



OHIO STATE COUNCIL OF EPSILON SIGMA ALPHA

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Greetings everyone. I hope this finds you all enjoying the summer. I know my family has been busy with traveling and having fun. A handful of us just got back from Texas for the International convention. I think I can speak for everyone who attended when I say, we are tired. Phew, that was a lot of work. Work hard play hard they say. I had the pleasure of representing Ohio in the flag ceremony and submitting our lovely credentials. Luckily ESA'ers have this system down now and it was very easy. I am very proud of Ohio and what all we have accomplished in the past year. Having a great leader like Joan Farabee I know makes a big difference. I have big shoes to fill.

Fun was still had at IC Convention amidst the duties. We finally got to celebrate Ohio's own Brenda Meyers as being installed as the IC President. Ohio could not be prouder to have such a wonderful lady represent us. The AA's and Ohio sisters put together an amazing stage and decorations. It was very beautiful. Judi King installed Brenda Meyers in a very lovely ceremony. Congratulations to Brenda Meyers and her 2023-2024 IC Board.

Ohio did bring home some awards and had great St. Jude numbers. You all should be very proud of yourselves and all you do. It does not go unnoticed. Keep it up Ohio.

Transitioning to state, Ohio will be gearing up for our year and the September Council Meeting hosted by Gamma Beta at First Presbyterian Church in Fairborn, Ohio on 9/30/2023. Look out for the registration form and be prepared to have some fun. I look forward to seeing A LOT of you at the meeting!

### Congratulations to Brenda Meyers and the 2023-2024

### International Council Board.



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# STATE CONVENTION MEETING-May 2023 - ATTENDEES

*Including Youth Award winner Lauren Hinshaw*



## VICE PRESIDENT . . . TAMMY REYNOLDS

Hello everyone! I hope your summer is going well. I'm looking forward to serving with Our Amazing President Amanda and learning all I can from her as I follow her into my journey as president. I am looking to fill my board for the 2024-25 year. All positions are open and I really hope you will consider joining me on my journey as a member of my board. If you are interested please email me. Looking forward to seeing everyone at the September meeting. Tammy Reynolds



Seeking people to fill my board  
2024-2025





## JUNIOR PAST PRESIDENT . . . JOAN FARABEE

Hello dear ESA sisters and brothers!

I hope you are all surviving the heat of the summer and are relaxing and enjoying family!

Speaking of heat...my, oh my , Grapevine, Texas was HOT, HOT, HOT! To the tune of 104 degrees! However, ESA Ohio was hot, hot, hot as well! Because of your efforts and dedication, we racked in award after award. Several of our friends from out of state said all they heard was Ohio, Ohio, Ohio. Well, not entirely true, but we did exceptionally well at IC this year. And I did feel like I was up a lot accepting YOUR awards! Here is the nitty gritty:

3RD PLACE with monies made for St. Jude Research Hospital! The award reads:

"THIS EXTRAORDINARY AWARD IS PRESENTED TO OHIO FOR REACHING THE NEXT MILLION DOLLAR MARK OF 17 MILLION IN GIVING TO ST. JUDE CHILDREN'S RESEARCH HOSPITAL "

BE PROUD MY FRIENDS..this award goes to all of you.

The next three awards are for OUTSTANDING ACHIEVEMENT:

- 1.) In the area of: ESA FOR ST. JUDE-STATE DONATING MOST DOLLARS PER MEMBER: 2ND PLACE
- 2.) In the area of: PHILANTHROPIC STATE MONIES: 2ND PLACE
- 3.) In the area of: EASTER SEALS-STATE HOURS: 3RD PLACE

Wow! Remember these are awards that include ALL of the states! Again, BE PROUD of what you have done!

Not done yet...

Still under OUTSTANDING ACHIEVEMENT:

In the area of OUTSTANDING STATE WEBSITE: : FIRST PLACE

CONGRATS GOES TO BECKA LLOYD!

In the area OUTSTANDING STATE NEWS BULLETIN-4 ISSUES OR LESS:

FIRST PLACE: CONGRATS GOES TO KATHLEEN SEEWER!

Can you believe all of this?? I am so proud to have been your leader this past year..

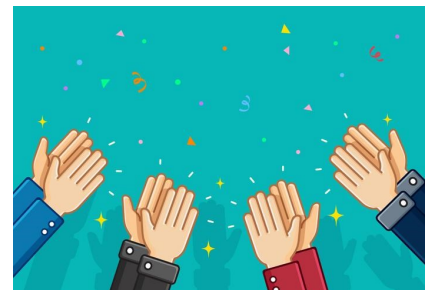
Congratulations Ohio...you certainly out did yourselves! Be proud and keep on working. You are an extraordinary, amazing group of women and men who have literally taken philanthropic to an all time high. Your loving, generous spirit shows in all you do. Congratulations to each of you from the bottom of my heart. I wish you had been with those of us that were able to go.

Our new President Brenda, was amazing as well. I look forward to supporting her efforts this year. She too, makes Ohio proud! We are all fortunate to have her.

So, smile, pat yourselves on your back and know you have shown the other states that no matter how small we may be....WE ARE MIGHTY AND STRONG!

PROUD to be your past President,

Joan



# ESA IC COUNCIL PRESIDENT . . . BRENDA MEYERS

A Moment Like This ~ Kelly Clarkson

“Oh, I can’t believe it’s happening to me. Some people wait a lifetime for a moment like this.”



**Thank you! Thank you! Thank you!** The stage was absolutely beautiful! I am so grateful to everyone who had a hand in creating this and making this week so special.

Check out the awesome ropes that Connected the 2023 – 2024 IC Board as Past IC Presidents Judi King and Judi Huntley performed the beautiful ceremony. The evening was made even more special as I was escorted by our son Sgt First Class Richard Smith.

It will be a great year serving with:

1st Vice-President, Lynda Edwards

2nd Vice-President, Celeste Webb

Treasurer, Angie Butenschoen

Recording Sec’y, Patti Gale

Parliamentarian, Brenda Campbell

Workshop Coordinator, Margaret Kramer

Corresponding Sec’y, Amanda Dixon

Jr. Past President, Denise Holdaway



Not all hard work though – these ladies found time for a shower in the President’s suite...

awards...



While Shirley was busy winning



And Terry was Ax Throwing with his new friend Jim (from Utah)!

*Thank you all so very much!!! Brenda Meyers, ESA IC Council President*

## CHAPLAIN... MADELEINE KURZYNSKI

Kind Thoughts from the Chaplain

One of the best things I learned at IC this year is the importance of friendships. Getting to reconnect when friends I haven't seen in a year was a blessing. Being able to catch up where we left off is a precious gift and makes you so much more appreciative of the friends you have. Whenever you think of a friend that needs a kind word, please give them call. You never know when a simple phone call may make their whole day!

One of my favorite quotes really means a lot to me and hope the same for you!

*A Strong Friendship does not need daily conversation; doesn't always need togetherness. As long as the relationship lives in the heart, true friends will never part.*

Lessonslearnedinlife.com

In addition please notify me of anyone that needs a card or a prayer for anything at all. I am always here and I want to make sure that all of Ohio's needs are met.

Love, Maddy

## SPECIAL PROJECTS. . . LISA ISAACS

### SPECIAL PROJECTS

*a little bit of everything*

For those of you who don't know who I am... My name is Lisa Isaacs, Treasurer of Alpha Zeta. I am in charge of Special Projects this year.

I am excited to announce this year's projects will benefit...

- ◆ The homeless people within our community with Blessing Bags
- ◆ Local Animal Shelter with supply donations and handmade toys
- ◆ Local Food Pantry with food drive

As we start into the Fall season, I look forward to seeing your smiling faces at the September Meeting. That is where our 1st Special Project will come together.

I am asking **every member who attends** to please bring a few small healthcare items that will fit in a gallon size bag, to be handed out to people in need. Any item that you think might be of use by someone who does not have anything, such as ChapStick, Band-Aids, tissue packs, deodorant, shampoo, small soap, etc.



# PARLIAMENTARIAN...BRENDA MEYERS

Greetings everyone! I'm really enjoying compiling this article for the BJ as I get to do it sitting in my brother Mike's house in Florida! Taking a little R&R and a weekend cruise to the Bahamas with him and wife Dawn – not a bad retirement so far!

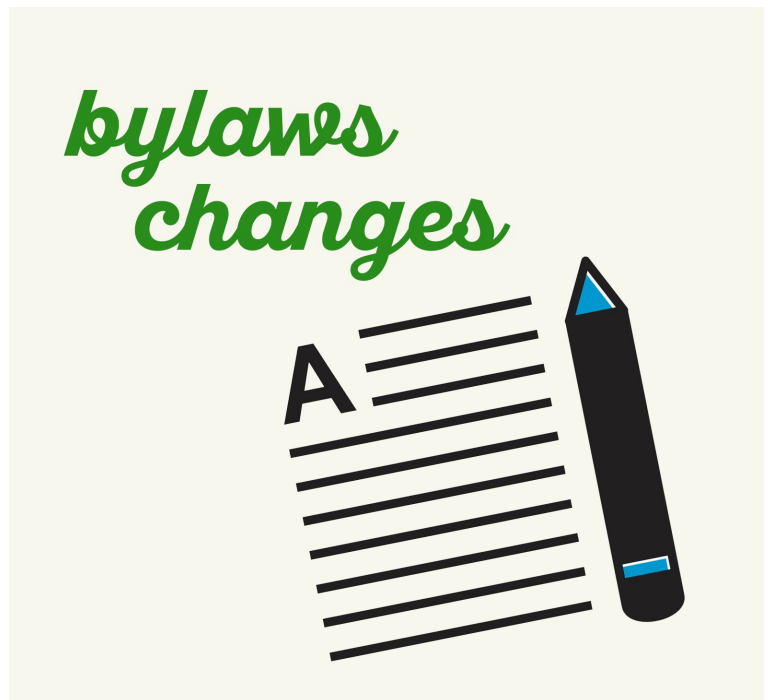
At IC Convention all proposed By-law and Standing Rule proposals were passed and Indiana member Brenda Campbell was elected as the 2023-2024 Parliamentarian. I got to work with Brenda during the 2022 IC Convention, and I know she will do a great job!

My goals this year are to review the current by laws and make any recommendations to the board if needed. I welcome any suggestions you and/or your chapter may have as well. The deadline for proposed changes is January 31, 2024. It is important to make any submissions on time as it takes time for the board to review and the proposals ready to be presented at the following council meeting.

Hope this finds you all well and prospering!

Brenda

**Proposed Changes due  
January 31, 2024.**





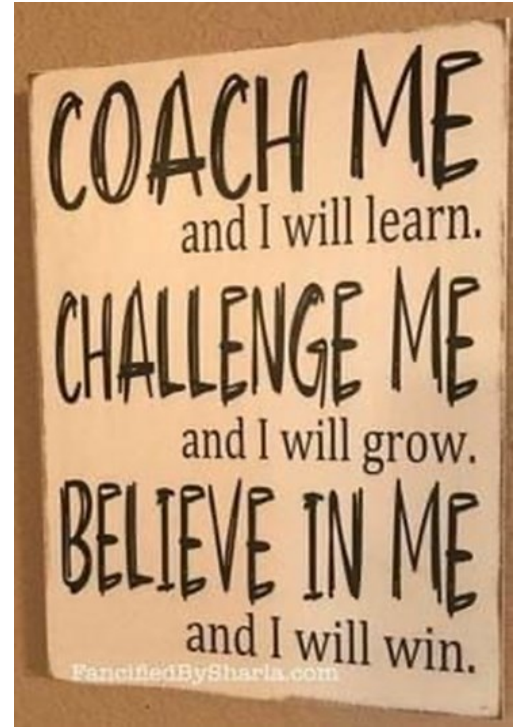
# FOUNDATION & YOUTH AWARD...MARY LYKINS

## Foundation

The ESA Foundation scholarship 2023-2024 season open September 1<sup>st</sup>. The scholarship link for all Midwest Area Council (MARC) state can be found on the ESAohio website as well as at the ESA Foundation website.

The winners for the 2022-2023 were posted on the ESA website. MARC states students received a total of seventy (71) scholarships. Many of the students received multiple scholarships. Ester Seundho Roh from Columbus, OH won the following endowments: Art & Sandy Fuller ; Ohio State/Nancy Waymire/ Carol Haas endowment, and the Rodger & Rehea Weaver Endowment. Gina Cardinale from North Canton OH won the Barabra & Clayton Campbell Breast Cancer endowment. Finally, Chole Sammond from Fairfield Twp, OH won the Dorothy Dyer Vanek Memorial endowment.

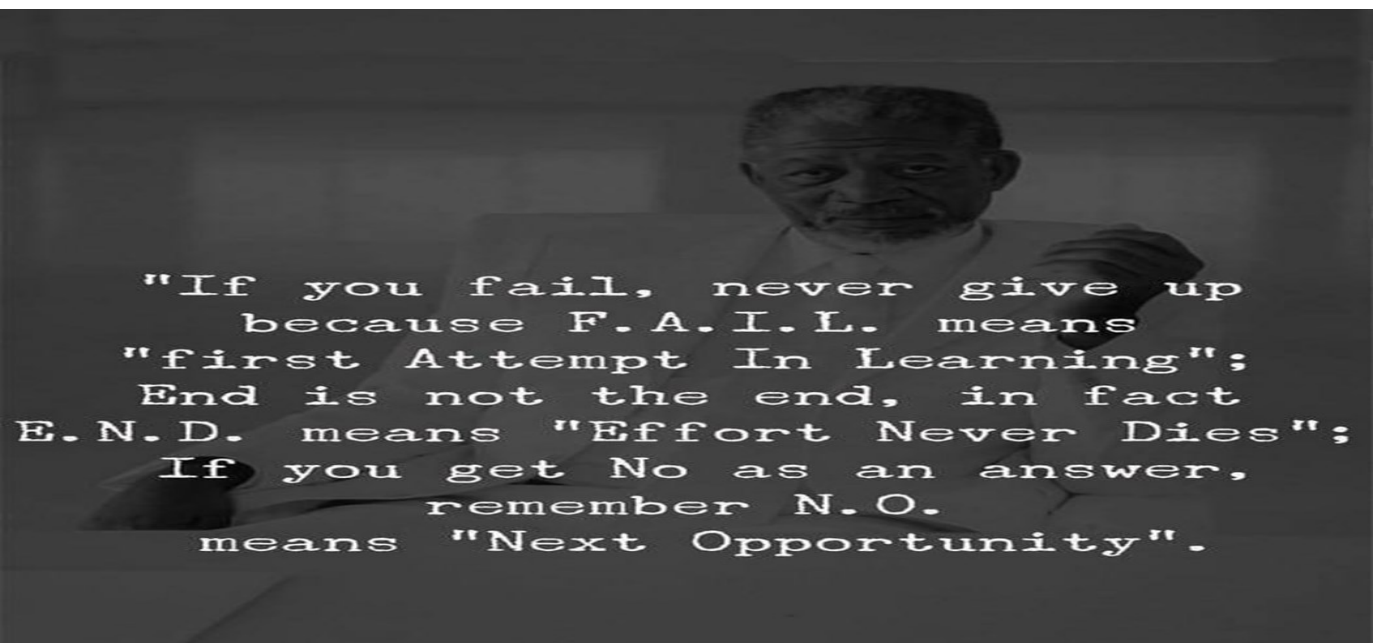
Please encourage all the students that you know and need assistance with school to consider applying for the ESA Foundation scholarships.



## Outstanding Youth

The Ohio State Council (OSC) Outstanding Youth Awardee, Lauren Hinshaw, and her mother Kristin attended the OSC convention luncheon on Saturday May 6<sup>th</sup>. At the award presentations, Lauren was presented with a \$1,000.00 check to assist with upcoming school expenses.

Lauren's essay is attached for your review. Additionally, pictures from the luncheon and presentation are include for those members that were unable to attend. The outstanding Youth Award package is on the ESA-Ohio website for your convenience. If you know an outstanding senior student, give them the package. **I will accept packages until February 1, 2024.**





## YOUTH AWARD ESSAY...LAUREN HINSHAW

To me, the definition of an outstanding individual is this: someone who values and exemplifies core values like integrity, a strong work ethic, humility, and consideration for others. Outstanding individuals aren't perfect, but they try.

What is integrity? First, it's when your words and your actions line up. Second, it's when you not only fulfill their promises, but you show prudence with your choices.

I have been identified by my peers, coaches, and teachers as someone who is reliable, dependable, disciplined, and respectful- components of integrity. I have never missed practice or work without a legitimate excuse. I can count on one hand, days that I have missed school in the past four years. In addition, I do not pretend to claim one thing and then live a different lifestyle. For example, I am a member of a club called H.U.D.D.L.E which teaches middle schoolers about the dangers of alcohol, smoking, and drugs. What I preach, I practice in my own life. While no one is perfect; it matters to me that my word holds weight because of my example. What I teach to the younger kids about drugs and life choices, I live out in my own life as a woman of my word.

Outstanding individuals also have a strong work ethic. This value is near and dear to my heart because truth be told, I'm not a natural scholar. Despite the occasional disparaging comment dispensed by a well-meaning teacher, I've always chosen to focus on what I can control-my effort. Faced with challenges, I am always determined to do the best with my ability.

I am proud to say that my mantra has served me well in my academic journey over the years. Undoubtedly, my strong work ethic carried me through my studies and sports. My attitude of determination, perseverance, humility to ask for help, and willingness to take risks to step out of my comfort zone, have propelled me far beyond what was expected. Since my sophomore year, I have not only advanced into higher level coursework, but have also participated in college classes. I have been inducted into the National Honors Society, and consistently receive recognition on the Honor Roll. I am beyond grateful to say that I will graduate not only with an honors diploma but also with an Associates of Liberal Arts degree from the community college this May.

An outstanding individual is someone who is not afraid to create their own path and rise above expectations, yet remains humble. They are critical thinkers who have the ability to adapt and to be flexible to the environment and people around them. They are teachable and recognize they don't have all the answers. They are known for listening rather than giving their opinions. They have an ability to see other's perspectives and to empathize. Also, they are inclusive because they recognize everyone has value and different gifts.

Encountering many different people in many different environments, I've had the opportunity to practice empathy, humility, and active listening over the years. For example, growing up in a racially and economically diverse church, I was taught to appreciate a variety of different people beyond their differences. This experience has helped me to consider what others may be going through before making judgments. Through our benevolent arm of the church, I have also had a lot of practice and exposure being able to work people from all walks of life in many different environments such as the Homeless Stand Down in Cleveland, the Lions Club lend a hand food distribution, annual walk for hunger, and most recently, volunteering with the Hope (Helping Other People Everywhere) Youth Corp. Over the summer, I had the opportunity to travel to Daytona Beach Florida to help teach foster kids how to swim. Keeping an open mind "to see" all people instills gratitude and builds unity. An outstanding individual appreciates those differences and is known for loving people.

life that have shaped me into the person I am today. My efforts have prepared me to compete for scholarship opportunities to help me to reach my end goals. I believe that I am an outstanding individual, not just because of what I have accomplished, but who I have touched and who I have become and continue to become because of my choices.

## YOUTH AWARD ESSAY (cont.)...LAUREN HINSHAW

Finally, an outstanding individual is one that encourages and makes everyone around them a better version of themselves. They have a team player mindset. I believe my position as a goal-keeper has helped develop this quality over the years. As the last line of defense, I see the entire field and appreciate every position in front of me. I am able to command the field and anticipate changes that need to take place to maintain a stronghold. I have learned that words of affirmation and providing clear constructive feedback is most effective. I recognize that I am only as strong as the people in front of me, and therefore, to succeed we need to build one another up and support one another. Each player is important. Out of all of my high school accolades, I am most proud of winning the 2022 best teammate award from my High School soccer program. I believe an outstanding individual is known as the glue—they have the ability to bring people together and to provide a safe space for people to feel free to grow.

Overall, outstanding means something or someone that is distinguished. I have been able to be a part of many great things in life. I have served, worked, loved, and competed in all different areas of my life that have shaped me into the person I am today. My efforts have prepared me to compete for scholarship opportunities to help me to reach my end goals. I believe that I am an outstanding individual, not just because of what I have accomplished, but who I have touched and who I have become and continue to become because of my choices.



## TREASURER...MARY LYKINS

Ohio State Council (OSC) dues have been paid for the 2023-2024 fiscal year. OSC has eight (8) chapters and a total membership of seventy-seven (77) members. Shortly after the International Council (IC) convention the council dues will be mailed to the new treasurer upon receipt of the invoice.

Reminder: All Chapters, District Councils, Regional Councils, State Councils, and any other Zone or Auxiliary MUST pay IC Council dues. All MUST submit a Tax-Form (Tax Facts) to Headquarters each year by September 15th. All individual ESA members MUST pay individual member dues which should be mailed to ESA Headquarters. Each year the month you pledged is the time that your IC dues should be paid. **Effective June 1, 2023** Epsilon Sigma Alpha will be increasing membership dues and new member fees by \$10.00. Dues are now \$59 (unless you are a senior or a Life-Active Member). The cost of a Life Active Membership will remain the same, and the current Life Active Member's membership will not be affected.

**Effective June 1, 2023:**

**ESA member dues will be as follows:**

Community Renewal Dues: \$59

Senior Renewal Dues: \$55

**ESA join fees will be as follows:**

New Member Fees: \$79

Legacy and Elan New Member Fees: \$59

This is the first dues increase since 2011 and the first join fee increase since 2003.

*Some days you have to create your own sunshine.*





# WAYS & MEANS...MARSHA REYNOLDS

## NEW IDEAS FORMING FOR FUNDRAISING

### OHIO STATE CONVENTION

#### MORE INFORMATION AVAILABLE IN THE NEAR FUTURE

Dear wonderful ESA Sisters,

I am here to help you with workshops, suggestions for fundraising projects, help you with your raffles.

Respectfully yours,

Marsha Reynolds

Ohio State Ways and Means





Hello from your St. Jude Reps, Exciting news for this years St. Jude fundraiser. We are going to try and get all the Ohio chapters involved to create an auction item for each month. Again, we will do a monthly online auction. These will be home made items just like we did last year, if your not crafty, a store bought item would be awesome too. Beth and I feel it was a very nice auction and we are excited to try it again this year. Each month we will put an auction item up on the Ohio state Facebook page, but I will also send the information to each chapter president so she/he can spread the word thought her/his chapter. We are also going to ask that you spread the auction item with family and friends asking for them to make a bid if they so desire. Our hope is to raise more then we did last year, to send to the hospital. Again we are asking for items for the holidays, ie: Christmas, Valentine's Day, Easter, thanksgiving, spring, summer fall and you get it!!! Whatever works for you. We have very talented women and men in this Ohio Chapter so please put your thinking cap on and see what you all can come up with.

Beth and I would also like the items ( a picture or a description) ahead of time so that we can decide when and what to start our bidding. Beth and I can decide that unless your want a

designated start point. We want to make sure all items are evenly mixed up. Same rules will apply as last year. The 15th of the month will be the last day to bid, but bidding may start higher than 25.00, depending on what was submitted. Everyone of the items submitted last year was awesome and we know and feel confident that this year will be bigger and better.

All items within 50 miles will be delivered, however, winners further away may be asked to pay shipping. Auction items will go from September through April..... so we need 8 items total. Please feel free to call me 514-310-6440, with questions. Technology isn't one of Beth or mine friend, so I hope you will give us grace and encouragement to make this as successful as it can be. Thanks to all you crafty men and women out there and let us know shortly what items you'll be making. Thanks everyone for all you do for the children at St. Jude. Nancy

### **Just got the results from the convention in Texas.**

I'd like to share with you and for those of us who couldn't attend.

I'm telling you Ohio, we are awesome. The work each and everyone of you do just goes to show how devoted each and everyone of us are. Stand proud Ohio and continue to do whatever your doing and let's make this year even bigger.

Many thanks from your St. Jude Reps, Nancy and Beth.

**Lifetime total: \$361,279,730**

**Grand Total for 2022-2023: \$19,826,651**

**Ohio: \$2,141,767**



## MARC...SHIRLEY KRCMAR and DENISE GUMBITA

We would like to invite you all to attend the MARC 2023 Oktoberfest presented by Illinois State Council on October 13-14, 2023 in East Peoria, Illinois. The Leadership on Friday always includes outstanding speakers with relevant information to our lives. This year we have very special speakers for Hope for Heroes. The committee will be collecting birthday cards and WalMart only gift cards for any children under the age of 18 that have lost a parent and are now part of Gold Star Families.

The main Ways and Means fundraiser is a little different this year. There are a few options for the “big donation event” on Friday night. The total dollar amount required from each state is \$250 but what gift cards are put in is different. States may continue to donate a purse...or your State can bring two (2) items OR bring in four (4) items!! Again, what you put your gift cards in is up to each State...this idea just gives each member the opportunity to bid and WIN at MARC.

Please bring donations of gift cards for this project to the September Council Meeting.

The Marketplace is back. Tables can be purchased for \$20 per table to sell your items. The form is on page 25 of this BJ, the deadline, **October 1**.

Choose to attend this conference and you will get the feeling you have been to a mini-IC Convention! As usual, meeting members from different states and having fun is a given.

Shirley Krcmar and Denise Gumbita



**Registration form for October 13-14, 2023 Leadership can be found on page 24.  
Deadline is September 12, 2023.**



## CHAPTER CHATTER . . . DELTA CHI

Happy Summer Ohio sisters,  
I hope you are all staying cool this hot, hot summer.

Several of us just got back from Grapevine Texas, where we attended a great convention. What a busy time for Joan, Shirley, and Maddy! Being Brenda's AA's was very time consuming, but very satisfying. Marsha and I tried to pitch in and help out as much as we could, but these ladies did a great job doing what had to be done! Everything turned out well, and Brenda's installation was beautiful. But.....the temperatures in Grapevine were 110 degrees, so we are all really glad to be back in Cincinnati!!

The workshops were great, meeting new and old friends was awesome, Bunko for Easters Seals was a blast, and the business meetings were, well, what can I say.....kind of boring, but what the heck, it's important to know what's going on!!

Ohio came home with plenty of awards. Shirley and Delta Gamma , again, won the award for hours and money raised for St. Jude,

Ohio won an award for the best State newsletter, and the award for the best state website.

Congratulations Kathleen and Becka for a job well done. You've made us proud!! I know a lot of time and effort go into those projects, so very well deserved.

Ohio won 3<sup>rd</sup> place for St. Jude, and Delta Chi won 2<sup>nd</sup> place for Easter Seal monies. Great job Ohio, for all your hard work and your dedication for all we do in ESA!

We have made some changes in our business meetings in Delta Chi. At

our last meeting, we all voted to meet in June, July, and August, instead of January, Feb, and March! Since it gets dark so early in the winter, we are to the point (and age) where none of us like to drive at night. The other reason, is because so many of us are now snow birds, and heading south for the cold months after Christmas. We're trying it for the year, and if we decide to change back, well, so be it!! We have also changed our meetings from 6:00 to 5:00, again, so we don't have to drive home from meetings in the dark! So far, it's worked well!

We've already gotten 2 educationals under our belt. Mary and Marge have taken over for Mary Beth after many years of doing it, and are doing a great job.

In June, we went to Shaker Trace Seed Nursery in Harrison Ohio. Shaker Trace is run by Hamilton County Parks. Their purpose is to harvest, process, and store native prairie and wetland seed for habitat restoration projects throughout our park system. We had a great tour by Jennifer, who runs the Nursery, learned a lot about native plants, and we were fortunate to have Jennifer join us for lunch.

In July, we all took a tour of Spooky Nook, the new sports complex in Hamilton. What a great place! We toured the hotel, the work out facility, conference rooms, pickle ball courts, and miles of basketball and volleyball courts, as well

as shops and restaurant spaces. That place is HUGE, and still growing. When it's done, it will be one of the biggest sports facilities in the country. And of course, we went to lunch after.

Our philanthropic endeavors are growing. Many of us have been volunteering at Find A Way, which is a supported living building owned by LADD. (Living Arrangements for the Developmentally Disabled). We've been helping with preparing and serving community dinners, game and craft nights, and in August, we will be helping to build a humming bird/butterfly garden in the back patio area. The residents love when we come, and we love being there.

Another one of our newer projects is making quilts/afghans for Butler County Foster Kids. So far, we have turned in 10 finished quilts, and 2 afghans, but there are about 30 or so more in progress! Jill, our "new" member started this project for us, and has donated tons of fabric, batting, etc to keep this project moving. We even made quilt labels to sew into the corner of each quit that says "Made with love from ESA, to help you along your way" It's been a super great project, especially since several chapters are doing it together, as well as non ESA members who are seeing what great things ESA does for so many people.....I am anticipating some new members joining this coming year....let's keep our fingers crossed!

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

I have to mention our mini quilt retreat at Elk Lake in the beginning of June. Several of us, as well as members of other chapters, got together for the weekend to quilt, sew, laugh, and just have a fun relaxing time. Our chapter yearly retreat is coming up in August, and we are so excited! It's a wonderful relaxing weekend of reconnecting, and just having a good time.

We also have our yearly neighborhood garage sale coming up...actually, by the time this newsletter comes out, it will be behind us, so we'll report about that in our next newsletter!

Our continued prayers to all those who are having health issues, in our chapter and all our Ohio sisters. We love you all and pray keep you in our prayers.

I also want to congratulate our own Brenda Meyers from Beta Psi on becoming our IC president! It was a beautiful installation. Brenda was accompanied by her handsome son Richard, who was in full military dress uniform. It was

beautiful, and I know Brenda will be an awesome president!!

Prayers to all and God Bless!

Stay safe and healthy. Beth



Mini Quilt Retreat at Elk Lake

Quilts for Butler Foster kids





**More Quilts**





# CHAPTER CHATTER...DELTA GAMMA

Our summer began with Denise Gumbita and I going to the floor signing at the St. Jude Dream Home. The open houses began July 22 and will be held for five weeks ending the weekend of August 20. Sarah Bistline, Denise, and I will be spending our weekends there. The drawing of the winner will be August 23. Nothing was more exciting than seeing our own Brenda Meyers installed as president of ESA International Council! We are so proud of her. The

meetings and zoom calls this summer prepared us for all the ways we could support her. We were fortunate that Therese Snively and Beth Laage drove to Texas and were able to transport stage decorations, etc. Our Ohio entourage was small but mighty and Brenda was pleased with all we did. The Awards Luncheon provided much cheering and excitement for all the awards Ohio received. Delta Gamma is so proud to have received the 2<sup>nd</sup> place award "ESA for St. Jude – Largest Individual Event."

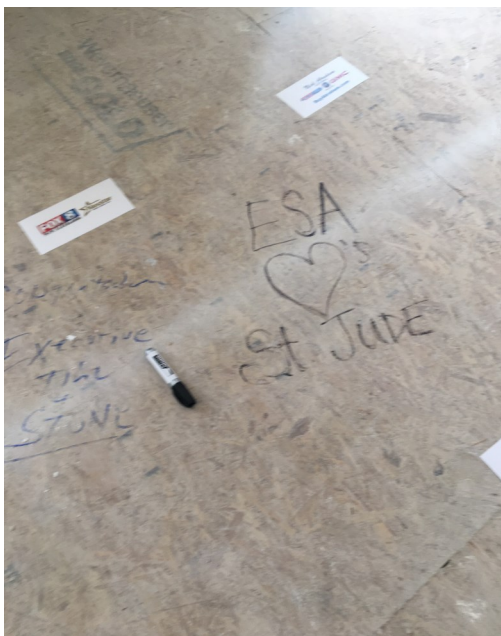
My personal life was also filled with joy and excitement as our grandson, Kyle, and his bride, Rebecca, exchanged marriage vows on July 8. They asked me to provide a dessert table so I baked, baked and . . . .baked. It was appreciated. Denise had cataract surgery and is happy to have normal sight again. Shirley Kreemar, President



Christi Chapel and Shirley-floor signing



Denise, Shirley and Evan-floor signing



**Open House**  
Shirley  
Sarah Bistline  
Denise



## CHAPTER CHATTER ... GAMMA KAPPA

GAMMA KAPPA says hi to each of you. CONGRATULATIONS to Brenda our new IC president and Amanda Rowland the new IC corresponding secretary. What an exciting time for each of you, as you serve our terrific organization.

Hats off to OSC for the awards we were presented. Kathleen for best newsletter (we've known your terrific for a long time). Becka for best website, you're the best, 3<sup>rd</sup> place for St. Jude monies and 2<sup>nd</sup> place hours for easter seals. No one person is responsible, but together we make a winning team.

Summer time for Gamma Kappa has been busy with family activities, from Maddy Kurzynski

going to England for her nephew's wedding to Elaine Harrison spending time in the Savannah area with her brother. Rita Eigel's condo has had outdoor work done, that was needed but very noisy. She has also been helping with tutoring/ caring for her grandson & helping her granddaughter recover from major jaw/teeth surgery. Debra Kirby has been caring for grandchildren three days a week, but is still finding time to enjoy her pool and vacation in Florida with family. Amy Hudoba became a first time grandma to a granddaughter in April. Grace Striley, Amy Hudoba, Elaine Harrison and Kathy Solt continue to recover from health issues, but it hasn't

kept them from having some good times.

August will bring a planning meeting for the chapter to figure out what exciting and worthwhile activities 2023 & 2024 will happen.

## CHAPTER CHATTER...GAMMA BETA

Hello Everyone,

Gamma Beta hopes all of you had a good summer.

My big project—master bath remodel is finally completed.

Pat's water leak with the accompanying damage is repaired.

Kathleen has been busy with various activities.

Mary has added more volunteer duties to her already full schedule.

The chapter is working on the details for the upcoming Fall Council Meeting.

# Save the Date

**Please plan to attend.**

**September 30, 2023**

The Registration form is located on **page 24** with directions on page 25 of this BJ.

Registration deadline is September 15, 2023.

Carol Hazelett  
Gamma Beta President

## Summer Greetings from Sigma Chi

I hope everyone is enjoying summertime with family and friends.

Some favorite summer activities: Traveling to meet up with friends or family; family reunion/celebration; relaxing at the pool or beach with a good book; enjoying the great outdoors (picnicking, hiking, biking, boating); a day at the movie theater with friends; concerts at the parks; enjoying a REDS baseball game or even grandkids' little-league game. Recently I did get to see 2 movies on my bucket list for this summer: the *Barbie* movie, I went with an old friend (yes, we had pink things to wear). *Barbie* and *Barbie Land* was refreshing with summer colors and sets, was cute and funny. The movie transitions when Barbie and Ken enter the Real World, into LA in the country of California (narrator's words..lol), and they discover diverse humans with complicated emotions, lifestyles and differing roles. Barbie is faced with Do I want the perfect *Barbie Land* or the problematic Real World? Is there a perfect life? From there, the introspection about ever-changing female and male roles seemed to bog down the ending - "We all need more Kenpathy".

On the other end of the entertainment spectrum, my husband and I went to see the *Oppenheimer* movie at an iMax theater. In this WWII historic-period we see the many challenges of Professor Oppenheimer, the creator of the atomic bomb, as physicists and scientists are needed to build the first atomic bomb in hopes of ending the war. Also, Oppenheimer is faced with balancing societal and political controversies that threaten his US national security status. The movie is 3 hrs long but it held your attention. I've been reading the very long book "American Prometheus: The Triumph and Tragedy of J. Robert Oppenheimer". Here's a good 1 ½ hr video "To End All War: Oppenheimer, the atomic bomb" that summarizes the movie... Spectrum on demand, under the Library menu: <https://ondemand.spectrum.net/tv/msnbc/25056896/to-end-all-war-oppenheimer--the-atomic-bomb/>

## Philanthropy

### Easterseals Redwood (greater Cincy area, Northern KY)

Team "Sigma Chi of ESA" is again participating in the 3<sup>rd</sup> annual **Honor Ride (Saturday, 8/19/23)**, family-friendly, non-competitive bicycle ride to honor the service and sacrifice of our nation's servicemembers. Anyone can ride with family, friends or at the gym. All proceeds benefit Easterseals Redwood Military & Veterans Services. More info can be obtained at <https://p2p.onecause.com/eastersealshonorride>

## St. Jude

**St. Jude Walk/Run September 30, 2023:** Team "Sigma Chi of ESA - Cincinnati" will again be doing our virtual/remote St. Jude Walk - most likely at Seven Gables Park in Symmes Twp. I don't know why the physical ALSAC Cinti WALK event downtown was cancelled this year, but we'll continue supporting the St. Jude WALK with all our presence and spirit at our remote spot.

**"Bunco For St. Jude Kids":** At our annual St. Jude benefit hosted by Sigma Chi the "Bunco For St. Jude Kids" event in April 2023, was held at a new location - the Symmes Twp Safety Center. Many thanks to ESA sisters from local chapters who came and donated to make our event successful. Our total proceeds to St. Jude were \$5,807. We received positive feedback on having another Bunco event in 2024 at the same location, so mark your calendars ladies and gents for "Bunco For St. Jude Kids" on **Sunday, April 7, 2024 (1 week after Easter)**.

**Pregnancy Center Plus:** Pregnancy Center East (PCE) has changed their name to **Pregnancy Center Plus**. Same location in Madisonville but a new name to reflect the "Plus" of their mission providing comprehensive support. They provide the vital information and resources to not just choose life but thrive with that decision. They are partnering with and provide adoption services, tele-med prenatal care, nutritional and psychological counseling, and other critical services all onsite. Sigma Chi will continue supporting Pregnancy Center Plus by purchasing new baby car seats, other baby needs and with financial donations.

**Matthew 25: Ministries:** We'll continue volunteering at the M25:M facility in Blue Ash and contribute with supplies/financially as needed to aid in ongoing disasters.

## Educationals

Our most recent educational on March 2023 was a private tour and educational

discussion at the **Islamic Center of Greater Cincinnati (West Chester, OH)**. Some of the topics covered: The word *Islam* literally means "submission" in Arabic, as in submission to God. The word *Muslim* means the person who practices Islam. Similarities between Islam, Judaism and Christianity religions are they're all: monotheistic (believe in 1 God) and Abrahamic religions; Old Testament figures like Adam, Noah, Abraham and Moses are considered prophets in Islam. Jesus is also a revered prophet. The "five pillars" of Islam are: *Tawhid* (faith), *Sallah* (prayer) 5 times per day, *Zakah* (charity), *Sawm* (fasting) Ramadan, and *Hajj* (pilgrimage to Mecca). Muslims worldwide profoundly reject the hate-filled doctrine espoused by ISIS. It is a radical terrorist organization seeking to legitimize its actions by tying them to a respected religion. In Cincinnati and elsewhere in US, every reputable Muslim organization has consistently and publicly denounced ISIS and its acts of terror. The media doesn't post the statements made by the Islamic Center - they condemn hate and violence.

## New Sigma Chi Member

After attending our Bunco For St. Jude event in April, Jane Palmer (sister of Sigma Chi member Barb Murray) decided to join Sigma Chi. She is very interested in supporting St. Jude and other philanthropic work and ESA socials - see Judy's Bunco picture.

## OSC Meeting Spring 2024

The OSC Spring 2024 meeting will be hosted by Sigma Chi at the Symmes Safety Center (same location as last year). The meeting date will be announced soon.



**SIGMA CHI SPRING APRIL 23 MEETING**



Kim Roman at Bunco For St. Jude Kids



Rita Eigel at Bunco For St. Jude Kids



Judy Palmer, Sigma Chi new member  
Bunco For St. Jude Kids

## MORE PICTURES FROM OSC MEETING



Donations from ESA Ohio for  
Matthew 25: Ministries



Matthew 25: Ministries is an international humanitarian aid and disaster relief organization helping the poorest of the poor and disaster victims locally, regionally, nationally, and internationally regardless of race, creed, or political persuasion.



March St. Jude auction package made by  
Debbie Martins, Sigma Chi



Saturday, September 30, 2023

First Presbyterian Church  
1130 Highview Drive  
Fairborn, OH 45324

**\$35** includes continental breakfast and Box Lunch.

Total Registration Fee: **\$35.00**  
(due by **September 15, 2023**)

**Breakfast 9:00 – 9:30 a.m. Meeting 9:30 a.m.**

**Box Lunch options:** ALL options include Chips and a homemade cookie (chef's choice).

- A. **Blackberry Patch:** Bavarian Ham, Swiss Cheese, Purple Onion, Lettuce & Seedless Blackberry Jam on a Croissant.
- B. **Cranberry Turkey:** Honey Smoked Turkey w/Provolone Cheese & Homemade Cranberry Compote & Lettuce on a Croissant.
- C. **Melted Medley Grilled Cheese:** Our Herb Cream Cheese Spread with Munster Cheese & American Cheese on Grilled Sourdough.

**Please check your choice: A or B or C in the Lunch column**

Name	Chapter Name	Lunch (check one)			\$35
		A	B	C	

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

**Mail Registration Form and Money to:**  
Kathleen Seewer, 1825 Langview Dr., Fairborn, OH 45324-4001

**Questions?**  
Email  
Kathleen Seewer  
[kseewer@earthlink.net](mailto:kseewer@earthlink.net)  
or Call  
937-878-0508 (home)  
937-272-6289 (cell)

**Directions to the Church on the next page.**



Directions to the OSC Fall Council meeting:

**First Presbyterian Church, 1130 Highview Drive, Fairborn, 45324**



Fellowship Hall Entrance



### **From the North**

From I-70, Take I-675 South, take **Exit 24** off I-675 toward Fairborn. Turn **Right** at the bottom of the exit. Proceed westbound on Route 444 (Broad Street) toward Fairborn, about 1 mile. The Church is on the right between Overlook Drive and Highview Drive.

Turn **RIGHT** on Overlook drive and then **Left** into the Church parking lot. Park in the Lot immediately adjacent to the Fellowship Hall entrance. If you miss Overlook Drive, turn **Right** on Highview (traffic light) with Speedway on corner. From Highview, make an **immediate right** into the front parking lot then proceed **Left** up steep drive bearing right near the top which brings you to the parking lot immediately outside the Fellowship Hall.

### **From the South**

Take I -75 North to I-675 North to **Exit 24** (Route 444-Enon, Fairborn). Turn **Left** at the bottom of the Exit. Proceed westbound on Route 444 (Broad Street) toward Fairborn, about 1 mile. The Church is on the right between Overlook Drive and Highview Drive. Turn **RIGHT** on Overlook drive and then an immediate **Left** the front parking lot then first **Right** up steep drive bearing right near the top which brings you to the parking lot immediately outside the Fellowship Hall. This faces the Overlook Drive side of the church.

**The Fellowship Hall entrance is handicap accessible.**

If you miss Overlook Drive, turn **Right** on Highview (traffic light) with Speedway on corner. From Highview, make an **immediate right** into the front parking lot then proceed **Left** up steep drive bearing right near the top which brings you to the parking lot immediately outside the Fellowship Hall. This faces the Overlook Drive side of the church. The Fellowship Hall entrance is handicap accessible.

If you turn Right on Highview (traffic light), our church will be on your Right. If you missed the lower lot entrance, Turn Right just past church and proceed around building to the parking lot just past the overhanging canopy.

**Note:** other groups are meeting at the church so depending on when you arrive, you may need to park in the lot adjacent to the overhang canopy. While facing the canopy, proceed Left to the sidewalk and proceed to the doors to the Fellowship Hall.

**You may also use the handicap ramp entrance next to the canopy entrance.**

**Call Kathleen at 937-272-6289 for access.**



**Midwest Area Regional Council  
38<sup>th</sup> Annual Conference  
Embassy Suited by HILTON  
East Peoria, Illinois  
October 13-14, 2023  
Hosted by Illinois State Council**



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

**Current Officer /  
Offices Held**

(Check all that apply)

- MARC Exec Board
- MARC Appt Board
- MARCette
- IC Exec Board
- IC Appt Board
- ESA Foundation
- ESA Headquarters
- 1<sup>st</sup> Time Attendee
- Guest
- Youth Attendee

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

**Postmarked no later than 9/12/2023**

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

**Postmarked after 9/12/2023**

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

**Walk-in Registration after 10/1/2023**

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

**Partial Registration**

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

**Youth Meals (Under 12 years old) \***

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

**Total Endowed \$ \_\_\_\_\_**

**Medical Dietary Restrictions (additional charges may apply) \_\_\_\_\_**

**Mail to: Rhonda Rawlings, Conference Treasurer/Registration Chair P.O. Box 581 Neoga, IL 62447**

**Email: esarawlings@gmail.com Phone: 217-621-4637**

**\*Registration Chair will contact you with youth meal choice**

**Hotel Information: Embassy Suites by Hilton 100 Conference Center Dr, East Peoria, IL 61611 Phone: 309-694-0200**

**Group Code: EPS for Group Rate click link to make a reservation <ESA MARC 2023>**

**Room Block honored until September 21, 2023**

**Room Rates: \$139 Single/Double; \$149 Triple; \$159 Quad per night, plus tax.**

**\*Room rates honored two days prior / after conference based upon availability**

**Complimentary self-park, in room Wi-Fi & free breakfast and manager's reception.**

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

**Name on Card \_\_\_\_\_ CC# \_\_\_\_\_**

**Exp Date \_\_\_\_\_ CVS \_\_\_\_\_ (Note: CC# & information will be blacked out and shredded after processing)**

**All cancellation requests must be made in writing, postmarked by 9/1/2023, if approved, a \$15 cancellation fee applies; one-time only member to member registration is allowed by 9/1/2023 with a \$15 processing fee.**

*Approved 3/20/2023*

Marketplace Registration Form:

# MARKETPLACE



All market place vendors are solely responsible for displaying their own items meaning packing up on Friday and reopening on Saturday.

There will be NO RAFFLES allowed at MARC due to the Gaming Laws of Illinois ... AND ... only Affinity approved vendors can use our ESA logo in their items for sale!!

Cost is \$20 per table

RESERVATIONS REQUESTED NLT OCT 1, 2023

Name:

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State:

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Chapter:

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Checks payable to MARC  
Send your reservations to:  
Rebecca Hatton, MARC Ways & Means  
1306 Musket Hollow  
St Charles MO 63303  
314-518-5932      Ldyrebca@aol.com





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Articles for the Winter BJ issue are due:

**January 4, 2024**

Kathleen Seewer  
Editor

## Smile of the Day

Meanwhile in Florida, the alligators have developed sign making skills.

