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EMBRACE THE SPIRIT OF ESA . . .



Happy Summer, Ohio! I hope you are having a wonderful time this season! We had our wonderful State Convention in May. While it was highly UN-conventional, it was still great all the same. We had some wonderful people join us like Celeste Webb from IC and then Jill Shull from MARC. I was very honored that Celeste conducted our installation. Thanks to the board that played along wearing their pajamas and made them fancy. As a first timer, I will need lots of help and will not be shy about reaching out for it!

The Executive Board and Appointed Boards had their planning meeting and there are going to be some wonderful things down the pike for

this year! We have set some ambitious goals and with a lot of work, cooperation, and support we can do it!

The 2020-2021 International Council Conference has just wrapped up and I truly hope everyone who attended had a wonderful time! Sadly, I had to miss it due to a nasty head cold. I missed everyone and I heard a great time was had by all!! A few highlights were: Shirley Krcmar celebrated 55 years of service! Brenda Meyers is the new IC 2nd Vice President. Thanks to Judi Grefer we won First place for our awesome state website. We also won some amazing awards! Looking forward to next year where IC is still within driving distance and will be in Indiana!

Now that we are past IC, I'm going to be calling on each chapter to nomi-

nate one or two folks to take part in a group that is going to help us put together an education plan for the state! I'm really excited to take this on and make an all-encompassing program that will not just help our new members about all aspects of ESA but also set up a program that will also re-educate the current members. This can be in addition to your current educational programs per chapter!

Also, keep a look out for an Ohio social before our Fall meeting in September. I would love to just set up something fun for whom-ever can attend. No business, just fun! Speaking of our next Ohio State Council meeting, it will be on September 18, 2021. This will be in-person and Gamma Beta is hosting. More to follow, so be on the lookout for an email with the particulars!

This is going to be a great year and I'm so excited to see where it takes us! Enjoy the rest of your summers and we'll see you soon! Be ready to Be the Change!

ESA Hugs and Love,
~Becka

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VICE PRESIDENT, JOAN FARABEE

Hello dear friends!

What a wonderful time we had at IC in Louisville! But I would be remiss if I did not tell you that we sorely missed our new President, Becca. Bless her heart, she was very ill. She is now on the mend, but I hated that she missed her year at IC to shine! Of course she will be shining for Ohio the rest of the year!

I am looking forward to our 2021-2022 ESA year, and I hope you are too! I hope to see many of you at our September meeting, hosted

by Gamma Beta, they always do a fabulous job.

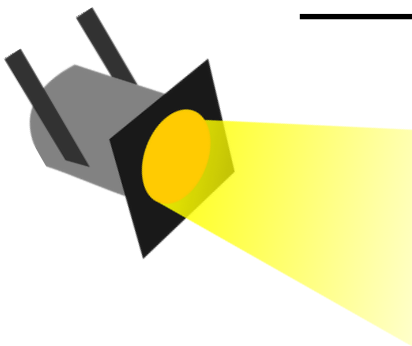
As I am sure you are aware, our Brenda is now second Vice President. She represents Ohio well and we all should be very proud of her.

I encourage each and everyone of you to try and attend our International Convention. You will be happy you did! The memories and friends you accrue are timeless and precious. Next year we will be in

Indiana, so start thinking about going.

I can not wait for a face to face meeting. I have missed each of you. Madeleine and Becca did a great job keeping us all connected but my stars..we all need something besides virtual hugs!

Thank you to Madeleine and Becca for jobs well done. We appreciate all you have done and accomplished during this pandemic time.



Ohio woman has raised money for St. Jude since founder Danny Thomas asked for her help 50 years ago

07/22/2021

When Shirley Krcmar heard Danny Thomas speak about his dream in 1970, it changed the course of her life. She has been dedicated to the cause now for half a century.

<https://www.stjude.org/inspire/series/united-states-of-st-jude/ohio-woman-has-raised-money-for-st-jude-since-founder-danny-thomas-asked-for-her-help-50-years-ago.html>

MEMBERSHIP CHAIR . . . AMANDA ROWLAND

What a summer it has been, and how awesome was IC?? Its time to jump right back into ESA and start growing. Covid really kicked our butt with membership growth, but I know Ohio will bounce back and with a BANG!

Its now time to start planning those recruitment events and start focusing on membership. October is recruitment month and approaching quickly.

Remember all those tips and tricks from the last couple years. Pull them out again. Make up those folders with your information and "What's Next" sheet.

Don't forget to visit the recruitment page on the ESA website. HQ has been working super hard on creating a great resource for you! Check it out at: www.epsilonsigmaalpha.org/

[recruitment](#)

Also you don't want to miss all the great info I have to share about membership at the September Council meeting! As always contact me with any questions you have! Thanks!



EASTER SEALS . . . MARSHA REYNOLDS



As usual
Ohio State

Council of Epsilon Sigma Alpha ROCKS!!! As Epsilon Sigma Alpha celebrates 92 years of success during the 2021 International Council Convention, they also celebrated our OUTSTANDING ACHIEVEMENT in the area of EASTERSEALS - STATE HOURS. . . **FIRST PLACE!!!!** How wonderful!

Looking back at our COVID year, I am excited to report that many were involved in giving money when we were unable to meet and volunteer in person. As I spoke to many of our members I was reminded of how much we want to give time and money to our many endeavors.

Listed are some of the Easter Seals Projects that our chapters can volunteer for:

- ◆ Cleveland did not have their camp this year that we have

all donated to, however they do special services for the elderly in the Medina and Cuyahoga County. Delta Gamma will keep members informed of the needs they may have for Easterseals.

- ◆ Gamma Beta always donate money to Easterseals and many other endeavors.
- ◆ I am in contact with the Goodwill/Easterseals in Dayton. They will be sending information on ways we can volunteer.
- ◆ Cincinnati Easterseals has been very busy this year with the Work and Grow Summer Camp. This was a great experience for young adults with intellectual and developmental disabilities to learn the benefits of getting a

job in the community, from personal growth to social engagement.

- ◆ Members from Delta Chi sponsored three individuals to attend the camp.
- ◆ Cincinnati Easterseals on August 28, 2021 will have an Honors Ride to raise funds for veterans so no veteran is left behind.
- ◆ Another program is volunteering for one hour to work one on one with helping with an art project at the Montgomery office once a month. At this time we are limited to only three volunteers. If interested in volunteering for this, please let me know.

Peace and love,

2020-2021 Scholarship Review

For year 2020-2021, the Foundation received a total of five thousand four hundred eighty-nine (5,489) applications during the open season. A total of one hundred ninety (190) scholarships were awarded for a total amount of \$347,100. Since the inception of the scholarship program a total of \$4,100,853 has been awarded to assist students with advancing their education.

MARC students did very well in receiving scholarships. The ESA Foundation awarded seventy-nine (79) scholarships to forty-one (41) different students that had applied for scholarships. The numbers do not add up you say? Fourteen students received multiple scholarships.

One of those students that received multiple scholarships was Daniela Acosta Montilla.

Daniela Acosta Montilla from Columbus Ohio won three (3) scholarships. The scholarships are the Art & Sandy Fuller Endowment, the George W. Hill Memorial Endowment and the Ohio State Council/Nancy Waymire/Carol Haas Memorial Endowment.

The Foundation also awards grants for the Career Enhancement, Vocation Training, and Partnership/Joint Venture. Most recently the Career Enhancement Grant was awarded to Frances Dean.

Frances Dean graduated from The University of Georgia *cum laude* with a Bachelor of Science in Health Promotion. After graduation, she needed help to refine her skills in program planning/implementation, evaluation, applied epidemiology and biostatistics, behavioral health and a variety of other

disciplines. Currently, Frances is attending The University of Michigan and pursuing dual degrees in Public Health (MPH, Social Epidemiology) and Social Work (MSW, Interpersonal Practice in Integrated Health, Mental Health and Substance Abuse). Frances has received several of the Foundation's Career Enhancement Grants and will be at the Foundation's Annual meeting to tell her story and how our grants helped her financially gain the advanced skills she needed to be successful in her professional pursuit of becoming an effective biomedical/behavioral scientist.

As you can see, the Foundation helps many students in need of assistance to continue their education. It is and always be a great representation of all the hard and dedicated work ESA does for our communities.



EASTER SEALS ... KATHY SOLT



In 2019 Easterseals celebrated their 100th anniversary committing to a future where every one of us is 100% included and 100% empowered. Like so many organizations we support, 2020-21 has brought challenges like no other. January 19th I had the pleasure of attending the Greater Cincinnati's chapter's advisory board year in review. Their accomplishments made me so proud that ESA has chosen this great organization to be an international project. Although I have not learned of any news from the Dayton, Columbus, or Cleveland chapters, I think we can all be proud of some of the accomplishments I want to highlight from the Cincinnati chapter.

Construction Pathway/Fast Trac is a 12 weeks training program where participants can still receive income from unemployment or government assistance while covering such things as the cost of certification, tools, PPE's and building materials needed in training. The money benefits its broader mission to break down barriers, including building a

more diverse workforce and community, serving people with disabilities, veterans and military families and the YouthBuild program. These important projects served over 200 individuals with long term support of continued job training and job placement with continuous follow up. 120 clients got jobs with 78 receiving certifications in such fields as forklift and bobcat operators. In 2021 they want to strengthen training, refine curriculum and expand their construction lab facility with the continued help of the University of Cincinnati's DAAP college. Another part of their construction program is YouthBuild. A program for young adults who did not complete high school giving them pre-apprenticeship work experience. These students tackled a need that saw children of clients who had no beds. "Build A Bed" became a project where the youth built 25 beds for those families in need. The beds came with free mattresses and bedding. ESA chapters in greater Cincinnati helped with financial donations and lots of donated new blankets. Safe and affordable housing is one of the biggest

challenges with Easterseals clients, and this project had far reaching good outcomes.

2020-21 saw the Cincinnati chapter receive several outstanding awards on a local and national levels. One of those awards was the Goggle Impact Challenge Award. They won for Ohio and then with a popular vote, won the people's choice award nationwide, in which many ESA members voted. They won by over 3,000 votes. The awards came with \$3,000,000 to help lift 120 people out of poverty. Another award was received from McKinsey Scott, one of the founders of Amazon, who has pledged to give away most of her fortune, gave the Cincinnati chapter \$6,000,000 in unrestricted funds to transform services.

The philosophy of this advisory board is about the word work not charity. Finding self-sufficiency for life. As ESA members we should be proud of the help we have been able to offer. I want to give a big shout out to Marsha Reynolds of Delta Chi chapter and Madeleine Kurzynski of Gamma Kappa for the many volunteer hours they have given to the Cincinnati chapter in the past year.

DISASTER FUND ... MADELEINE KURZYNSKI

Just a reminder for all chapters to send me your disaster fund checks when you have them ready. I realize it's early in the year, but I want to make everyone aware. When the checks are received, I will forward them to the IC Disaster Fund Chair, LeAnn Wray.

Thanks in advance!

Madeleine Kurzynski,
OSC Disaster Fund Chair—2021 – 2022
My address is: 5691 Jeffrey Place, Fairfield, Ohio 45014



Hello to all our Ohio ESA heroes from Nancy Bolander, St Jude senior rep, and my side kick, (aka...junior rep) Beth Laage! We are both from Delta Chi and are very happy to represent Ohio this year for St. Jude.

Congratulations to all of you, once again, for a successful year of supporting St. Jude. I'm sure you have already heard, but our totals for 2020-2021 is a whopping \$1,068,239.00! Unbelievable, especially in a year where we are still recovering from Covid!

Ohio also received the 2020-2021 Pinnacle Award from St. Jude, for raising over \$1,000,000.00 in a single campaign year!!

And that's not all . . . Ohio also received the **Danny's Dream Award** for reaching the next million dollar mark of \$15 million in giving to St. Jude Children's Research Hospital!!! Awesome! Ohio definitely rocks! Thanks to all of you for such a successful year.

While trying to think of something a little different to raise some extra money for St. Jude, besides the passing of the pot, bucket, purse, pig, etc. at our meetings, we have come up with a new idea! We hope you will all like it and participate!!!

We would like to introduce "Candles for a Cause", from Petals and Wicks.

Petals and Wicks is a local, family run business in Hamilton Ohio. Besides offering Party Bar Workshops, where you make your own candles, they also offer events to raise money for charities, like St. Jude.

The candles come in two sizes, 9 oz. for \$20.00, and 16 oz. for \$34.00, are made from high quality natural soy wax, and scented with natural essential oils.

The scents we have to choose from are the following:

Heavenly Cures-a blend of citrus,

Healing Kisses- a blend of lavender, eucalyptus, and white tea, and

Family Hugs-a blend of apples, sugar, and cinnamon.

If we sell 500 candles, Petals & Wicks will donate 20% back to St. Jude. If we sell over 500, they will donate 25%. So, who doesn't love a wonderfully scented candle at Thanksgiving and Christmas (which, by the way, is just around the corner)! Let's pass the word around and get our friends and family involved, because I know everyone will want one,

especially since it supports St. Jude! We can also spread the word to our sister chapters out of state and around the country!

To order your candle, just go on their Facebook page, Petals & Wicks, click on SHOP NOW, go to Candles for a Cause, click SUPPORT HERE. Scroll down to St Jude Children's Research Hospital, click SUPPORT HERE, choose your candle and add it you your cart! Yep!!! It's that simple!!

If you don't' do Facebook, just go to Petals & Wicks web site and follow the same prompts!!

With fall and winter just around the corner, we'll have to close our homes up tight to keep out the cold . . . who doesn't what to smell the fresh scents of lavender, apples and cinnamon or citrus.

Endless possibilities, made possible by a gift to give. Not only can you give back, but give hope to a child fighting cancer. Let's spread the word and make this the best year ever!

God's blessings to all! Stay safe, stay healthy and order you candles now for St Jude!

Nancy Bolander and Beth Laage, your St. Jude Ohio reps for 2021 and 2022.



EPSILON SIGMA ALPHA



ST. JUDE'S Candle Fundraiser

9 oz Natural Soy Candles \$20

11 oz Natural Soy Candles \$29

Scan to Order:



Order: <https://www.petalsnwick.com/st-jude-hospital/>

Proceeds of each candle purchase helps make sure families never receive a bill from St. Jude for treatment, travel, housing or food.

FAMILY HUGS

A delightful scent of honeycrisp apple and cinnamon. This scent has notes of spices with sweet and fruity aromas.

HEAVENLY CURES

A relaxing combination with lavender and hints of fruit that will take you to a serene ocean.

HEALING KISSES

Crisp watery accents add sparkle to an accord of tropical foliage that accents the fruity heart of this summer blend.



“Keegan has a delightful personality”



She is the funniest thing. She may seem quiet at first, but if you were to get down on the floor with her, she would carry on an entire adult conversation with you.

Her sparkling personality and ability to chat with adults may be partly because she has met more new people than many children as a patient at St. Jude Children’s Research Hospital.

Shortly before her second birthday, Keegan was waking in the middle of the night holding her leg and crying out in pain. When the pain moved to her hand and strange bruises began to show up on her body, Keegan’s mom knew something more was seriously wrong.

Their local children’s hospital called for bloodwork and the results confirmed what her mom had feared most: Keegan had [Acute Lymphoblastic Leukemia \(ALL\)](#).

Thankfully, Keegan and her family were referred to St. Jude. Doctors immediately got to work trying to save her life.



Keegan’s family is so thankful for the generosity.

St. Jude is a miracle in itself. When you walk down the halls of St. Jude, you see the little miracles running around, and it fills you with so much joy. St. Jude brings these kids in and makes them feel special through the worst part of their life.

Your donation helps give kids like **Keegan** the chance to grow up.

CONGRATULATIONS BRENDA!!!



ESA International Council Executive Board for 2021-2022

(L to R) LeAnn Wray (MI) Jr. Past President/Disaster Fund; Mary Humphrey (CO) Parliamentarian; Tammy Gregg (SC) Corresponding Secretary; Denise Holdaway (AR) 1st Vice-President; Robin Bussey (SC) IC President; Brenda Meyers (OH) 2nd Vice-President; Linda Schmidt (KS) Recording Secretary; Lynda Edwards (AL) Treasurer; Celeste Webb (IL) Workshop Coordinator

International Council Dues
Chapter
State
Other Councils

How to Remain Non-Profit?

All entities **MUST** pay IC Council dues. Entities are: Chapters, District Councils, Regional Councils, State Councils, and any other Zone or Auxiliary.

All entities **MUST** submit a Tax-Form (**Tax Facts**) to Headquarters each year by September 15th.

All individual **ESA** members **MUST** pay individual member dues.

If these three (3) items are NOT completed, then the entity is NOT considered Non-Profit

What Do I Owe and Where Do I Send It?

Individual Member dues are sent to ESA Headquarters. Each member will receive a bill in the mail. These are paid yearly during the month you pledged. Dues are \$49 (unless you are a senior or a Life-Active Member).

IC Council dues are due at the beginning of the ESA Year (August 1st) and must be paid before May 1st to be considered in "good standing" and receive voting privileges at IC Convention. These dues are mailed to the current IC Treasurer. DO NOT SEND TO ESA HEADQUARTERS.

2020-2021 International Council Dues are Due Upon Receipt

Please check **one**:

- Chapters: \$40.00**
 Name _____ Number _____ State Affiliation _____
- Other Councils/Districts/Zones/Auxiliary (within a state) \$40.00**
 Name _____ Number _____ State Affiliation _____
- State Council/Multi-State Council \$45.00**
 Name _____ Number _____

Treasurer's Name _____
 Address _____ City _____ State _____ Zip _____
 Phone _____ Email Address _____

Send Payment to: IC Treasurer
 Lynda Edwards
 125 Quail Run
 Prattville, AL 36067
Lyndabaine@bellsouth.net

FOR IC TREASURER'S USE ONLY	
DEPOSIT #	_____
CHECK #	_____
ACCOUNT #	_____
DATE REC'D	_____

Make Checks Payable to: **ESA International Council**
 Please include chapter name & number on check

NOTE: Individual membership dues of \$49.00 should be sent directly to ESA Headquarters



FEDERAL TAX FACTS – YOU MUST FILE WITH ESA HEADQUARTERS EVERY YEAR!

Dear ESA Headquarters:

This is to confirm that:

Chapter Federal ID #			
Chapter/Council		Chapter #	
City	State	Zip	

is a paid member of the Epsilon Sigma Alpha International Council (ESAIC), and as such is under the jurisdiction and supervision of the ESAIC. It is the desire of the above to be included in the group exemption from the Internal Revenue Service.

Further, this Chapter/Council wishes to be included in the annual group return and will comply with Federal Regulations of the ESAIC. An annual financial statement will be submitted to ESA Headquarters each year by September 15 to be used in the filing of an annual report to the Internal Revenue Service.

The undersigned Chapter/Council hereby agrees to the above and will fulfill all requirements necessary to secure and receive benefits of this exempt status.

Signature (President or Treasurer)	Member #	Address
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This report is to be filed with:
ESA Headquarters
363 West Drake Road, Suite 5
Fort Collins, CO 80526

Deadline to file: September 15, 2021
DO NOT SEND REPORT AFTER THIS DATE
- it cannot be included in the Group Form 990.

FINANCIAL REPORT

Balance on Hand (all accounts)
 August 1, 2020 1

INCOME

Dues	<input style="width: 60px;" type="text"/>	2
Ways & Means Philanthropic projects	<input style="width: 60px;" type="text"/>	3
Other (Interest)	<input style="width: 60px;" type="text"/>	4
Subtotal of Income (Add #2, #3, & #4)	<input style="width: 60px;" type="text"/>	5
Total Income (Add #1 & #5)	<input style="width: 60px;" type="text"/>	6

DISBURSEMENTS

Operating Expenses	<input style="width: 60px;" type="text"/>	7
Philanthropic or Service projects	<input style="width: 60px;" type="text"/>	8
Other	<input style="width: 60px;" type="text"/>	9
Total Disbursements (Add #7, #8, & #9)	<input style="width: 60px;" type="text"/>	10
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The method of record keeping is up to the individual Chapter or Council.

Revised March 2021



PLEASE READ THIS IMPORTANT INFORMATION!

GENERAL INFORMATION

The purpose of a federal income tax exemption is to preclude a Chapter or Council from having to pay Federal Income Tax on monies it raised for charitable purposes. For example, if a Chapter raises \$1,000 through a fundraising drive, i.e., a bake sale, style show, etc., and the expenses incurred amount to \$500, in effect the Chapter has earned a \$500 profit. The tax exemption privilege precludes the Chapter from having to pay Federal Income Tax on that "profit" when it has been designated for a charitable purpose.

Listed below are the requirements which a Chapter or Council must meet in order to qualify under the Group Exemption Status of the Epsilon Sigma Alpha International Council (ESAIC).

1. A letter of authorization must be filed with ESA Headquarters, each year, stating that the Chapter/Council is under the jurisdiction and supervision of the ESAIC and that said Chapter/Council is a paid member of the ESAIC. You meet this requirement by signing the top half of the other side of this page.
2. A financial report must be filed EACH year with ESA Headquarters covering the period August 1 through July 31. This fiscal year period is necessary for this report only and is not intended to interfere with established procedures in the Chapters and Councils. (This form must be received by Headquarters no later than September 15 of each year.)
3. There will be no cost to the Chapters or Councils for the filing of the annual tax report. (This service is provided to Chapters by the ESAIC and ESA Headquarters.)

4. An annual report will be made to the Internal Revenue Service. All reports to ESA Headquarters must be made by September 15 of each year in order to compile the information and forward to the Internal Revenue Service in a timely manner.

5. Each Chapter/Council must have an Employer Identification Number. This is a nine-digit number and is used like we use our social security number only the format is 88-8888888 and not like the SSN format 888-88-8888. It is necessary that a Chapter have this ID Number when they file their financial report each year. To apply for the Identification Number for your Chapter/Council contact ESA Headquarters and it will provide the guidance necessary to comply.

6. The federal designation as nonprofit does not exclude the Chapter/Council from paying State/City Sales Tax, etc. In order to be exempt from State/City Tax you would have to apply for this through your State or Local taxing Agency.

7. Financial information must be filed every year. Be sure this report covers transactions from August 1 through July 31. The report must be received at ESA Headquarters prior to September 15 each year. Send in an envelope marked "Tax Report".

The International Council has a 501(c)(4) designation which refers to Civic Leagues and Social Welfare Organizations. This is not a charitable or tax-deductible designation. ESA Chapters must report once a year to ESA Headquarters to qualify under the Council's Group Exemption.

CHAPTER CHATTER . . . ALPHA ZETA

Greetings Everyone! Summer has brought lots of opportunities for vacation now that many of the restrictions have been lifted. This July most of our chapter went on



a family vacation to the Great Smokey Mountains above Gatlinburg. A great time was

had by all, and two members from Ohio's Beta Psi chapter, Brenda and Terry came as well as Mandy Rowland (MAL) It was a great time to hang out and just get away from the world for a few days. Lots of go-karts and



arcades and food were involved. As well as some crazy antics by our chapter the last night there that involved a lot of towels snapping and playful chasing!

Tammy Reynolds and Lisa Isaacs have been working hard to raise funds for breast cancer and donate Paparazzi Jewelry to be delivered to women during chemotherapy treatments at the hospital in Kettering, Ohio. If you can join her live Facebook sales every Wednesday at 7pm, you can join in on the fun and help them reach their goal. All pink jewelry sold will be added into the team pot for the Making Strides Against Breast Cancer of Dayton 5K Walk that will be taking place October 16, 2021. If you'd like to donate to our cause, contact one of us. We have a team called Stormtroopers and welcome anyone who would like to be a part of it!

Marisa Hawkins has been supporting the SASS Shih Tzu

Rescue in Urbana, Ohio. The rescue saves these poor pups from horrible living conditions, high kill shelters, puppy mills, etc... Always a worthwhile cause!

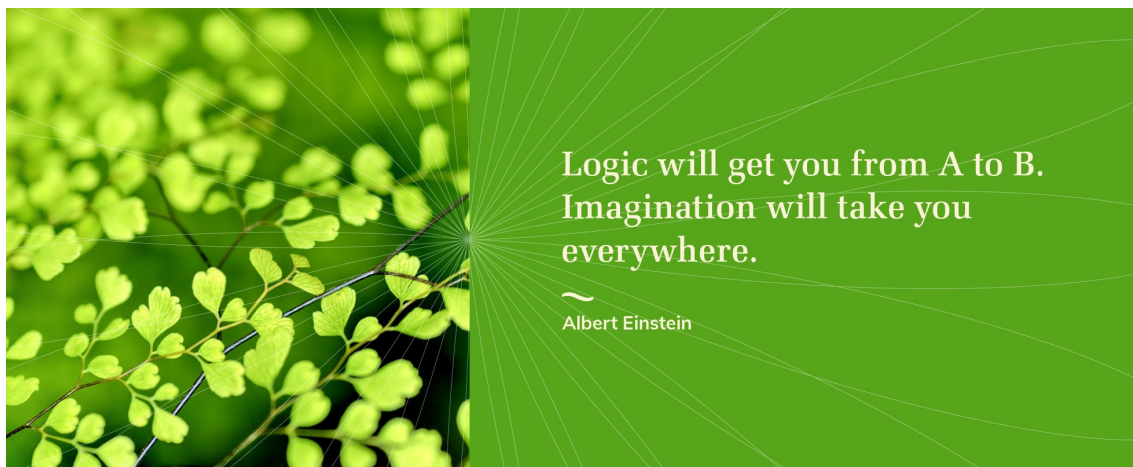
Two of our members got married during our family vacation!



Josh and Chris sprung a surprise marriage in a beautiful park in Gatlinburg! Please wish them well!!

We have scheduled our first in-person meeting ever for August 14 at a library in West Chester and are very excited to be able to do so! We are looking forward to a great year and hopefully a far more active one than 2020!!

Also, we want to wish Becka Lloyd the best of luck as Ohio State President and our OSC Executive and Appointed Boards in the year ahead!



Several of our members attended the IC Convention in Louisville and were thrilled at the awards and numbers presented for Ohio this year. We are very proud of our OSC Webmaster, Judi Grefer, for receiving the “Outstanding State Website” Award. Of course, it’s



Judi Grefer receiving award for Outstanding State Website.

no surprise to us what a great job she does!

It’s been a relaxed summer for us and it’s nice to be together again. Brenda and Terry spent time with family in Pigeon Forge (*and several members of Alpha Delta and Pi Xi*). Debbie and Tom spent a wild week in Hershey, PA with four of their grandchildren!

Joan is all settled in her new home and would love to hear from you. Check your rosters for her contact information.

Our state mascot Bruiser is still living the high life and is looking forward to seeing all of you soon. We are all looking forward to a great 2021-2022 year in ESA.

Brenda, Judi, Debbie,
Joan and Terry



It's one of the greatest gifts you can give yourself, to forgive.

~
Maya Angelou

The poet Maya Angelou was eight years old when she suffered a trauma that left her ashamed of her own voice, and caused her to go mute for nearly five years. “I thought I would never speak again,” she recalled years later. For her, the process of self-forgiveness was a process of recognizing the power of her own voice. Finding her voice saved her — and continued to save her. “All these 60-odd years later,” she said in 2010, “if I am really shaken, I stop speaking — and I, then, bring myself out. I start. I sing. I speak. I speak loudly and firmly. Recite Poe and Shakespeare and James Weldon Johnson, and all, and all, and do it.”

DELTA GAMMA

Our OSC Convention via Zoom was only second to the “real live” IC Convention held in Louisville last week! It was great to see our members and have the usual reports and awards. We were fortunate to have Celeste Webb, IC Representative and Jill Shull, MARC representative fill us in on IC Convention and MARC Conference. Recognition of the philanthropic work of all chapters was enlightening and we were proud to hear what everyone has been doing, even with the “bad boy” Covid causing interference. The installation was lovely and we are ready and willing to follow our new president, Becka Lloyd as we work to “Be the Change.”

Our members have missed the St. Jude Quilt Retreat which, of course, meant no donation to St. Jude from this event the past two years. We decided to form a “quilty” basket for a raffle for St. Jude. Brenda Meyers handled the logistics and we had response from others who miss the retreat as well as friends and family. Our successful project resulted in a \$1,000 donation to St. Jude! Hip, hip, hooray for Quilters!

How wonderful to be with all our ESA sisters at the IC Convention in Louisville! We were saddened to

miss Becka due to illness. We made Crazy Hats at one workshop, learned more about Easterseals at a workshop and had the speaker for Hope for Heroes was from the Kentucky Welcome Home Vets fantastic program. Membership workshop provided more ideas for bringing in new members. Many have read or will read *The Book, Woman of Troublesome Creek*, written by our keynote speaker, Kim Michele Richardson.

We’re proud of the great job done by our Madeliene Kurzynski as Chair of the Association of Arts and all the Ohio members who participated. Sarah Bistline’s quilt not only won 1st place but also the “Member’s Choice” award. Shirley Krcmar also won second place for a quilted pillow and for a Christmas tree skirt.

We’re very proud of Shirley Krcmar for receiving her certificate for **50 Years of Service** to ESA and all the service to others.

Our chapter won second place for ESA for St. Jude Largest Individual Event which

helped our state be in the top ten states again. Proud of Ohio!!!

Last, but not least, we congratulate our own Brenda Meyers who was elected IC Second Vice President!

And now our new year begins with IC President Robin Bussey’s theme “Don’t Just Fly....SOAR with ESA.”



Hello and happy summer to all our Ohio Sisters. I hope you are all doing well and staying healthy.

Several of us in Delta Chi attended the IC convention in Louisville and had a wonderful time. It was so good to see old friends and familiar faces after not seeing anyone for 2 years! Everyone seemed to pick up where they left off, so in the long run, that 2 year gap closed quickly.

We listened to wonderful speakers, some on zoom and a few in person, but all were informative and interesting. We had a veteran from The Elks talk to us about the **Welcome Home Program** for homeless Veterans. Over 500 veterans and their families have received support from this program. The Welcome Home program fills a gap in supporting our veterans to prevent homelessness and provide an avenue by helping to defray costs associated with establishing a new home. It is said that a critical component to their full recovery and transition into civilian life is that they be healthy, rested and comfortable. To that end, the program provides these families with a good bed and mattress, and essential household items to give them the best possible environment in which to live.

Lucky for us, our Local Easter Seals agency is hard at work for our veterans, so we already have a foot in the door to help with similar programs. Our keynote speaker (video chat) was Kim Michele Richardson, who wrote **The Bookwoman of Troublesome Creek**. It was a truly wonderful book about the women of the Appalachian area of Kentucky who were employed by the WPA during the New Deal era of Franklin Roosevelt. These women, who were known as part of the Pack Horse Library, were hired to bring books and other reading material to remote mountain schools and residential areas of Kentucky.

The book also touches on the Fugate family, who were missing an enzyme in their blood, which gave their skin a blue tint ... which lead them to be known as the "blue people" (which, by the way, is a true story).

It's a very interesting book, which gives us insight to another part of our American Heritage and the amazing strength and will power of women who helped to mold our country, and gave so much for those less fortunate.

I'm sure you all have heard by now of the awesome job Ohio has done in raising money for St. Jude! Thanks to all of us for our dedication and selfless efforts to support such a wonderful and worthy cause. Ohio raised \$1,068,239!!! Wow...that's all I can say! WOW!!! That's pretty awesome considering we are still struggling to overcome a world wide pandemic!!!

Lifetime total for ESA supporting St Jude... \$327,310,940! DOUBLE DOG WOW!

Congratulations to some of our Delta Chi sisters who won awards at the Association of the Arts at IC. Marsha Reynolds won several awards, including 1st place for her enamel work, as well as awards for her beautiful paintings. Kathi Silvey won an award for her gorgeous quilt and several other of our Ohio sisters entered their awesome work in the Association of the Arts! We definitely have a ton of talented women in Ohio.

Congratulations also to our one and only BJ newsletter expert, Judi Grefer. Judi won 1st place for the Ohio website. What a great honor and nobody does it better than Judi.

Thank you Judi, from Delta Chi for all you do, and for doing it so beautifully!!

Delta Chi is back to our in person meetings, at least we were in April and May, and are hoping to continue to do so when our meetings resume in September.

In May, many of us participated in the Cystic Fibrosis walk..... We actually had our own walk in Sharon Woods on a gorgeous Saturday morning. The weather couldn't have been better, and most importantly, Diane reported to us that a new wonder drug has been approved for use in children, and her sweet grandson Christopher will be allowed to take it! We all hope and pray that this drug will have a significant

effect of those who live with CF, and that research for cures will continue.

Some of us have been working at Easter Seals on Montgomery Rd doing arts and crafts with clients. Marsha, Joan, and I had a great time working one on one with adults doing some paintings and showing off their artistic skills. We are hoping that this will be a monthly activity for us, as fun was had by all!!

Judi King is still collecting paperback books for our veterans, and has been making quite a few deliveries.

Judi has also started a book club, which meets once a month. It's been so much fun getting together during the summer months to discuss our books and sipping a little wine or beverage of choice.

Delta Chi would like to congratulate Shirley Krcmar for the Article in the St. Jude newsletter. What an awesome tribute to you from the St. Jude organization, and what a wonderful example to all of us in your selfless giving in supporting an organization that offers so much hope to so many children and families around the world. Again, Congratulations Shirley, for a job well done.

With the 50th anniversary of Delta Chi coming up in 2022, WE are preparing a little celebration to honor the years of volunteering, friendships, support, sisterhood,

At our May meeting, Judi prepared a trivia game for us that was all about Delta Chi.....how our chapter was formed, Differences in our chapter between then and now, what projects we've participated in over the years, what was the Queen City Council, when we were chartered...etc. It was a great meeting and we all learned so much about our wonderful organization. 50 years seems like a long time, and it amazes me that some of the friendships that have developed are so strong and so precious.

I hope that more of Ohio will be able to attend next year in Indianapolis!! It truly is a wonderful experience.

God Bless and Stay Healthy Beth

GAMMA BETA

Gamma Beta is looking forward to seeing ALL of you at the Fall Council meeting at the First Presbyterian Church in Fairborn. A registration form appears later in the BJ. We are hoping that this can be an in-person event, although latest news indicates COVID-19 cases are on the rise in Greene County.

Carol has been super busy preparing her house for sale. She hopes to have all her projects completed by the end of August so

she can put on the market in September.

Mary has been busy with a variety of projects and working in her yard.

Pat is still enjoying retirement which has allowed her to work on projects that she had put off while working.

Kathleen has been enjoying reading in the sunroom. Her granddaughter was married in June at a small garden wedding. COVID-19 limited the guests to parents,

grandparents, and the wedding party. All of us had received our vaccine which meant we did not need to wear a mask.

The chapter was able to get together for an early summer social at Chantilly Cream in Fairborn.

Wishing you all health and a successful sorority year.

Kathleen Seewer



As the 35th President of the United States, John F. Kennedy achieved a high standard of greatness during his short life. He graduated from Harvard University and served his country in both the U.S. Navy and Congress before his stint as President. In his time in office, he established the Peace Corps and Equal Pay Act, proposed the Civil Rights Act, and inspired the nation with his pledge to put a man on the moon by the end of the decade. Only someone willing to take huge risks can pull off such a lofty level of achievement. According to JFK, the only way to reach greatness is to be ready to fail just as spectacularly.



Saturday, September 18, 2021

First Presbyterian Church
1130 Highview Drive
Fairborn, OH 45324

Total Registration Fee: **\$35.00** (due by **September 07, 2021**)

Continental Breakfast and Lunch will be served.

Name	Chapter Name	\$35

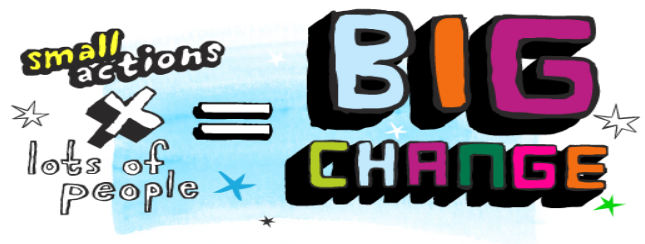
Please make Checks payable to: **Gamma Beta #3939**

Mail Registration Form and Money to:

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The ESA Ohio website, www.esa-ohio.org:

- Please let me know if you have thoughts of any additions or changes that would be helpful to the membership.
- ***Hopefully, we'll have new photos and information for 2021-2022 Please send information/photos to me, jlgrefer@gmail.com, with details about the photo(s). The photos can be from chapter events, IC Convention, state meetings, etc. WE NEED NEW PHOTOS for the website!!!!***

Buckeye Jonquil:

Thank you to everyone that sent a article for this issue of the Buckeye Jonquil. I hope to hear from ALL chapters and officers for every edition of the Buckeye Jonquil. Reminder . . . when emailing your articles:

1. ***Please*** include the following in the subject line of your email when sending your article to me. (month) 2022 BJ Article—Your Title, i.e. Vice President, or Chapter Name for your chapter article.
2. If possible, include your article in a document attached to the email, rather than in the body of the email. If you don't have the means to do so, please go ahead and include your article in the body of your email!
3. If you have more than one role to report, please send separate emails for each role.
4. Articles for the next issue of the BJ are ***due to Judi Grefer by 01/15/2022.***

Following this request will make my job so much easier since I receive so many emails on a daily basis and I don't want to miss your articles!
THANK YOU!

