



REACH FOR THE STARS

WOW has this year flown by! I cannot believe convention is right around the corner. It has been so fun being your president, and I am so thrilled to be turning the ranks over to Madeline. I know she will do a fantastic job as our Ohio President.

How many of you are ready for SPRING??? Where is it?? I am so ready for bonfires, friends, and good works! I hope all of you are continuing to share your ESA legacies and journeys with friends and new people you meet in your life. I for one can attest to recruiting getting tiring, but I know the people with the passion we have will continue to come in to the ESA organization.

I am so excited to see so many of you filling all Madeline's positions and chapters bidding on meetings. It's been so fun to see it all come together from the Presidents view. The many hours you all

spend on ESA and projects close to your heart is inspiring. I hope to see all of you continuously "reaching for the stars" daily. A nice reminder that nothing is out of reach with ESA behind you.

When you reach for the stars you may not quite get one, but you won't come up with a handful of mud either. ~Leo Burnett

Let's put our focus towards now finishing the ESA year with full force. Did you hold an extra event for St Jude? Add an additional member? Headquarters has a challenge for membership going on right now! Sponsor a new member and the new member and YOU get a special gift!

There are so many things going on right now and I can see all of your hard work paying off. Convention is coming up in May. Everyone please attend. IC is vastly approaching in July! I for one can't wait to go to Memphis again. Our

MARC committee is working hard on the convention in October. How fun does BLINK sound??

Dream houses are underway, radiothons, wine tastings, walks/runs, and many more events are being planned and hosted in the upcoming months. The work ESA does continues to inspire me. ESA is powerful. Keep up the hard work ESA!

ESA love. See you all in May at the Convention. ☆

Mandy Rowland,
President



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VICE PRESIDENT . . . MADELEINE KURZYNSKI

It's hard to believe that Convention is right around the corner. I am proud and excited to be able to represent Ohio as President in 2019 – 2020. To all of those that have come forward to be on the elected and appointed board, I thank you. Working with each of you is my pleasure and together we will continue to make Ohio the great state in ESA that it is already known to be.

This is going to be an exciting year for Ohio this year with IC being in Memphis (which means trips to St. Jude's Hospital) and our very own Brenda Meyers running for office on the IC Board. Make sure to attend and wish her luck! Also, do not forget the MARC Conference which Ohio is hosting in October. This is truly the time for Ohio to

shine. I hope all of you make plans to attend these great events and together we will represent Ohio together.

Earlier this month I had the privilege to attend the Leadership Conference in Colorado. I had an amazing time meeting with old friends, making new ones and talking with members who were there as past state presidents going around a second time. Yes, other states re-cycle their presidents and I am one of them! As incoming presidents, we learned new ideas on how to run a meeting to keeping all members involved. I can't wait to share some of these ideas with you in September. Did I tell you that the main theme is to have Fun? I am all about having fun and keeping the business part to a

minimum. Through all of this we will get the job at hand done!!

Again, thank all of you for allowing me to be your president for the coming year. I promise to be there for all of you and together we will do great things.

Finally, I want to thank Amanda Rowland for the great job she has done so far as OSC President. Amanda has inspired us with her love for St. Jude's and has proven to be a great cheerleader for so many philanthropic projects. She let us have fun but most of all she has proven what a wonderful leader she has become. Thank you, Amanda. ☆



PHILANTHROPIC . . . KAY BUCKLEY

Thank you everyone for your philanthropic project nominations. Twelve organizations were narrowed down to the following four: Alzheimer Association, Multiple Sclerosis, Cystic Fibrosis, and American Heart Association.

Please take the next month to look over these wonderful organizations before the vote at May Convention.

Chapter philanthropic reports are due April 15th. Please submit these on or before this deadline!
Email: buckleyk@outlook.com

Thank you for a wonderful year. I have enjoyed serving on the Ohio State Counsel as the Philanthropic ☆ Chairman.

ESA Love,
Kay



Noah's Ark:

Everything I need to know, I learned from Noah's Ark

ONE: Don't miss the boat.

TWO: Remember that we are all in the same boat!

THREE: Plan ahead. It wasn't raining when Noah built the Ark.

FOUR: Stay fit. When you're 80 years old, someone may ask you to do something really big.

FIVE: Don't listen to critics; just get on with the job that needs to be done.

SIX: Build your future on high ground.

SEVEN: For safety's sake, travel in pairs.

EIGHT: Speed isn't always an advantage. The snails were on board with the cheetahs.

NINE: When you're stressed, float awhile.

TEN: Remember, the Ark was built by amateurs; the Titanic by professionals.

ELEVEN: No matter the storm, when you are with God, there's always a rainbow waiting.

Most people walk in and out of your life, but FRIENDS leave footprints in your heart.



TREASURER . . . SUE KRITES

May and our Ohio State Council Convention is fast approaching. I am looking forward to receiving your reservations to this great event. As a side note, I am looking for a roommate or mates for Friday night please let me know if I can share a room with you.

At our fabulous March Council Meeting, I passed out a proposed 2019-2020 Ohio State Council General Fund Budget for review. The following are the changes that have been added or recommended:

1. The Council Members attending that meeting voted to add a new line item to the Budget titled ESA Disaster Fund Donation for \$100.00. This is a subline under the Title line labeled Dues/ Disaster Fund Donation.

2. Under Meeting Conventions Seminars, I recommend that the line item IC Convention – President (reg, lodging transportation) be increased from \$800 to \$975. The reason for this increase is the cost of living is going up and it is costing more for the OSC President or her Representative to attend this required Convention.
3. Under Miscellaneous, increase line item Site Charges to \$129.00 from \$120.00 to reflect the actual amount paid to maintain our Site for 2019-2020.

The Council will be voting on this Proposed Budget during the Business Meeting at Convention.

At this time I want to thank you all for the help and support, you have so graciously given me the last two years. I have found that since the last time I served as OSC Treasurer, there have been many duties assigned to this position with one major one of being in charge of OSC Convention Registration and establishing a checking account solely for Convention Funds. By establishing a Convention Budget and setting up a transparent accounting for the Convention we are seeing a positive outcome by the OSC Board assuming the responsibly of hosting our State Convention. It has been a pleasure working with both Joan Farabee and Judi King as Convention Chairmen. ☆

YOUTH AWARD . . . MARY LYKINS

It is with great pleasure to announce to the Ohio State Council (OSC) the Outstanding Senior Youth Award recipient for this year, Thomas Lynch from Republic, Ohio. He will receive a check from the OSC in the amount of \$500.00. As of this writing it is unknown whether or not Thomas will be able to attend the luncheon on Saturday May 4th.

Please read the essay that he wrote as one of the requirements for the Outstanding Senior Youth Award.

After the March council meeting discussion, the additional candidate packages were reviewed and Thomas Lynch was chosen as the recipient. ☆

Dear ESA Scholarship Committee,

My name is Grace Coakley and I was last year's recipient of your very generous Outstanding Senior Award Scholarship. Thank you so much for aiding me in paying for my college education.

I have successfully reached the end of my first semester at Malone University and have begun classes for Spring semester! I am planning to major in Mathematics and minor in Computer Science. I completed fall semester as a member of the Honors program with a GPA of 3.77 and made the Dean's List.

I am currently running for the cross country and track teams here at Malone as well as working as a Student Ambassador in the University Admissions office. I'm also an active member in the Math club and two Bible studies/book clubs.



Thank you again for helping me to reach my goal of achieving a higher education. My experience at Malone and achievements had been made possible, in part, by you!

Sincerely,
Grace Coakley

"What is the definition of an outstanding individual and how do I personally meet this definition?"

I define an outstanding individual as one who is intelligent, caring, and someone who shows great leadership skills. To start, I wish to define the way I see intelligence. In my mind, I see intelligence as open-mindedness. The way that I see it, someone is stupid the day that they refuse to cure their ignorance or stop learning. The reason I consider myself intelligent is because I know that I do not know everything and nor will I ever, but I will always continue to work toward curing as much of my ignorance as possible. This is why I have taken so many advanced classes as can be seen on my transcript. However, this cure of ignorance is not for a selfish purpose; I wish to use this knowledge to help others. Personally, I was raised to help someone if they needed help. I find my intelligence as a way to help others. If I can help someone else cure their ignorance then that is me trying to care for someone else. However, the way that I care for people most is in trying to improve their way of life. I strive to help my neighbors every time that my help is required, as can be seen by my letters of recommendation. If I have the time I will help someone in need, even if this means falling behind myself. I do this in the hope that when I need help, the favor can be returned. One excellent example of this has been in math, specifically calculus. I am currently enrolled in AP calculus with some of my friends and many times I have to help them understand some of the lesson, but sometimes the roles reverse and I am the one who needs the help. Lastly, someone outstanding must be a great leader.

Personally, I think that I am a good leader as I am a n officer in several group activities that I am a part of such as science club, FFA, trapshooting, band, musical and so many others. I think that if someone is to be outstanding they have to take the leap to lead a group; it is hard to be outstanding in a crowd. I think that this is the hardest part of being an outstanding individual because if you take the leap to lead a group you may not make it, and that is okay. We all try and we all have felt defeat. In the words of Nelson Mandela, "Don 't judge me by my success, judge me by how many times I fell down and got back up". I had to fight and claw my way up to my leadership positions, but I never quit trying to reach them until I held the position; that is why I think that I am an outstanding individual.

ESA FOR ST. JUDE



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*SPRING IS
DEFINITELY*

*HERE AND I THINK WE ARE ALL
HAPPY TO SEE THE EARLY
DAFFODILS AND CROCUS PEAKING
THROUGH THE SOIL !!*

The 2019 St. Jude Dream House activities have begun with ticket sales. Cleveland's House was once again a super quick ticket sellout. Cincinnati's House had very strong

first day ticket sales during the Telethon on Friday, March 22nd.

The open houses during the month of May offers us **ALL** the opportunity to volunteer at the St. Jude House along with promoting ticket sales and sharing our involvement with ESA. I encourage each of you to spend some time at an open house. There are always so many wonderful people who visit the St. Jude Dream House as a yearly tradition and some recognize you

as a volunteer from year to year !

"Let's Grow Some \$\$\$ For The Kids" is shortly coming to a close for the 2018/2019 year. Remember to decorate your green planter or place a plant or flower inside as they will be centerpiece table displays during the May state convention.

Hoping to see many of you at convention in Dayton! ☆

Linda Poppel
ESA for St. Jude Sr. Rep

ESA FOR ST. JUDE—PATIENT STORY



One tough little girl

By the time 5-year-old Emily completes treatment for the second time, she will have undergone a total of 16 months of chemotherapy and 12 weeks of radiation therapy.

Emily loves the camera, and it loves her. The baby of her family and the only girl, she doesn't shy away from being the center of attention. Instead, she takes full advantage of the opportunity to shine.

And while this little girl has plenty of grins, she also has grit. At 5 years old, she's in the midst of her second cancer battle.

Not long after turning 2, Emily woke up one day with half her face paralyzed. The doctor sent her to a neurologist, who suspected Bell's palsy, a condition

in which the muscles on one side of a face can become weak or paralyzed. But instead of resolving, as Bell's palsy would have, things got worse. When she stopped eating, drinking and playing, her parents rushed her to the emergency room. A scan showed she had a brain tumor — medulloblastoma — and the cancer had already spread to her spine. The news was, obviously, a shock. And it was terrifying. "One of my best friends lost her daughter to neuroblastoma," said Emily's mom, Christy. "She was the only other person I knew that had dealt with childhood cancer."

Following surgery to remove as much tumor as possible at a hospital near their home, Emily was flown to St. Jude Children's Research Hospital. It was where her family wanted her to be.

"St. Jude, they're well-known. They have a great reputation," said Christy. "We did research on her diagnosis, and we saw that they had a protocol here, so we felt that was best for her." St. Jude has led important research into the genomic changes that lead to these tumors, discoveries that may help in developing precision medicines to treat medulloblastoma.

Emily received treatment including chemotherapy and physical and occupational therapies to regain her strength. Soon, said Christy, she was like a different kid — like the old Emily, worlds better than the one who had arrived at St. Jude too weak to even sit up. She went home cancer free, and for 18 months, she stayed cancer free.

EASTER SEALS . . . JANET IVERS



All Abilities. Limitless Possibilities.

Greetings Sisters:

A BIG THANK YOU to everyone who volunteered to make the Easterseals 2018 December Holiday Celebration an enjoyable, meaningful experience with Easterseals GC (Greater Cincinnati) clients at Powel Crosley YMCA - Winton Rd (Joan Farabee, Janet Ivers) and the Blue Ash facility – see below picture.

As Easterseals celebrates their 100th anniversary this Spring, we discussed at our March OSC meeting the opportunities for participation or volunteering and some fundraising ideas. It can be a simple, social event with a small admission or a bigger event.

Discussion highlights of Chapter and State activities, events, and ideas for Easterseals in 2019:

- February 27 – *Gamma Kappa* participated in Easterseals GC fundraiser event “Opening Minds Through Art Painting Party” – see below picture.
- April 22 – Nationwide Easterseals 100th Anniversary Observed & National Day of Giving
- April 27 – *Pi Xi* members will be volunteering at Easterseals Central and Southeast Ohio’s largest fundraiser, *Romancing the Grape*. *Pi Xi* also had discussion with *Easterseals rep* Kristy Emch-Roby about hosting a future wine tasting event.
- May 3-4 – OSC Convention: All Ohio chapters to bring Camp Joy items – see following list of items needed. *Delta Gamma, Shirley*

Krcmar to collect the items and deliver to Easterseals Northern Ohio for their annual camp.

- September – *Sigma Chi* members plan to use Panera fundraising program for a dinner to benefit Easterseals GC. Panera’s program donates 20% of gross sales on min order total of \$100.
- November 23 – *Gamma Kappa* is planning a Christmas Shopping fundraiser at a Pleasant Ridge church to benefit Easterseals GC. More details to follow.

Final reminders:

- Each chapter to submit their Easterseals Annual Chapter Report Form to Janet Ivers by April 15th. Each chapter president rec’d this form at March OSC meeting. This summarizes your Easterseals Philanthropic activities from 4/1/18 -3/31/19, and is needed before the May OSC Convention and for ESA International records.
- Bring your Camp Joy donated items to OSC Convention May 3-4 – see below list of needed items.
- Include the following in your communications about upcoming Easterseals events with fliers and pictures.
 - Janet Ivers, ESA Ohio Easterseals Chair for Spring 2019 jjivers@twirlpix.com
 - Kathy Solt, ESA Ohio Easterseals Chair for June 2019 -May 2020 soltkr@aol.com
 - Post on social media and Facebook Ohio State Council of ESA <https://www.facebook.com/OSCoFESA/>



Easterseals GC - 2018 December Holiday Celebration—*Left:* Beth Laage and son, Carol Steier, Mary Beth Beacher, Rose Wagner. *Right:* Janet Ivers, Marsha Reynolds, Beth Laage’s son, Diane Adams.



Easterseals GC - 2019 Feb. “Opening Minds Through Art Painting Party” Fundraiser—*Gamma Kappa* artists

CAMP SUPPLIES

Crafts:

Canvas bags
Sun Catchers
Sun Visors
Permanent markers
1-2pk
Washable markers
Iron beads
Pipe cleaner—colorful
Pompoms—colorful
Wiggle eyes
Foamy stickers
Foamy doorknob hangers
Glue—white & sticks
Fabric glue
Craft paint & watercolors
Puffy/fabric paint
Plaster figures

Crape paper
Tissue paper
Magnet tape
Beads (to sting)
Shrink art
Construction paper
Chalk
Popsicle Sticks
Yarn/String/lanyard to make necklaces, etc.
White Poster Board
Old Magazines

Other Supplies:

Snacks: cookies, crackers, fruits snacks, granola bars
Paper Plates
Napkins

100th Anniversary

As Easterseals celebrates 100 years of impact, we’re committing to a future where every one of us is 100% included and 100% empowered.

CHAPTER CHATTER . . . BETA PSI

Beta Psi has been learning what each other's interests are. Our educational activities have been such fun. We are sharing with our sisters something that we enjoy doing. Since the last issue of the BJ, we have learned how to crochet and make sleeping mats for the homeless, how to make a flower arrangement and how to communicate via sign language. We are going to be so crafty and talented by the end of this year! ☺

One of our socials this month will be going to the Cincinnati Museum Center.

We continue to pursue an evening Painting with a Twist to raise funds to go to the Buckeye Basset Hound Rescue. These painting parties are always so much fun. Didn't know we were so talented.

We've been working on our basket for the Convention Fundraiser and I think everyone will enjoy what we're going to have for you.

Judi has been working at the Dream Home ticket office and sellathon, as well as working on the St. Jude Walk/Run in September.



Our president, Joan Peddicord, is recuperating from her knee replacement at Carespring in Cold Spring; 300 Plaza Drive, Room 1309; Cold Spring, KY 41076. I'm sure she would enjoy hearing from you.

We are all looking forward to seeing our Ohio members at the May Convention. See you then!!! ☆

Judi Grefer
Secretary

DELTA GAMMA



The St. Jude Dream Home sale of 20,000 tickets gave us many days of work this month. We just finished auditing all of them this week. Now for a quiet month and then open houses start. It is a great project for all of us to work on.

We're all getting ready to attend the St. Jude Quilt Retreat next month. We just sorted and bundled a large tub of sample fabrics donated to the event. T-shirts are an addition this year so we'll have pictures for the next BJ.

Then, of course, March is the traditional month to spend our "chocolate profits" to support all the philanthropic projects. Along with a large part donated to St. Jude, we support Easter seals, our state projects, Foundation scholarships and our local

charities. It really makes "spooning" all that chocolate into the little cups worthwhile.

We're looking forward to the celebration of our amazing year of "Reach for the Stars With ESA" with President Mandy in May. ☆

Shirley Krcmar,
President



DELTA CHI

Hello Ohio Sisters,

Happy Spring! (People keep telling me it's Spring, however I've yet to believe it . . . as I look out my window and see snow flurries.)

Many of our Delta Chi sisters have been hunkering down in the Sunshine State this winter and are not all quite back yet! We've been missing everyone and are anxious for them all to be home! We've missed everyone!!!

In February, several of our members helped with registration at the Polar Plunge, held in Northern Kentucky at Joe's Crab Shack. As always, it's a fun event with tons of brave (and sometimes drunk) people volunteering to plunge into icy waters to raise money for Special Olympics. A heart felt thank you to all our members who turned out to help with registration. It is truly a fun and worthwhile event that impacts thousands of Special needs kids and adults, my two boys included! I can't thank my wonderful Delta Chi sisters enough!! You are all so totally awesome and so giving of you time!! Thank you all for your support and friendship.

Our next endeavor will be supporting Cystic Fibrosis with their Great Strides Walk. This will be held on May 18th at Sawyer Point. Everyone is welcome to join us in support of Christopher's Fight. Christopher is Diane Adams grandson who was born with CF. Diane has been an avid supporter and warrior of CF and was named volunteer of the year last year. She has worked so hard to support her grandson and his family, the least we can do is support her in her fight to cure CF!!!

Now that the St. Jude Dream home is off to a good start, we are all trying to help out with the DH office whenever we can, along with all you amazing sisters from Ohio and ESA! What a wonderful and uplifting event that does so much good for kids fighting cancer around the world! Many of us were able to attend the Office Training March 18th and we are ready to jump in and get to work.

A big thank you to Pi Xi for hosting the State Meeting on March 9th in North Lewisburg, Ohio. Many of our Delta Chis sisters were able to attend. The meeting was very informative with Tony Bernard, with the National MS society, and Tonya West, a woman from the McCauley Senior center who talked about her connection with inmates from London correctional Institution that crochet sleeping matts, duffel bags, back packs, and shoes for the homeless . . . all out of plastic grocery bags!! Wow, what an inspiration!!! Pi Xi did a wonderful job hosting!

We're looking forward to our State Convention on May 3rd and 4th at WPAFB. Don't forget that most of us will be enjoying dinner at the hotel on Friday night, so we are hoping most of you can join us.

Amanda did a great job as our state president this year!! Thank you Mandy for keeping the meetings interesting and fun! You have brought us a new and challenging perspective to the organization and we truly appreciate everything you have done this year.

As you all know, Maddy will be installed as our next president!! We all know you will do a great job, just

as you have in the past!!! We all look forward to spending a great night celebrating!

Before ending, I wanted to introduce our newest Delta Chi member, Marilyn Bothe! Marilyn is from the Forest Park Area. She has attended several of our meetings and has decided to join us permanently! We are so happy to have her. She will be a great asset to our chapter and has already jumped in to help out at the Dream Home office!!!

We will be officially installing her at our May Salad Supper!!! Welcome to Delta Chi Marilyn!!! So glad you are joining us!

So with in the last year, Delta Chi has added 4 new members to our wonderful chapter, we are now up to 22 members!!!! We are very excited to be gaining such wonderful and inspiring women!!

Love and good health to all. I hope we will get to see most of you in May at the convention! ☆

Respectfully,
Beth Laage



GAMMA KAPPA

Gamma Kappa has been busy this year with learning new things. We learned how to make Plarn to make blankets for the homeless and that was quite an experience. Trying to flatten, fold and cut plastic bags to make the Plarn was difficult at first but we finally got the hang of it! A couple of ladies are going to crochet the blankets, so we are on our way! At our February we had a guest speaker Matt Luecke who is the Director of School Business for the Kings Local School District. He gave a presentation on "Stop the Bleed Program" which is program designed formative to have kits available in all schools in case of an active shooter. The kits contain nitrile gloves, compression bandages, gauze, trauma shears and a tourniquet. Fire Departments in Cincinnati are working with the University of Cincinnati to support this program. Active shooters in our schools is difficult to hear about but grateful to know that these programs are be started. The kits are already made, and the Kings district will be the first in our area to have them. Gamma Kappa decided to donate to help this program since the kits are very expensive.

Also, in February Vice President, Kim Roman gave a beautiful Jewel Pin Ceremony for our newest member Debra Kirby. Please welcome Debra when you see her. She has truly been an asset to Gamma Kappa, and we adore her. As for Kim's ceremony it was so well done, and it is such a pleasure to see how much Kim has grown over the years in ESA! Love you Kim!

In March, Kim gave a fantastic educational on an Irish Princess Pirate who was a powerful and educated woman beyond her time. I have been so impressed with Gamma Kappa and their educationals. Our theme is Royal Woman and these ladies have really looked outside the box. The woman chosen have been powerful and educated. We have heard about Mary Queen of Scots, a Japanese Empress, Native American Princesses including Pocahontas, the Elizabeth's of England to an Irish Princess Pirate. Can't wait to hear about Cleopatra in April.

Gamma Kappa members also did some traveling this year. Barb LiCalzi and her husband took a Cruise through the

Panama Canal. The trip was beautiful, and a good time was had by all. Nick and I travelled to Austria and Switzerland in March and it was a dream come true! The ALP's were amazing, and the train travelling was so wonderful. My very favorite was "The Sound of Music" tour in Austria. For a moment I was able to feel like Maria Von Trapp!

Also, in March 4 members were able to attend the Painting for Easters Seals. We had a great time painting the picture "Just Breathe". There were over 30 at this event and a fun way to support Easters Seals. A few members were able to attend the March Council meeting the report back was that so much fun was had by everyone. A great opportunity to see sisters they had not seen in a while and the meeting was very informative. Great job Pi Xi!

Now several of us are looking forward to the Quilt Retreat in April. Always a fun time, can't wait!

Hope to see you at May Convention! ☆

Madeleine
President

Don't just wish on the stars, reach for one!

PI XI

We have once again had a busy and productive year. We worked this year with PCHA - Ohio and their Conquering the Runway show in February. This was a wonderful event celebrating the community's heart warriors and their families. Looking Ahead: we will be helping EasterSeals with their Romancing the Grape event on April 27th.

Currently we are preparing for our 3rd Annual Quarter Auction benefiting St. Jude. This is our largest chapter event and we are

excited to see it grow once again. Currently we are gathering auction items, if you would like to help support this event with a donation please contact us at pixi.5598@gmail.com.

Event tickets are on sale now!
Please visit pixi-ESA.org for event and ticket details.

It has been a great honor to serve as our chapter President. As I look back on our year so far, I am beyond proud to call the ladies of

Pi Xi my ESA sisters. They are continually supporting one another and have given so much of their time this year to events that are near and dear to each member's heart.

Look out Ohio! Next year Melissa DeRienzo will be the Pi Xi chapter president and she is sure to leave an imprint. ☆

ESA Love,
Kay Buckley, President

Greetings from Sigma Chi

First off, I apologize for missing the deadline for January’s BJ. Sigma Chi finished 2018 focusing on **our (2) State Philanthropic Projects: Alzheimer’s Association and Multiple Sclerosis (MS)**. Since 2015, we’ve taken advantage of the Christmas season by volunteering as gift wrappers at Barnes & Noble. Designating Alzheimer Association as our charity of choice, we received a donation total of \$241 in December 2018. December donations are matched by a donor supporting Alzheimer Association. It’s a fun time talking to customers and checking out the popular books and Christmas gifts. In time for Christmas, Sharon Roll’s annual *Gift of Hope* program – assisting individuals and/or families impacted by MS – was in full force. With Sharon Roll coordinating and help from The David Fulcher Foundation, Sigma Chi, and other generous individuals, the (10) families impacted by MS and in financial distress were aided with a total of: \$4000 cash, \$1050 gift cards, children’s toys \$350, and Christmas bags of goodies \$500.

It’s an exciting pleasure to find and tour hidden gems in Cincinnati. On our recent educational tours at *Clovernook Center For The Blind & Visually Impaired* and *Skirball Museum (at Hebrew Union College in Clifton)* we were impressed with the entrepreneurs and leaders who made these Cincinnati organizations the first of its kind.

Clovernook Center For The Blind & Visually Impaired: In 1903, Florence Trader and her sister Georgia, who was born with congenital cataracts, were frustrated about the lack of facilities to aid the visually impaired. Through hard work at fundraising they convinced William A. Procter to help by purchasing property on Clovernook Farm (in North College Hill). Cary Cottage was then opened as a home for blind women and girls. *It provided*

blind women occupations by training in weaving, knitting, crocheting, and basketry. A printing press was donated in 1914, to establish Clovernook as the first printing house operated by the blind. The Clovernook Braille Printing House, that we toured, is the largest volume producer of braille in the world, printing more than 20 million pages annually for a variety of publications. On our tour we saw the impressive production of braille magazines, books, textbooks, tactile graphics, periodicals, instruction manuals and other materials for the National Library Services and braille patrons worldwide. Many employees we met, who are blind and visually impaired, are proud to do a good job and love coming to work every day.

Skirball Museum (at Hebrew Union College or HUC in Clifton): Rabbi Isaac Mayer Wise came to America in 1846 and founded American Reform Judaism. He understood the urgent need for American rabbinical training and in 1975 launched the *Hebrew Union College in Cincinnati – the first permanent Jewish institution of higher learning in the New World.* The Cincinnati campus is the “mother” HUC campus with later campus openings in Jerusalem, Los Angeles, and New York. Over time HUC accepted donations of Judaic object and books such that in 1913, *the College’s Union Museum was founded, becoming the first formally established Jewish museum in the US.* In 1990 the Skirball Museum opened with (7) galleries portraying cultural, historical and religious heritage of the Jewish people. The tour includes these (7) galleries: Jewish immigration; Cincinnati Jewry (impact of Jewish community on Cincinnati); Archaeology -items from Egypt and Palestine and from caves where Dead Seal Scrolls were found; Torah – the Weinberg Torah scroll on display – see below picture – survived confiscation by the Nazis; The Holocaust; and Israel.



SKIRBALL MUSEUM—WEINBERG TORAH

A visitation memorial service was held on March 24th to honor the passing of Myles Ketterer, 17-year-old grandson of Donna Ketterer, Sigma Chi member. Myles had brain surgery at Cleveland Clinic on March 8th in hopes of correcting seizures. Myles inspired many with his great personality and a beautiful smile. Born with Cerebral Palsy he overcame challenges, became a champion for disability awareness and had a knack for making others feel special. He was loved deeply by his mom, dad, and brother and sister. He has shown that Together truly does have Power. Myles and his dad Vince were inspired to form Team Myles – raising team money and participating for multiple years in Cleveland’s Cerebral Palsy Triathlon. ☆



Myles Ketterer with Donna Ketterer

Submitted by Janet Ivers

ESA OSC CONVENTION REGISTRATION

MAY 3 / 4, 2019

Hope Hotel & Richard C. Holbrooke Conference Center
10823 Chidlaw Rd., Area A – WPAFB, Ohio
Hotel Room Rate \$109 + tax
937-879-2696



Full Convention Registration _____ \$90.00
Partial Registration:
 Saturday Lunch _____ \$30.00
 Saturday Banquet _____ \$40.00
Optional* Friday Night Italian Buffet
 With Salad and Beverage _____ \$25.00

*Option provided because there are not many restaurants in the area

Total Amount Enclosed \$ _____

Name: _____

Delegate: Y/N _____

Chapter: _____

Choice of Dinner for Saturday Night ___ Chicken or ___ Salmon

Registration Deadline: April 22

Make Check Payable to Ohio State Council

Mail to: Sue Krites, 914 Center Street, Sidney, OH, 45365, Phone: 937-492-5165

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 Address _____
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CURRENT OFFICER/ OFFICES HELD	
<i>(check all that apply)</i>	
MARC Board	___
MARCettes	___
ESA Foundation Board	___
State President	___
Headquarters	___
IC Executive Board	___
IC Appointed Board	___
1 st Timer	___
Guest	___

REGISTRATION OPTIONS

Postmarked no later than 9/11/2019

Registration for Conference and Leadership	\$125.00	_____
Registration excluding Friday Leadership	\$110.00	_____

Postmarked after 9/11/2019

Registration for Conference and Leadership	\$150.00	_____
Registration excluding Friday Leadership	\$145.00	_____

Walk-in Registration (cash/check/money order only) \$175.00 _____

Saturday Banquet only \$ 55.00 _____

Total Enclosed (make check payable to 2019 MARC Conference) \$ _____

Special Medical Dietary Needs _____

Mail check and form to:

Rose Wagner
 Registration Chair
 1104 Heritage Lane
 Milford, OH 45150
 513-239-6603
 Rose.wagner42@yahoo.com

HOTEL INFO

Embassy Suites Cincinnati – Rivercenter
 10 East Rivercenter Blvd.
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 859.261.8400
 Rate: **\$159 King Suites only** with pullout sofa -
 includes complimentary cook to order breakfast,
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Have you all checked out the new and improved ESA Ohio website, www.esa-ohio.org? There are many resources available on the site for Ohio, MARC and the International Council. Please let me know if you have thought of any additions that would be helpful to include on the website.

Thank you to everyone that sent an article for this issue of the Buckeye Jonquil. I sure hope I didn't miss anyone!

I look forward to seeing you all at the state convention! Thank you to Mandy for an excellent year and best wishes to Maddy as she begins her year as president! ☆

Every great dream begins with a dreamer. Always remember, you have within you the strength, the patience, and the passion to reach for the stars to change the world.

Harriet Tubman

