rights, or the right to speak in public meetings. *Uncle Tom's Cabin* became an important part of the social fabric, and it is thought to have added wood to the fire that started the Civil War and led to the emancipation of southern slaves by President Abraham Lincoln in 1863. The **Harriet Beecher-Stowe house** in Cincinnati [HARRIET BEECHER STOWE HOUSE - Home \(stowehousecincy.org\)](http://www.harrietbeecherstowehouse.org) offers a tour that explores the deep significance of the Ohio River for Cincinnati's Underground Railroad and African American history of resistance, achievement, and leadership from the 1800s through the 20th century.

**Northeast Ohioan Harriet Taylor Upton** led the suffrage movement from Trumbull County for several years in the early 20th century and helped relocate the national headquarters of the National American Woman Suffrage Association to her home in Warren in 1903 and then to the Trumbull County Courthouse in 1905. Under Upton's direction, the association grew into a well-organized force that finally achieved success in 1920, with the ratification of the 19th Amendment, guaranteeing women the right to vote.

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# Bunco for St. Jude Kids



Join us for a fun afternoon of Bunco, silent auctions, and prizes. A buffet with hearty appetizers, side dishes, desserts, and beverages will be provided.

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**SUNDAY  
April 7th  
2-4 PM**

Symmes Township Safety Center  
8871 Weekly Lane  
Cincinnati, OH 45249

CLIP & RETURN CARD BELOW WITH PAYMENT

Reservations are required due to limited seating. Call to reserve individual seats or tables for groups of 4 to 8.

Make checks payable to Sigma Chi of ESA.

**CALL OR RETURN PAYMENT TO:**

Debbie Martins (Sigma Chi)  
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Kings Mills, OH 45034  
513-225-0294

Number of tickets: \_\_\_\_\_ at \$25 ea.

Total: \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Ticket sold by: \_\_\_\_\_

# You're invited to the Ohio State Council's Annual Convention

May 3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> 2024

ESA Embraces the Love for Ohio  
Hosted by Delta Chi of Cincinnati



Join us Friday night for a Sock Hop Mixer.

4:00 PM - 6:00 PM – Registration Check In and mingling

7:00 PM – Event starts – F-86 Sabre Room. Dinner is a Pizza buffet.

Location:

Hope Hotel & Richard C. Holbrooke Conference Center

10823 Chidlaw Rd. #A

Dayton, OH 45433

Join us Saturday May 4<sup>th</sup> for the meeting and Installation Banquet

7:00 AM - 8:00 AM – Meet and Greet / Registration check in

8:30 AM – Convention begins / F-4 Phantom Room

Association of the Arts / F-4 Phantom Room

Lunch will be in the F-86 Sabre room.



6:00 PM – Installation Banquet / F-4 Phantom Room

8:30 PM - Installation

# Hotel Information

May 3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> 2024

Hope Hotel and Richard C. Holbrooke

Conference Center

Building #823, Area A, Gate 12A

Wright-Patterson Air Force Base, Ohio

45433

Phone (937) 879-2696



Double Room (2 double beds) \$135 + tax, includes breakfast at Packy's Bar & Grill

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Use Delta Chi ESA Ohio State Convention code.

Member Name \_\_\_\_\_

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Chapter Name \_\_\_\_\_ Delegate Y/N \_\_\_\_\_

Ohio State Council Position/Chair \_\_\_\_\_

FULL Registration \$115.00 ---- \_\_\_\_\_

Partial Registration:

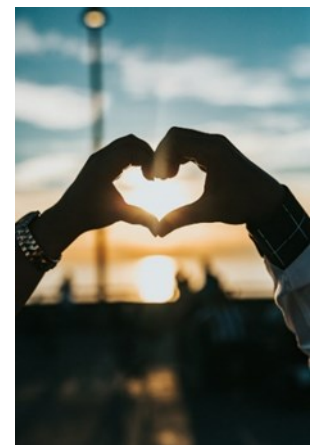
Friday Night Mixer \$25.00 \_\_\_\_

Saturday Lunch Only \$30.00 \_\_\_\_

Banquet Only \$60.00 \_\_\_\_

Total Enclosed \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Banquet Dinner Option (circle one) Root Beer Short Rib or Salmon Napoleon



## Registration Deadline April 15, 2024

Make Checks payable to Delta Chi

Mail Checks to Judi King @ 5652 Safari Dr, Liberty Township, OH 45044



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*ESA is a premiere leadership/service organization that offers members the programs, information and personal support needed to develop the confidence and competence to impact the world in a positive way.*

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EDITOR . . . KATHLEEN SEEWER



I have submitted our BJ to be considered in the judging for this year's News Bulletin contest.

A big THANK YOU to all who submitted an article and pictures for this issue.

The exact due date for the next issue is subject to the date of the Fall council meeting. For now, I am setting a **tentative** date for articles due to me:

**August 1, 2024**

## Smile of the Day

