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Hello dear sisters!

Happy New year! I hope this year brings each of you good health as well as happy times with your family and friends. We are all very blessed to welcome 2023!

Here are a few important dates I would like to remind you about:

December 31st was the end of the 50 for 50 Challenge. Thank you so very much for your participation in this unique event! On JANUARY 26 there will be a virtual celebration! Please look for details at a later date. You will need to register on the ESA website.

January 31: all proposed by law changes are due to Shirley Krcmar.

February 1: State philanthropic projects are to be submitted to Carol Hazelet.

Please, if possible, submit 4 projects to support and we will vote them down to 2. The last couple of years we recognized every project, which we will continue to do, however that decision was only voted to take place for two years.

February 23: Amanda Rowland and I will attend the Leadership Conference in Denver, Colorado.

The 10th of each month: please send your educationals to Pat Walker or Linda Dawes, our two educational chairs.

The 4th Monday of each month: Coffee chats from headquarters at 11AM or 7 PM. Try to attend to one, they are fun and informative. You can register on the ESA website. Tracy Swanson, Membership Director is the host. If you do not know her, you can meet her through the chats. She is an exceptional person that I personally love!

Please send your prayer requests to our Chaplain, Therese Snively. She will then send out to the rest of the state. Tsnively@me.com

Thank you from the bottom of my heart, for being such caring, loving people who make a large part of their life caring and doing for others. You are the reason I feel privileged to be your President.

Take care dear friends. You remain in my heart.

Joan

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VICE PRESIDENT . . . AMANDA ROWLAND



Hello everyone and happy new year. Welcome to 2023!

As most of you know there was some movement with in the board.

I've gladly accepted the position of Vice President. I am super excited to be taking on this task once again. Joan Farabee and I will be attending Leadership in Denver in February. We are eager to learn and bring back some great information to share at the next Council meeting.

As Vice President again its time to submit those meeting bids and convention bids. As of now I have two, Sigma Chi and Pi Xi. Please let me know as soon as you can if you would like to submit a bid.

Also with that comes the need to fill my board. I know a lot of you have held offices over and over but I believe I will

have members step up and join me once again. So now I ask for candidates for office for the 2023-2024 year. Please join me!

I am looking forward to continuing my journey with the Ohio State Council once again.

Thank you for your trust in me and all the members support.

Welcome 2023!

MEMBERSHIP...BECKY KARLAK

MEMBERSHIP REPORT

We are very pleased to report that five new members have joined ESA so far this year. We still have a few more months to encourage even more individuals to join us in our wonderful endeavors.

PiXi

Pi Xi hosts a "Meet and Greet" every year at a local restaurant. The chapter orders appetizers and drinks and discusses ESA with new friends. PiXi shares events they volunteer for and make sure they make phone calls to provide potential members with information.

Amanda Rowland

President, PiXi

DELTA CHI

Delta Chi's approach to increasing membership in ESA has been, "GO WITH WHO YOU KNOW".

Our chapter membership committee decided to introduce several women who we knew from other associations to our chapter through a "GAME NIGHT" held at a sister's home. New "Recruits" (numbering 4) came by invitation with a Delta Chi sister, to witness the fun we all have together. Our members supplied beverages. And goodies along with some fun games that all could play (charades, Liar, Liar). We give them information about our meetings, Educationals, charities we support, and history of

volunteering we have done in the past. We are thrilled that we have added four new members.

Diane Adams

Delta Chi

Membership Committee

In the last newsletter I listed all the ideas for bringing in new members that the Membership Committee came up with in May. We will convene once again in April or May to assess our progress. Welcome any ideas. We truly believe this is an important endeavor so that our work will continue.

Becky Karlak

Membership Chair

Delta Chi



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Instagram: <https://www.instagram.com/oscofesa/>

Facebook Page: <https://www.facebook.com/OSCOFESA>

Don't forget to send me things to post. Thanks.

WAYS & MEANS . . . AMANDA ROWLAND & MARSHA REYNOLDS

Hello Sisters and brothers! Raising money for the council is where its at this year! We are so excited you all are such good sports for our ideas this year! At the September council meeting we did the Umbrella game with fun prizes! We raised over \$60 with just CHANGE, can you believe it!



FOUNDATION & YOUTH AWARD...MARY LYKINS

Foundation



As the 2022-2023 ESA Foundation Scholarship application window is drawing to a close on February 1, 2023 11:00 pm Mountain Standard Time I would like to thank the following sisters for their assistance in getting the information to Ohio High Schools – Adara McCarty; Debbie Martins; Kathleen Seewer; Madeleine Kurzynski; Nancy Peck; Pat Walker; Shirley Krcmar, and Tonya Campbell. The team was able to contact over 300 schools.

Ohio students have twenty-seven (27) scholarships which are available to them. In 2021-2022 five (5) Ohio students were awarded scholarships. MARC students were awarded a total of seventy (70) scholarships of 238 available scholarships.

In closing, Thank you sisters for your help.

Outstanding Youth

The Epsilon Sigma Alpha International Council (IC) appointed Outstanding Youth Award Chair this year is Jennifer Sparkman from Guthrie, Oklahoma. Thanks to Kathy Lloyd, ESA Foundation Scholarship Chair, for finding the chairperson's name. Since I did not find out whom the chair is for 2022-2023 until now, I did not send any information out to the high schools. If applications are received by the February 1st deadline as in previous years, I will review them for completion and have them reviewed for an Ohio Outstanding Youth award. The OSC winner will be forwarded for review at the IC level.

In closing, as of this article, if packages are received, an Outstanding Youth Award will be awarded by the Ohio State Council.



WEB MASTER...BECLA LLOYD

Happy New Year, ESA Ohio!!

I hope you all had the happiest of holidays! Just a few updates to the website lately! I have added a few pages and started putting announcements on the front-facing page.

Some of the new things are the Scholarships page. I added some Ohio-specific scholarship information with the link to the Scholarships page on the ESA website. I will also add information about the fees per each scholarship application.



I'm also looking into if we can build some capability to run our St. Jude bidding on the website. I am still looking into it to see if Weebly has the ability to do it and if we can do something like this on the site.

I've also made an Archive for all the older "Happenings." That way, the page doesn't get too long. If any chapters have any events and photographs, please send them my way so I can post them!

Also, just as a reminder, if your chapters have any events and you need flyers for them, please let me know and I will make them in Canva and send them to you to post, and we can give them to Mandy to post on social media.

Best wishes in this new year, and let's make it the best!

ESA Love and Hugs,

~Becka



Greeting to all our Ohio ESA sisters and friends,

Here is hoping that the miracle of Christmas filled your hearts with wonder and joy! The holidays come and go so quickly, I hope you've all had some time to reflect on the true meaning of the season and were able to embrace all the blessings bestowed upon us!

Just a few newsworthy items and reminders from our St. Jude rep for IC, Heather Hoey.

The Memphis Marathon was a huge success again this year. There were about 40 ESA members participating, raising about \$50,000! All total, Evan reported that the Marathon raised over 14 Million Dollars!!! Thats awesome!!!! We can never raise enough for our kids at St. Jude, that 14 million for one marathon is absolutely awesome!!

The 50 for 50 challenge has officially come to an end, as of December 31! At this time, according to Heather's email at the beginning of December, ESA has raised \$148,846.00, with a goal of \$150,000.00. I have not heard who the winning state is, or the final figures yet, however, by the time this article is published, I'm sure we'll all know. I can tell you the ESA/50 year celebration will be January 26th at 7pm for our time zone.

To get tickets, go to epsilonsigmaalpha.org/events.

Ohio did an amazing job, raising a total of \$1,829.15!

Congratulations to all who participated in raising money for a cure, and for helping to celebrate our 50 year partnership with St. Jude!

If anyone is in want of a St. Jude 50 year lapel pin, they are still available at esamerch.square.site.

Our Ohio Fundraiser for St. Jude, our silent auction, is going strong and I want to thank all of you who have participated! So far, we have auctioned off a super cute porch snowman, praying Santa yard art, a beautiful cape and purse set, and lottery tickets, potentially worth \$278,000.00! So far, all of our winners have been ESA sisters, but we have had bids from ESA members, family and friends.

This month's item is a beautiful quilt donated by Beta Psi, (and made by Therese Snively) Please get on the ESA Ohio facebook page and place you bids so you can stay warm snuggled under Therese's beautiful quilt. Remember to like and share once you get on the face book page.....and if you are not on facebook, ask any chapter member, or myself, or Nancy Bolander, and we would be happy to put your bid in for you. Bidding has started at \$50.00, and all bids are in increments of \$5.00. Lets' kick cancers butt and help realize Danny Thomas's dream that "No child should die in the down of life!"

I was able to get in contact with Evan a few weeks ago, so here is some information he asked that I pass along:

The dream home for Ohio/Ky Campaign will start on April 7th, with the home being buit in Union Ky. The ticket office will be as in the past few years, but he will give us more information in February. We will be selling 14.000 tickets, but as in the past years, they will be selling online!!! Yea!!!! So, we will not have to sell tickets at the open houses.

The Cleveland Dream home is being built in Mayfield Heights, Ohio, and their tickets go on sale February 23rd. Good luck Shirley!!! Not that you need it.....you always sell out way before Cincinnati!!!

And, as I mentioned above, the Memphis Marathon brought in over \$14 Million!!!!

Here is wishing you all a safe, healthy, and blessed 2023!

Hugs, and God Bless to you all

Beth

Delta Chi

MARC...Marsha Reynolds

The following is my report for the state of Ohio: The MARC CONFERENCE in Tulsa, Oklahoma was my first conference and I must say I was very excited to be there as the Ohio representative.

As a fairly new member to ESA, I had heard from many chapters how wonderful the speakers were and I certainly was not disappointed. Thank you to the conference committee for great presentations. Lori Fullbright gave so much information that I took back to my chapter about protecting yourself. Katie Drilling and Dr Michael Horton presentations were equally extremely interesting. I had interesting conversations with members who were nominated to be on the MARC board.

Listening to the reports and voting on issues gives you a sincere look at what is happening in MARC and ownership. Several issues were addressed by state representatives to the Marc Executive Board: add [to Bylaws]:

- A. The annual MARC Leadership and Conference shall be hosted by a MARC state according to a rotation plan.
 - B. Based on historical information and bids received, the rotation will begin in 2015 and will continue in chronological order every 11 years thereafter. Ohio meeting is scheduled for 2030.
 - C. A member state that cannot host in rotation must advise the MARC Junior Past President/ Nominating Committee Chair at least 2 years prior to the scheduled date so that an exchange date can be negotiated with another member state.
 - D. Host State Chairman and/or co-chairmen will be announced 2 years out at the MARC meeting at IC.
 - E. All profit from the Annual Conference shall be given to the MARC treasure for deposit.
 - F. The annual MARC Leadership and Conference hotel contracts will be signed each year by the current MARC President. THE REASON FOR F, IS TO CLARIFY THAT MARC IS THE RESPONSIBLE PARTY FOR ANY HOTEL INDEBTEDNESS AND IS THE OFFICIAL REPRESENTATIVE FOR THE CONFERENCE AND NOT THE HOSTING STATE. EXAMPLE: IF MARC DOES NOT MEET ATTRITION, THEN IT IS THEIR RESPONSIBILITY TO PAY, NOT THE HOST STATE.
- THE SECOND ISSUE: The proposed MARC 2022-2023 Budget was OVER (-\$6,055.00) There were many discussions about the budget and that changes needed to be made to not have such a deficit. The motion was not approved. There was more discussion as that most of the expenses come from the Marc board members traveling to other states and hotel/flight/ miles expenses. One past IC president made reference that all states have representatives from their own states that could share all the information from MARC. The executive board went into closed session to prepare another proposed budget. Expenses removed were \$300.00 MARC spring board meeting, \$3,900.00 MARC REPS State Convention Mileage, \$300.00 MARC REPS State Convention Other. So with the new budget and these changes the budget was approved. 2022-2023 MARC Executive Board: President, Bonnie Templeton; Vice President, Jill Shull; Parliament, Heather Hoey; Recording Secretary, Amanda Rowland; Treasurer, Brittany Rosenmund; Communicator, Jennifer Sparkman; Jr. Past President, Kim Poling.

Membership is an on going need in all states. My chapter, Delta Chi, was on a retreat at a lake house and we did a zoom meeting with Amanda Rowland chapter, PIXI, each of Delta Chi members sharing why ESA is important to them. PIXI gained a new member. Delta Chi members walked and volunteered at the St.Jude Walk and we gained a new member. We have invited guest to come to our meetings demonstrating just how much fun we have and we have gained 2 new members. At this time I have not spoken to all our chapters but I will see several of the during the holidays, hopefully more new members.

Respectfully submitted,

Marsha Reynolds

Ohio State MARC Representative



CHAPTER CHATTER . . . BETA PSI

Happy New Year from Beta Psi.

We hope everyone had enjoyable holidays.

Two of Beta Psi's three working members retired in December – Debbie Lambdin and Judi Grefer. Also, this month Joan Peddicord will be celebrating her 90th birthday, January 23!

We are working on the plans for the OSC Convention. We will be discussing locations in a central location (Columbus area) and planning at our January meeting. It has been difficult to find places that are affordable for our group, but we aren't giving up!!! We are looking at different options and locations – so don't be surprised if we have unique plans for the convention.

We will have more information for you at the next state meeting, or sooner. Therese Snively is working on locations and making plans in the Columbus area. Thank you Therese for all the work you have been doing for the convention!!!

We look forward to seeing you at the next state meeting.

Judi Grefer, President

CHAPTER CHATTER . . . DELTA CHI

Hello to all our Ohio ESA sisters,

Happy New Year....hoping you all had a safe and healthy Christmas season!

Delta Chi has had a busy year so far....it seems there is just not enough time in the day anymore. We all thought we'd have so much time on our hands once we retired, but what the heck!!!! We all seem to be busier than ever!!!

One of our most important events, is that our beautiful matriarch Celia, turned 101 years old in October! Celia is such an inspiration to all of us in Delta Chi! Her wit, humor, wisdom, and graciousness are such an example to everyone who's life she touches. Happy late Birthday to an amazing woman who we all strive to be like! We love you Celia!!!

We did several educationals this past fall and early winter. In September, many of us visited the Heritage Village in Sharon Woods. It was a beautiful fall day, and we learned some rich Cincinnati History, and fun facts about life in the late 1800's and early 1900's. After the tour, we had a picnic

lunch in the park!

In December, we participated in the East Row Victorian Christmas Tour. After an early lunch at O'Bryan's Irish Pub, we joined others for a self-guided tour of beautifully renovated homes, throughout the Newport area! Actually, we also visited several old churches that have been turned into single family homes! We had several guests and potential ESA members join us, as well as our good friend Squirrley Shirley from Delta Gamma! Shirley, it was so good to see you!

We have several other educationals in the works, including visiting underground RailRoad destinations, as well as Shaker Trace seed nursery, Wakefield Scarce in Ky,

Our book club is meeting about once every 2 months! We've read some wonderful books that have inspired great discussions. Our current book is "The Music of BEEs" by Eileen Garvin.

Judi is still collecting paperback books for veterans.

On our way to Delta Gamma's meeting in Cleveland last Sept, several of us stopped and spent the day in Holmes County, visiting Amish country, before continuing on to our State meeting. By the way, it was a wonderful meeting! Thanks to Delta Gamma for hosting! We had a great time!!

In November, members of Delta Chi worked at the Cystic Fibrosis gala which took place at the Freedom Center, Downtown. We always look forward to helping out at the gala, where we can support Diane and her sweet grandson Christopher.

We also were able to make a donation to Recovery Services in honor of Kathi's beautiful daughter, Amber.

Delta Chi hosted a game/wine and cheese night where we invited potential new members. We also have been inviting guests who might be interested in joining ESA to our educationals.

DELTA CHI...(CONTINUED)

In early December several of us gathered at Seasons restaurant in Rookwood to celebrate with Kathi! This year marks her 30th year of sobriety. What a journey she has been on!! We so admire her strength, courage, and faith in Jesus Christ.

We all celebrated Christmas at Becky's home in Maderia and had a wonderful time! We had a potluck dinner and a white elephant exchange while exchanging lots of laughter and fun games!!! Thanks to Becky for being the hostess with the mostess!!!!!!

We had our yearly retreat at Laage's lake house at Elk Lake in August, followed by a sewing retreat several weeks later. Being at the Lake is always a fun, relaxing time where we spend most of our time laughing, playing games, eating, having a drink or 2, and just being together, and sewing!!!!

Jill will be hosting her 2nd quilting Saturday at her new home. This time we will be making quilts for Butler County Foster Kids.

Delta Chi would like to introduce and welcome several new members! Jill Montgomery, Cheryl Kremer, Connie Whanger, and Joan Valerius! We are so happy to have each and every one of these new members, and I know they will make Delta Chi, as well as ESA, a much better organization. Welcome ladies.....we are so happy you have joined us!



Several of our Delta Chi sisters are still struggling with health issues, and would so appreciate you keeping them in your prayers! I know there are so many of our Ohio ESA sisters and family members who are still unwell, and undergoing health issues as well, we, at Delta Chi, want you all to know you are in our hearts and prayers. We wish you and yours a speedy, and complete recovery, and a healthy 2023.

Wishing you all many blessings this new year!

Warm hugs, and God's Blessings to all!

Beth





Celebrating with our sisters!

CHAPTER CHATTER...DELTA GAMMA

What a joy to be able to hold the Ohio State Council meeting right here in Medina! Beginning with Denise Gumbita providing a party atmosphere at the motel Friday night, a brunch, a very productive meeting, a fun break and the raffles at Fox Meadow Country Club, our chapter really enjoyed being your host.

September also found us working at the St. Jude Walk/Run on a windy, chilly morning at Voinovich Park on Lake Erie. This Cleveland event raised \$97,447 which included the pie auction as a side event for \$2,100.

Although we were unable to take a prospective member to the Fall Fun Fest at the home of Therese Snively, Denise and I attended. Our hostess provided a beautiful setting for the gathering of sisters from several chapters and one visitor. The history and accomplishments of ESA presented by Judi King for our guest was also a good reminder to all of us about our leadership organization. It would be a good event to repeat.

As usual, we started November with 200 lbs. of chocolate in the guest bedroom at my home. Several hours a week were spent making the candy by Denise, Sarah Bistline and me and we boxed it up for delivery the Monday after Thanksgiving. Our profit will support our philanthropic projects for the year.

After a number of "glitches" including an unfinished home in August, the drawing for our St. Jude Dream Home was held at Fox 8 on November 16. I was invited to attend. Although 25,000 tickets were sold, we were unable to work on it as much since it didn't get built in time for open houses so don't know how much credit we will receive yet.

Sarah and Norm traveled to

Maryland to be with grandchildren for Christmas. Part of our family was here Christmas Eve but we had to cancel our trip to Andy's on Christmas Day due to weather and bad roads.

We have #13 grandchild born December 13, Caiden John.

Denise and family were stuffed with appetizers so put off celebrating the rest of Christmas dinner till the third week in January. They were dogsitting two dogs belonging to a son and one dog for sorority sister, Sarah. "I have so very much to be thankful for and I always include each of you! I wish for each of you a Happy and Healthy New Year filled with Laughter and Love." said Denise.

Making special quilts is the memory held for this year for Darlene Wellock. One is for Grayson Moore, who will be 6 on January 27 and it has panels of firefighter/policeman. The other is for Cash, whose Daddy was in the Marines with her son. It is a buffalo print with deer on it also. They each received matching pillowcases and their names are embroidered on the quilts as well as the pillowcases.

Happy New Year to all. We look forward to seeing you in March.

Shirley Krcmar, President

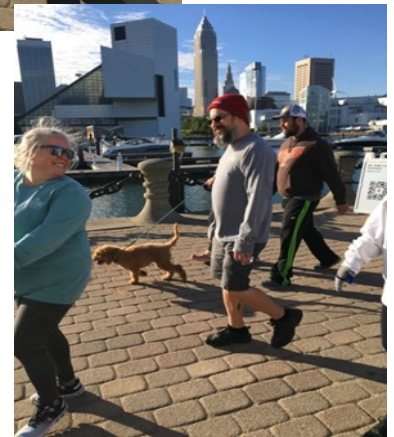
St Jude walk September 24, 2022



St Jude walk September 24, 2022



Guess who? Son, Andy in red shirt Grandson, Kyle, in Browns shirt with dog, Sugar



Dream Home November 16, 2022



Fox 8 Crew and me celebrating! Ashley Eddie, Shirley Krcmar, Evan Hutton



CHAPTER CHATTER ... GAMMA KAPPA

Hoping 2023 is bringing you peace and joy. Gamma Kappa was thankful to have met for a Christmas brunch celebration. There is always plenty of good food and drink. We did a fun gift exchange, and then helped Kathy Solt decorate her Christmas tree.

We are saddened to relay that Debra Kirby's father passed away shortly before Thanksgiving. We are also saddened to report that former member Pat Palmer has passed away. Although Pat was

no longer an active member, she kept the former member's group (Gamma Gals) on target by arranging our monthly luncheons and news of members. Pat truly embraced the ideals of ESA and will truly be missed.

Glad to report that Nick Kurzynski had back surgery and is doing well with his recovery. Kathy Solt is going to have back surgery on 1/12, and is looking forward to feeling better, and the ability to get around. Kathy is

one of many people in the greater Cincinnati area, who came home from being out of town for Christmas to a busted water pipe, and water in the basement. Taking care of this small disaster is underway, and will just be a matter of time with needed repairs. Grace Striley is slowly recovering from several health issues, but is doing better.

Wishing each of our sisters good health and a joyful 2023.

CHAPTER CHATTER...GAMMA BETA

Happy New Year!

Gamma Beta sisters started 2023 in good spirits. We resumed our monthly business meetings and continue our philanthropic projects. Last year saw significant health challenges so meetings were suspended. However, we were able to complete our September through December philanthropic donations. In November, we adopted-a-family, mother and five children ranging in age from 5 to 13, providing food to fix Thanksgiving dinner with additional items to prepare meals after the holiday. In December, we provided this same family with Christmas dinner fixings, and provided gifts to all.

By the time we decided that we were well enough to gather for our annual Christmas social, local restaurants were booked on our available dates. Carol graciously offered her home. We gathered on December 17 for assorted desserts and coffee, followed by exchanging gifts to reveal our secret sisters. We were joined by Cathy and Tom Cummings who drove down from Fort Wayne, IN. Cathy is a former member of Gamma Beta.

We enjoyed finally getting together in person and to see old friends. The food was delicious and we had fun playing a couple Christmas games.

We are looking forward to attending the March council meeting hosted by Sigma Chi.

Best wishes to all for a Healthy, Happy, Successful 2023.
Kathleen Seewer
Gamma Beta President

CHAPTER CHATTER ...PI XI

What a busy few months we have had! Pi Xi has been moving and grooving!

September began with the St Jude Walk/ Run in Columbus, Ohio. Members Adara and Amanda both volunteered at the event, and were later joined by members Traci and Melissa to walk. Team Mandy's Maniacs raised a total of \$665.00 for St Jude. We had a fun time- After the Rain stopped!



We also added a new member to our Chapter. Let us introduce Barb Castiaux! Barb has been a long time friend of Amanda Rowland. We are super excited to have her with us!

The holidays caught up with us fast and we ended 2022 with a Chapter Holiday Dinner at Kitchen Social in Dublin. Everyone but two were in attendance. We drank and ate and had lots of good conversations. Pi Xi is looking forward to 2023! Cheers!



Pi Xi reinstated one of our favorite people Cindy Richey. Welcome back!



Our very own Amanda Rowland was installed as the Secretary of the MARC board in Oklahoma in October. We are very proud of her.

PI XI (CONTINUED)

Pi Xi also hosted a Paint and Sip event and raised \$150 for St Jude for the 50 in 50! (cont.)



Pi Xi also has a new member! Please welcome Ashley Collins to ESA!

Ashley is a friend of Mandy Rowland. Ashley has a husband and son and lives in Springfield Ohio. She has jumped right in with the girls of PI XI and we are so excited to have her.

Pi Xi has been taking the summer to relax and unwind. Lots of traveling and time with family. We look forward to the Fall meeting and getting back in action soon.



CHAPTER CHATTER ... SIGMA CHI

Winter Greetings from Sigma Chi

I hope everyone is doing well and located at the destination of your choice. I'm talking about holiday travel – by car, plane, etc. With our blizzard of the century hitting most of the U.S. two days before Christmas, even Santa needed extra help flying. Friends and family have *Southwest Airlines* stories of being stranded for days due to canceled flights. Our niece and her husband in Seattle put ice spikes on their boots to hike miles through the blizzard and blistering wind to a train station since their flight was canceled – they like doing that in the Northwest anyway. I've also heard people who are still waiting for their checked luggage. One woman had an Apple tracking device on her checked bag and the device gave her the luggage location...by a dumpster at an unknown apartment building. WHAT? Our experience was relatively mild, but annoying. The roads were covered in packed snow, but we thought we'd give it an experienced Midwestern try to drive up to Columbus for a family gathering on Dec. 23rd. We loaded everything in our SUV then heard on the radio that 71N was closed south of Wilmington so we decided to try Rte 22N (Montgomery Rd) and later cross over to 71N. Traffic was 25mph and we got about half way to Morrow, then decided to turn back home since all the cars in front of us were stopped on the single lane.

New Year's eve was enjoyable as we were hanging on the edge of our seats, like most Ohioans, watching the OSU Buckeyes championship game. Georgia just scored and was leading by 1 point. Six seconds remained before midnight and the Buckeye's kicker went out on the field representing OSU's final hope for well-fought victory. Someone in the room says "Hey, we wanna see the ball drop (in NYC). Switch the channel." Nope, I had the controller and well you know the rest of the story.

Onward with the fun times Sigma Chi had in the Fall of 2022.

Philanthropic

St. Jude Walk/Run-Cinti (Smale Riverfront Park) Saturday, Sept. 24, 2022: Team Sigma Chi of ESA-Cincinnati participated in the Walk remotely at Seven Gables Park (Symmes Twp), and Janet Ivers volunteered at the downtown event – see 3 pics. Team Sigma Chi raised total of \$1,100. **Together for OHIO, the ESA teams**

participating at St. Jude Walks in Cincinnati, Cleveland, and Columbus raised \$6,430. O-H-I-O is mighty in many ways!



Team Sigma Chi - St. Jude walk at Seven Gables Park



ESA St. Jude Walk volunteers downtown in photo booth



Team Sigma Chi – St. Jude Walk Debbie Martins (R) & Amy Gross (training for Appalachian Trail)

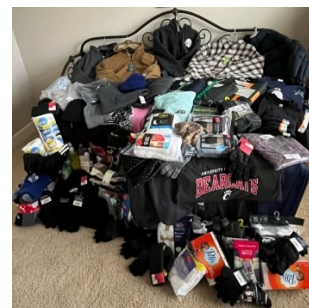
Bunco For St. Jude Kids – Sunday, April 16, 2023: Mark your calendars ladies and gents for Sigma Chi's "**Bunco For St. Jude Kids**" on **Sunday, April 16, 2023 from 2-4pm** (1 week after Easter) to be held at a new location – **Symmes Township Safety Center, 8871 Weekly Lane, Cincinnati, OH 45249.** **Event flier is included in this issue of the BJ.** Scan the QR code on the flier for

event info: Facebook event page, directions, add to calendar.

“Honor Ride”, Easterseals Greater Cincinnati Military & Veterans Services – August 2022: Janet Ivers (Sigma Chi) participated in the “Honor Ride” by raising \$30 and made a basket *on behalf of Sigma Chi of ESA* loaded with donated items valued at \$110. Donated baskets were raffled at Easterseals pre-event registration party held at March First Brewing.

Yellow Ribbon Support Center – November 2022: Many bags of Halloween candy, snacks, canned meals, and personal care items were brought to YRSC so Keith Maupin (founder) could box and send to troops serving overseas.

Cincinnati VA Hospital – November 2022: In November we donated new items to Cincinnati VA Hospital that are needed for use by their community outreach program. We loaded a car full of new clothing: winter coats, shirts, socks, underwear, sweatshirts/sweaters, hats, gloves, and personal care items – see pic.



Items donated to Cinti. VA Hospital

Pregnancy Center East (PCE) : Sigma Chi continues supporting PCE with monetary donations and products for clients' babies. We purchased 2 more baby car seats for PCE in the Fall.

Matthew 25: Ministries (M25:M) : We've been volunteering monthly at M25:M and donated \$177 this Fall for their use in hurricane relief for LA and southern states.

MS Gift of Hope – December 2022: The MS “Gift of Hope” celebrated its 19th Anniversary this year serving the MS community who are need of financial assistance. On Saturday, December 10th, 2022, we had the opportunity to help 6 Families at the Riverhills Neuroscience office in Norwood. It was another incredible year for these special families because of all the caring people who made it all possible. Each family not only received \$750 cash each, (8) \$25.00 gift cards and a Xmas bag with a stuffed animal and Xmas throw. They also had the opportunity to meet former Bengals football player David Fulcher and his wife Judy. They both have been a big supporter of the “Gift of Hope” since the beginning.

Educationals

“Made in Cincinnati” exhibit at the Museum Center – November 2022:

The new permanent exhibit “Made in Cincinnati” opened in 2022 is located on the lower level of the [Cincinnati Museum Center](#). The exhibit features a history of items that are made in or have a historic connection to the Queen City. Cincinnati has been a center of industry and innovation for over 200 years. You can explore the wide range of goods made in the Queen City, as well as the people who made them and the tools they used. Stories of Cincinnati businesses, entrepreneurs and their innovative products come to life in displays and in a narrated object theater - introduces innovations that transformed breakfast, radio, firefighting, manufacturing, etc. We’re familiar with P&G, Rookwood Pottery and other iconic Cincinnati businesses, but we also learned more about the story of King Records, Crosley radios, goetta, Cincinnati’s firefighting firsts, and more. **“Celestial Holiday in Cincinnati” at Krohn Conservatory – December 2022:** Sigma Chi took a self-guided tour of the Celestial Holiday exhibit at the Krohn Conservatory. Krohn Conservatory opened in 1933 and is in Eden Park. The land previously belonged to Nicholas Longworth. He called the art deco structure, his Garden of Eden. The conservatory contains several rooms.

These include florals, desert succulents, orchids, astonishing bonsai forests, an immersive tropical rainforest and a fern house.

Our focus was on the seasonal floral showroom. It is home to a collection of permanent lemon, lime, orange, grapefruit and kumquat trees. At the end of each October, the volunteers and staff at the conservatory begin the transformation of hand-built wooden railways, several poinsettia varieties, variegated plants and sparkling holiday lights. The display replicates many popular buildings and places in Cincinnati. Trains bustle around hefty replicas of Findlay Market, Union Terminal, the Great American Insurance building, Mt. Adams incline, Fountain Square and many of the city’s architecturally beautiful churches. The latest addition to this year's collection is an eight-foot model of Music Hall that sits in the center of the display. The detail work is amazing. Like the other structures in the collection, it is constructed of pinecone, seed pod and tree bark. Only natural materials are used. It is estimated the model took 1,700 hours to create.



Krohn Conservatory: Barb Murray, Sue Schenz, Susan Murphy, Linda Poppel, Janet Ivers

“Tiffanys at Cincinnati Art Museum – January 17, 2023: Our next educational is scheduled for a docent-led tour at Cincinnati Art Museum to view Tiffany glassworks from Louis Comfort Tiffany studios.

OSC Meeting – March 4, 2023: Mark your calendars for **Saturday, March 4th** for the OSC Spring meeting hosted by Sigma Chi. See meeting registration form in this BJ issue.

Looking forward to seeing everyone soon! Blessings to all.

Submitted by: Janet Ivers, Sigma Chi

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Ohio State Council Meeting



Saturday, March 4th, 2023

Hosted by Sigma Chi



8:30am: Light Breakfast food

9:00am: Meeting Begins

Agenda to follow

Location:

Symmes Township Safety Center

8871 Weekly Lane

Cincinnati, OH 45249

Price: \$35

Ohio State Council Meeting Registration Form

Attendee Name	Chapter	Lunch choice#
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McAlister's Deli – Lunch Box Sandwich Choices: **#1 Black Forest Ham #2 Smoked Turkey #3 Veggie sandwich**

Deadline to send registration and check: **Monday, February 20, 2023**

Make checks payable to: Sigma Chi

Mail to: Debbie Martins, 1662 Kings Court, Kings Mills, OH 45034

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Thank you to all who submitted an article.

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