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Big Dreams

**...start inside
...take courage
...involve effort
...include mistakes
...build character**

...are *Achievable*

~ The Property Voice ~

HAPPY NEW YEAR OHIO ESA,

Is this the year you jump headfirst into something NEW? Is this the year you decide to face your fear of speaking in public? Of accepting a volunteer opportunity that is new to you? Of saying YES to new ideas? WHAT ARE YOU WAITING FOR? ESA Ohio gives you the support and the opportunities to hone skills that can help you in

your work life? So, now you say but I am retired . . . you are not retired from learning, from stretching yourself, right?? SO . . .

Mandy Rowland is stepping out . . . she is accepting the responsibility of OSC President. WOW. Can she do it alone? What are you going to do to help her make it the very best year for Ohio ESA?

We are working on 2019

MARC conference already. Have you volunteered to help?? Judi Grefer and Brenda Meyers are chairing this event. But wait, this is FUN. What are you going to do to help make this the very best MARC conference ever? You know in my former life (HA) I was a district attorney, that is why I like to ask so many questions. But I am truly serious. Helping ESA succeed is NOT someone else's responsibility . . . it is all of ours.

ESA love,
Judi King



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VICE PRESIDENT . . . MANDY ROWLAND

Hello my wonderful ESAers! I hope everyone had a wonderful holiday and happy new year!

I don't know about all of you, but I am ready for Spring! Snow and I are not friends!

With 2018 in full swing I encourage all of you to think outside the box and reach for the stars with ESA. There is no goal we can't achieve, no person we can't help and no objective we can't reach.

Gather together and use one another, share your ideas with other chapters and work together for our common goal. I am so proud to be a part of this organization and you all are so inspiring.

I am looking forward to Leadership in Denver in March. I can't wait to get some new focus and ideas to share with my Ohio gals and guys.

It's my pleasure to again represent us at this wonderful conference.

Call for Nominations! If you haven't already, please consider serving on the board for the Ohio State Council 2018-2019 year. With this being my first go around, I'd really appreciate all your support and guidance as I take on this task. The nomination form will be in this issue of the BJ, but by all means, shoot me an email with the position you'd be interested in. I know some of you have already told me you would be supporting me and for that I am ever grateful!

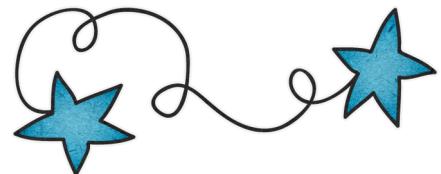
I am very excited to serve you all in 2018-2019 and am very eager to see what we can do.

Council Meeting Bids are now being accepted. Consider how much fun we have and host a meeting this year! The Council Meeting Bid form is also

included in the BJ. Please send them to Amanda Rowland, Vice President Rowlgirl@yahoo.com

Keep sharing and supporting one another, I can't wait to see everyone at the March council meeting.

Thank you all!



Reach for the Stars with ESA,
Mandy

The thing that is really hard, and really amazing, is giving up on being perfect and beginning the work of becoming yourself.

Anna Quindlen

CHAPLAIN . . . MADDY KURZINSKI



Blessings are gifts from God and every time we pray God transforms them into blessings. We pray for healing for our friends and family knowing that once we release our prayers, God takes over.

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Never forget the power of one single prayer!

Please continue to pray for the following and keep them in your thoughts:

- ◆ Chuck and Carol Hazelet
- ◆ Mary Lykins
- ◆ Joyce and Bill Haynes
- ◆ Mary Cox is at home recovering from broken hip

◆ Cathy Lyons recently retired from ESA Headquarters. Sadly, we learned that Cathy's cancer is not treatable.

Please let me know of other prayer requests you have so I can send prayers and cards.

Love,
Maddy

SOCIAL MEDIA . . . BECKA LLOYD

Social Media: Account Security

So, you've figured out this crazy thing called social media. Now you're posting photographs and liking posts and photos and doing fun videos with Snapchat. Social media is a fun way to see the world and share information but it is not without its pitfalls. Security of your data and privacy is always of chief concern. Sure you could just not use it and that ensures that you will not have your data hacked but what fun would that be? There is a way to use social media responsibly, safely and securely. Just a few tips and tricks to make sure your account and information stay yours!

First off, make sure the individuals you "friend" on these platforms are truly people you know. There are so many fake profiles out there and while it is great to meet new

people in this way, you also have to remain vigilant. If you are curious about a person who adds you, just take a few minutes to send them a message. The best rule of thumb here is trust but verify.

Especially in the case of Facebook, if people are posting a video that is about YOU and it seems generic, be wary. It often means there has been a hack. Now I'm not talking about all of those official Facebook montages about Friendship anniversaries or things like that. These hacks are usually sent via Facebook Messenger. DO NOT CLICK ON THEM! If you do, it just generates the hack and sends it to everyone on your list and so on. It never really does much damage but you never know what information they could glean from it. If this happens to you and you get hacked, immediately go into your security settings and change your password. Send a note to your friends to let them know that

you were hacked and to not click on anything that was from you during that time period.

Speaking of passwords, change them often. This is the best way to ensure your information stays yours and your account does not get hacked. I know that every site seems like it asks for a huge password and likely an arm, leg or first born child. It is not fun and does not always seem like it is that important but your information is always that important. So practice good security by changing those passwords more often than once a year or when you forget it!

**These don't always mean that
your account will be safe but do
your best to reduce your risk!
Have fun on your social media
apps but do so responsibly! Now
go post your favorite ESA photo on
Facebook!**

Becka

A MESSAGE FROM ALSAC REP . . . PAIGE CRANWELL

Hi Judi! I am hanging in there! Doing well through everything. Still feel tired, weak, and sick after pills. I have my fifth bone marrow biopsy after the holidays to see if everything is working properly and we will also check to see that I haven't relapsed and things haven't spread. Staying positive!

I hope you are doing well! Ashley told me she saw you the other day at groundbreaking in Cincinnati. I

hope you are excited for the next dream home campaign.

Miss you everyday! Merry Christmas to you, your family and the ESAers. Paige



NOTE FROM THE EDITOR: Evan Hutton, a former intern at ALSAC Columbus, has been hired as a permanent employee. He will be

filling in for Paige in the Cincinnati market until she is able to return to work. Evan will be our contact for the 2018 Cincinnati Dream Home.

Also, Ashley Eddie, former Cleveland Area rep, has been promoted to Associate Director of the Columbus office. Congrats to Ashley! She has certainly earned this promotion!

EASTER SEALS . . . JANET IVERS



Wrapping up 2017

Many thanks to Gamma Kappa for their 2nd annual Tea Luncheon, Oct. 2017, benefiting Easter Seals GC (Greater Cincinnati). It was another fun, successful event!

In December, Lauran McHaffie, Easter Seals GC notified me that their Gilbert Ave. location has a large order of medical test kits that need volunteers to help assemble. After giving us (Sigma Chi) a tour of the facility we enjoyed our afternoon working on the kit assembly line. Diane Adams, Delta Chi also expressed interest in volunteering at Gilbert Ave – possibly in January.

Also in **December**, we were invited to help out at the holiday party celebration for the Easter Seals clients who work at the Blue Ash Rossplain Rd. location. The clients, individuals with disabilities and many below the poverty line, enjoyed a hot meal served by the ESA gals and other volunteers, a DJ and other holiday festivities. For most of these folks, this holiday party is the only celebration they have. The staff and clients were so appreciative of our being there to help out – see thank you card.

We have a meeting set up with Lauran the first week of February to review Easter Seals GC volunteer and event opportunities for 2018.

As I hear more details about volunteers and donations needed I'll send out emails to and event opportunities for 2018. As I hear more



Sigma Chi: Karen Hangbers, Janet Ivers, Jean Bryant, Sandy Dillingham, Linda Poppel with Danielle Gentry-Barth (Easter Seals)



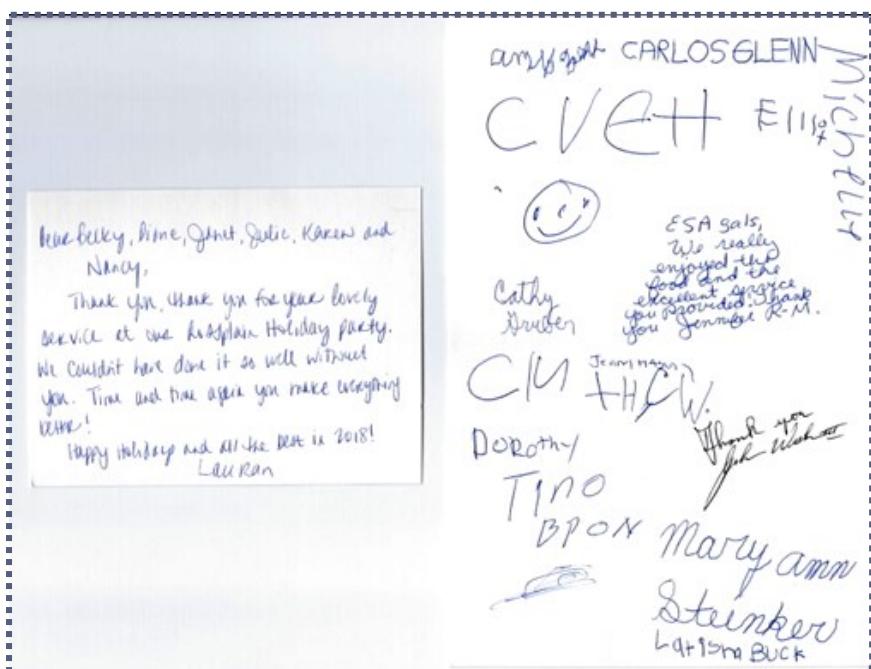
Easter Seals Christmas Party: Becky Karlak and Nancy Bolander (Delta Chi), Karen Hangbers (Sigma Chi), Julie Ivers, Diane Adams (Delta Chi), Janet Ivers (Sigma Chi)

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chapters have upcoming events or projects benefitting Easter Seals, please forward the info to me and also copy Becka Lloyd at kysrinaria@gmail.com to post your event on our Facebook page.

Janet Ivers, Easter Seals



Thank you card from Easter Seals – Lauran, Danielle, Erica, other staff, clients.

DISASTER FUND . . . JOAN FARABEE



Hello dear ESA friends on this cold, windy, snowy day in both Kentucky and Ohio. By the time you receive the Jonquil, my hope is that we will at least have some sunny days and the snow that is covering the ground currently, will all just be a memory!

As you are well aware, the ESA Disaster Fund was set up to help/ assist our members who are experiencing crisis in their lives. This year has certainly brought its challenges to many people. The flooding in Texas was devastat-

ing ... as well as the flooding in other states. Add to that, the fires in California and now the mudslides, the Disaster Fund has been put to full use.

I recently spoke to Sherry Day, former IC President, now the administrator of the Disaster Fund about how many of our people have received assistance from our fund. Sherry was happy to report that 12 of our members have received help so far this year. These members have come from all over the USA. How wonderful is that? Ohio State Council should be very proud of the fact that we sent a check for \$1,000.00!

I want to encourage each of our chapters to dig deep and send in even more. This is such an admirable fund that we have created, with the full knowledge it is helping our very own members.

If your chapter indeed wants to contribute, please send me the check, made out to ESA Disaster Fund. I have paperwork that accompanies the check to Sherry Day. Look deep in not only your pockets, but your hearts as well.

I am looking so forward to seeing many of you at our meeting in March.

Blessings to all of you.

Joan



SPECIAL PROJECTS . . . TAMMY REYNOLDS

Hello everyone! I hope everyone had a great holiday season.

I want to thank everyone who made donations to Paws. The ladies were very excited to see everything. She said that the dogs and cats just love the toys.

Just a reminder for the March meeting we are doing book donations



to Children's Hospital. **All books must be brand new.** Please keep in mind some of the older children when choosing the books.

Also we will be making book marks. So if you would like, bring paper, stickers, markers, scissors or cloth ribbon to make



these book marks. I will also be laminating them.

We will also be placing **ESA** stickers inside the books.

Oh, don't forget to bring your poster board with your pictures of your food drive. Can't wait to see you in March!



ESA FOR ST. JUDE



stjude.org

Dear Baby Connor: Your Coverage Is Denied

'If you decide to have this service, you may have to pay it yourself,' the insurer explained to the infant.

10.18.17 5:00 AM ET

The letter from the insurance company is addressed to Connor Richardson, age nine months, who is presently being treated for a rare and aggressive brain cancer.

October 11, 2017

*Dear Connor Richardson,
As HIP Health Plan of New York, we try hard to provide you with access to quality health care services that meet your needs. When we decide to deny coverage for treatment or service, we want to make sure you know why...*

We look over the clinical and medical information given to us and check the criteria, guidelines and the rules of your health coverage policy to make our decision.

*When we reviewed the information given to us about this request, we have decided to deny coverage of the following medical service(s) or item(s) that you or your provider asked for:
Inpatient Hospitalization to St. Jude Hospital from*

10/4/2017-10/10/2017. We have determined that the service(s) are not medically necessary. This letter is your Initial Adverse Determination. This means we are denying your quest for coverage of the requested service(s).

The letter then offers the reason for the denial in a paragraph that is in bold and further set off by quotation marks. The letter here



speaks to Connor as if he were his own parent. "Your child is a 9 month old boy who was diagnosed with a high grade brain tumor. Your child was treated with surgical removal of his tumor at Stonybrook Hospital. After your son was discharged you enrolled him in a clinical trial at St. Jude's hospital. The principal investigator has requested medications including methotrexate, cisplatin, cyclophosphamide, vincristine in combination with an investigational medication, alisertib. This combination of medications is not the standard of care for this

type of cancer, and is considered experimental and investigational at this time, as evidence-based guidelines do not exist to confirm its effectiveness for his brain tumor. Therefore, this request for clinical trial treatment at St. Jude's hospital is not medically necessary and is denied."

The ensuing sentence is again in standard typeface. *"If you decide to have this service you may have to pay it yourself."*

The letter is addressing Connor as if he could read. *"He's smart, but he's not that smart," says his father, retired NYPD Officer Wayne Richardson.*

Wayne notes that as a cop he has had HIP health insurance since 1981 and has never been hospitalized. His son, Connor, was only seven months old when he had an uncharacteristic bout of crying through the night. His

eyes popped wide open.

"Not like a regular baby, like when somebody dies," Wayne recalls.



Connor's mother, Janaida, took him to a small

ESA FOR ST. JUDE (continued)



hospital near their Long Island home.

The baby proved to have a brain tumor that was stemming the flow of fluid to his spine. He underwent emergency surgery.

The impinging growth was found to be an aggressive teratoid rhabdoid tumor, which afflicts just one out of 1.1 million people each year.

Connor subsequently underwent two major operations at the larger Stony Brook University Hospital, one though the front of his skull, the second though the back. The neurosurgeon said he had managed to remove all of the tumor and reported that no cancer had been found in Connor's spine.

During a follow-up treatment at St. Jude Children's Research Hospital in Memphis, Tennessee, doctors found that the tumor had returned. They also discovered cancer in Connor's spine. They enrolled Connor in a clinical trial in which an experimental medication is administered in combination with four other drugs.

Wayne defines "medically necessary" in terms that become morally incontestable when you see love made manifest in photos

of Connor gazing up at his father or snuggled in his mother's arms.

"He'll die if you don't do it," Wayne says of the treatment.

Since the clinical trial cannot guarantee it will save Connor's life, the insurance company saw an opportunity to save money. Wayne read the summary notations "Type of Review: Prospective" and "Type of Denial: Medical Necessity" at the top of the letter. The twisted logic seemed to be that if something offers only a chance of survival, it is not necessary.



Wayne voiced what any parent would feel. "You don't care what it costs."

Fortunately for Connor, St. Jude is that rare medical institution that offers its services at no charge, even supplying patients and their families with transportation and food vouchers. Connor has embarked on his chemotherapy with no cause for his family to worry about the expense.

But Connor's family understands that the payments the insurance company is denying would otherwise support St. Jude.

"You're taking away from them and their research...because the insurance doesn't want to pay,"

Wayne said.

Wayne plans to contest the denial, and the letter does tell him how to file an appeal. Meantime, the insurance company will not pay for the chance to save Connor's life. And the money the company saves will go in its coffers rather than toward treating and maybe curing catastrophically sick kids.

Wayne encountered few, if any criminals who were that icy among the hundreds he arrested as a cop.

"Even they had a heart," Wayne said on Tuesday.

One of Wayne's former partners saw the Dear Connor letter and at least managed some cop humor.

"What are you doing opening Connor's mail?" the cop asked. Wayne.

**THANK GOODNESS FOR
ST. JUDE CHILDREN'S
RESEARCH HOSPITAL!**

ESA FOUNDATION . . . SANDY FULLER



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FOUNDATION

One of the ESA Foundation's strongest convictions as an organization is to provide a chance for worthy individuals to better themselves through continuing education.
Scholarship season is in full

swing and "flyers" have already been sent out to Ohio's high school guidance counselors.

One of the ways that you as an ESA member can help is by joining the Foundation. I am always available to sign you up as a member at the cost of \$25.00 and, if you are already a member, to remind you to pay your annual dues of \$15.00.
When you are a member of the

Foundation in good standing, you will be able to vote at our International Council Convention.

The Foundation has been serving the world community for over 45 years and has awarded more than \$2 million in scholarships and grants. With your support, the Foundation will continue to grow and serve to the benefit of the world.

MARC . . . BETH LAAGE



Hello again to all our Ohio Sisters,
I hope you all had a wonderful and safe Christmas Holiday, and wishing you all many blessings for 2018!

Just a quick report from our 2017 MARC convention in Detroit! From my perspective, everything was great and a good time was had by all! The three speakers were all women entrepreneurs, who started their own companies (2 of the which are non-profits) and inspired us all with their generous spirit!

Maggie Varney, who started Wigs 4 Kids, has dedicated her business to helping children dealing with hair loss through Cancer or other diseases. When Maggie realized there were no agencies to help kids (only adults) facing hair loss, she started her own and has expanded her business to establish a Wellness Center to help address the psychological, social, emotional, and physical side effects of hair loss in children.

Alexandra Clark, who started her own chocolate business, BonBon-Bon, took us through her journey of taking her passion, (Chocolate) and turning it into her livelihood! Her journey was truly inspiring and just shows you what you can do when you follow your passion!!!

Our last speaker was Rebecca Smith from Better Life Bags. Better Life Bags started as Rebecca's hobby. During her last months of pregnancy, she started making bags, posting them on ETSY and before she knew it, she was getting on line orders. At that point she decided to give 10% of every bag sale to low income entrepreneurs overseas through microloans. She named the ETSY shop "Better Life Bags" and sends a picture of the person for whom the loan was given to help , with each bag purchased.

Each speaker offered her own inspiring journey!

Next year the conference will be in Sioux Falls South Dakota. If you've never attended a MARC conference,

please think about joining us in 2018! And don't forget, Ohio will be hosting the 2019 conference, so we hope everyone is ready to jump in and help out.

The MARC Board for this year is as follows: Celeste Webb-President, Debbie Vercellono-Vice President, Brenda Fields- Treasurer, Linda Schmidt-Secretary, Denise Hagerty- Parliamentarian, Angie Butenschoeno-Past President, and Mary Hougland and Kim Poling –Co-Communicators! Please join me in congratulating these wonderful women to our new MARC Board!!

For more information about the elected and appointed board for MARC, please refer to the website... ESAMARC.org!!

See you all at the next state meeting in March!

Stay Warm and Blessings to All!!

Beth Laage
MARC Rep.

MEMBERSHIP . . . BRENDAN MEYERS

"Our society has an obligation to invest now to improve the lives of all those coming into this world, not just those already here." – Mark Zuckerberg

Have you been thinking about the membership ideas we shared in September? Have you discussed what might work for your chapter at your meetings? There were so many choices presented by the Membership Committee and we hope that you are thinking about and acting on them. Élan chapters to engage our young people; Legacy memberships to engage our family; mentoring a Collegiate chapter in your community; or scoping out opportunities in your area for a footgolf tournament are all excellent ideas!

If you are interested in doing a foot golf tournament in your area we can work together as a

state to support you physically and financially. I'd love to see this happen this year in Ohio! At the September leadership we distributed a map of courses in Ohio. Is there one near you? We can help to make first contact and recruit the event center. If you'd like to learn more detail there is a lot of information on the web. I Googled Foot Golf and found information about the rules of the game and samples of other tournaments and venues.

If Foot Golf is not your game (hehe) perhaps we can work together to do an outreach such as supporting Delta Chi's Hope After Heroine event, or any chapter's community outreach program.

Remember that our goal is to increase membership by touching others with the same giving heart and mind! I have

attached a copy of the "ESA/OSC Membership Opportunities" worksheet we shared at the September Leadership. I hope to hear something from each chapter soon about what you may be doing or are interested in doing. The membership committee would love to help!

"If it has to be done, take the responsibility to do it."

Lailah Gifty Akita,
Pearls of Wisdom: Great mind



TREASURER . . . SUE KRITES

I have begun working on the Ohio State Council Proposed 2018-19 Budget to be presented to the Membership at the March Council Meeting for discussion. My request for the Elected and Appointed Board Members is review the financial allocation for your office based on the 2017-18 Approved Budget and if you feel that this amount is under the amount you need for your office submit to me a requested increase and the reason for your request. I will include your request in the proposed budget. Please have this request to me no later than March 1st.

The result of the March discussion will be incorporated in to the final 2018-19 Proposed Budget that will be published prior to OSC Convention and for the Membership to vote on at OSC Convention.

Sue Krites

CHAPTER CHATTER . . . BETA PSI

Happy New Year from Beta Psi! We all hope you have had a wonderful holiday season full of warmth and happiness and time with family! It has been a busy time for Beta Psi and we have lots to share! Though we would like to take time out to let everyone know that one of our members, Mary Cox broke her hip recently. She is home for rest and recovery, but please keep her in your thoughts. Please contact us if you'd like to send her a card as I'm sure she'd love it!

As our theme for this year is "Opportunity Knocks", each month we try to take part in an opportunity to serve in our local areas.

In November we were able to do this with a fun event to donate goods to the Dayton

Foodbank. We spent an evening at Painting with a Twist in Mason, OH painting snowmen! It also happened



to be the birthday of one of our members, Terry Meyers! Just among our members, I was able to drop off 12 bags of food to the

Foodbank barrel in my apartment complex! It was successful and a lot of fun and bonding time!

Our Educational Chair, Tammy Reynolds, has been absolutely KILLING it for us this year! She chose different countries and crafts from each to do at

every meeting. Joan Peddicord gave us some interesting facts from Australia at our

November meeting and we painted boomerangs! At our January meeting we made Christmas Crackers from

England and Laura Vannoy gave us some truly interesting facts about Christmas in England. We also had a great information about Mexico by Judi Grefer and we made God's Eye's. In the coming months we are exploring Ireland, Africa, Jamaica, and Egypt.

In December we had our Christmas Social and ornament exchange at the Grand Finale Restaurant in Glendale, OH. We had a fabulous time and the food was amazing!



There is nothing like celebrating friendship and togetherness over great food and fun ornament exchanges.

From our chapter to yours, we wish you all a very bright, happy, and healthy 2018!

Becka Lloyd,
President

DELTA GAMMA

So much has happened since we were together in September. We spent the month of November making 250 lbs. of chocolate candy for our annual fundraiser. We could never get it done without the help of our "friends of ESA" from my neighborhood. We did all the scheduling for volunteers to answer calls at the WGAR Country Cares for Kids St. Jude Radiothon held at the studio December 7 and 8. Our picture shows the exciting total of \$175,812 raised over those two days.



Sarah Bistline and I shopped for Inmate Release Packages for four women and their families the week before Christmas. We bought laundry baskets and filled each of them with the many needs not covered by food stamps. The women have been able to live in rentals and have their children with them but it's hard to survive with minimum wage jobs. Our support was appreciated.



Lenore Burke's son, Terry, had more brain surgery and was at her home and under her care all summer. Prayers are

needed for Lenore, Terry and all of their family. Also please remember Joan Holt and her family as her husband, Jack, suffering from Alzheimer's disease, has been placed on hospice.

Now it's time to spend our profits from the candy project as we support our philanthropic projects. We are looking forward to the groundbreaking for the Dream Home for St. Jude and the joy of working on another St. Jude project. We mustn't forget our favorite project, St. Jude Quilt Retreat, in April also.

Sending blessings to all and looking forward to seeing you in March.

Shirley Krcmar,
President

DELTA CHI

The calendar says it's a New Year . . . but for us, in ESA . . . our new year starts in September. That means that our resolutions and plans have been underway for some time. Our President, Judi King, gave us impetus with her theme, "Unstoppable Together."

Our agenda to date has included participation in the following projects. In September we participated in the Cincinnati St. Jude Give Thanks Walk. In November four of our members were volunteers at the "Passport to a Cure" Gala at the Hilton Nether Plaza . . . sponsored by the Cystic Fibrosis Foundation. We were gratified that their efforts contributed to a successful event that raised \$195,000.

Also, in November . . . a group led by "Magic Fingers" Nancy Bolander . . . got together to put together kit blankets for women at the Sojourner Rehabilitation Center in Hamilton. As we did last year . . . these were presented as Christmas gifts. A group was also able to help stuff envelopes at the local Easter Seals office.

We are now looking forward to the February "Polar Plunge" to benefit Special Olympics . . . and of course the St. Jude Dream House Raffle. We have already been notified that the location this year will be in Amelia near I-275.

We are also considering doing another public service event on "Hope After Heroin" . . .

and are doing research on possible

affiliations and sources to improve our presentation and make it more relevant.

Following our "Unstoppable" theme, Mary Beth Beacher, Educational Chair, chose for her theme, "Unstoppable Cincinnati Activities/Arts." The first Educational...coordinated by Mary Beth and Kathi Silvy . . . was a visit to Pyramid Hill. The grounds encompass a large area, so we opted for a bus tour with a driver to explain points of interest and give us insight into the many unusual outdoor sculptures. We also took time to visit the museum to see artifacts dating back to B.C. times. It was judged a very interesting experience for all who attended . . . since none of us had been there before.

Our second Educational . . . coordinated by Becky Karlak . . . was a visit to The Bookshelf . . . a small but interesting book store . . . where one of the lady owners gave us an overview of how they came to open the shop. She also gave us insight as to the operations of the store . . . and best of all, gave us a percent of our purchases . . . to be given to St. Jude Children's Hospital . . . which netted us more than \$100.00

Our third one . . . coordinated by Joan Farabee . . . was a visit to the Taft



Museum to see a display of Christmas

ornaments and decorations dating back to previous years.



This year . . . for a change from our usual Golden Lamb . . . our annual Christmas



party was at Parkers Blue Ash Tavern.

The food was excellent and we had a room with a cozy fireplace . . . wonderful!



In a time with so much activity . . . where does one go to relax? Well, Judi has the answer. Every time she has a free day from working . . . she invites all that can . . . to join her for lunch at The Back Door Saloon.

OOPS! Judi reminds me that the correct name is Back Porch Saloon. Well, that does make it sound more respectable than the saloons of the 20's Prohibition era . . . and she assures me that no password is required to get in.

Written by Celia Cordero

*There is nothing more amazing
than being yourself*

Darren Criss

GAMMA KAPPA

Gamma Kappa's Second Annual

GAMMA KAPPA THANKS THE FOLLOWING SPONSORS:

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PAMPERED CHEF
BEVERLY MUSSARI
SHARON ROLL
JILL MONTGOMERY
GAMMA KAPPA MEMBERS

Autumn Blessings Tea for TriState Easter Seals was a great event. We had over 50 guests and a wide variety

of raffle baskets and grab bags. We would like to thank all our wonderful sisters who attended to make a successful fundraiser for Easter Seals. We were chosen to be the Easter Seals Heroes of the month for December. What an honor!



Gamma Kappa is very fortunate to have wonderful neighbors, too. We collected two car loads of can goods to donate to our local food banks. The generosity

of our community was overwhelming.

We were able to donate many coats to our local schools, as well. It is always amazing to see how much this simple act means to our children in need.



Frankie's Furry Friends, a local rescue shelter, was one of our fall projects. The shelter collected gently worn shoes to raise money to rescue more animals from kill shelters. Our chapter has a few pets who "rescued" us, so we have a soft spot for our four legged friends. By the way, Amy's dear friend, Sparky, was called to doggy heaven this fall. She welcomed a new arrival, Chipper, in November to her home. Chipper, a Bedlington Terrier, will be trained carry on Sparky's legacy as a therapy dog and Reading Education Assistance Dog.

We weren't all work, however, as we needed to celebrate the season with our Gamma Kappa Christmas party. The food, games and gifts were appreciated by all.

Gamma Kappa welcomed three former ESA members back into our group. Judy Harris, Marlene Walker and Grace Striley were reinstated and have been very active in all of our fall events. So exciting to see these sisters as an active part of our chapter!

We would like to extend an invitation to all our sisters to our next event on January 28th @ 2:00 at the CycleBar in Liberty Township (7308 Yankee Road). It is a super fun time for only \$25. Please save the date!

We hope everyone had a wonderful 2017 and will have an even better 2018.



Barbara Li Calzi

SIGMA CHI

Holiday greetings from Sigma Chi: We've finished out 2017 (November/December) with our philanthropic projects and sisterhood celebrations. At our annual "*Shop for St. Jude*" event we had a good turnout of vendors selling merchandise and received generous donations for our 6 grand raffle baskets and silent auctions. Special thanks to our fellow ESA sisters and Kohl's Care volunteers who supported us at our event. We couldn't have a successful event without you! Our proceeds for St. Jude were approximately \$5,000.

Many of us donated items to Matthew 25: Ministries (M25M) in Blue Ash to help the hurricane victims in Texas, Florida, etc., and we volunteered two shifts in November –

separating donated paint and assembling items for medical kits. We'll be working with M25M on a regular basis in 2018.

Sharon Roll's annual program "*MS Gift of Hope*", which aids families impacted with MS, in its 14th year took place in December. This year 11 families were recipients of "*MS Gift of Hope*"; each family received \$400 in cash plus a big bag full of assorted goodies and \$100 in gift cards from the Fulcher Foundation. With joy and gratitude Sharon expressed that, due to the generosity of so many caring people, we were able to help those individuals/families suffering in health, financial and other ways.

During the holiday shopping of December we decided to take ad-

vantage of the *Barnes & Noble* gift wrapping program to raise funds for non-profit organizations. We volunteered 4 partial days (at the B&N Field's Ertel store) to gift-wrap shoppers' gifts, and we received total donations of \$206.87 for *Alzheimer's Association - Greater Cincinnati Chapter*. Our local AA organization had matching donors in December with opportunities to double our donation.

Sigma Chi's Christmas Celebration included dinner at Pitrelli's in Mason. We look forward to 2018 with more learning and service opportunities, continued sisterhood celebrations, health, and happiness.

Submitted by
Janet Ivers

PI XI

Snow snow go away, PI XI wants to come out and play! We are still rocking and rolling and adding new members! Up to 12 now! Melissa DiRienzo is a recruiting Queen! We are so excited to take Columbus by storm and rock out ESA style!

Pi Xi chapter of Epsilon Sigma Alpha raised \$2,648.49 for our team Mandy's Maniacs for the St. Jude Walk/run with our Quarter Auction and a whooooping team total of \$4,003.49!!

Thank you to everyone who came to our Quarter Auction and made it such a success!!!



Some of the members of PI XI went to the 2nd Annual Autumn Blessings for Easter Seals with Gamma Kappa and other ESA members,



family and friends. We had such a great time.



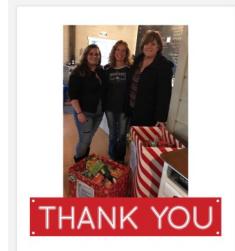
Amanda Rowland participated in the Shop for St Jude with viaonehope hosted by Sigma Chi with the assistance of the President of Beta Psi Becka Lloyd to raise money for St Jude.

We have been busy beavers this holiday season. PI XI members shopped with Julie Bakers employer for the Salvation Army for families for Christmas. We shopped at Kohls and had a great time!

PI XI also had a holiday dinner at LaScala in Dublin with our family and friends.

Great food and great times.

PI XI also teamed up with a local



THANK YOU

Winery, St Ives Winery and helped to get donations for the North Lewisburg Food Pantry.

Our chapter is flourishing and looking forward to taking 2018 by storm! Please continue to support us in our efforts to establish an amazing chapter here again in the Columbus and surround area. Look forward to continuing to see lots from us and our amazing members.

Amanda Rowland
President

Amaze Yourself Today!

You are capable of doing more than you think is possible, just don't let your mind talk you out of it!

-Linda Thomas

OHIO STATE COUNCIL OF ESA

MARCH FUN MEETING

March 10, 2018

Continental Breakfast 8:30 AM—Meeting 9:00 AM

312 Elm Street, Suite 1465 • Cincinnati, OH 45202

Parking is available in building garage (enter from Elm Street—entrance is on the right). Bring parking ticket to meeting for reimbursement. Call 859-250-0863 if you have difficulties finding the garage.

Please consider car pooling.



Review special projects reminder of items needed in the January 2018 edition of the Buckeye Jonquil.

BOX LUNCH CHOICES: Option #1—Chicken Salad Sandwich · Option #2—Turkey Sandwich · Option #3—Ham Sandwich · Option #4—Mediterranean Veggie Sandwich · #5 Fuji Apple Salad w/Chicken

NAME	\$35 ea.	LUNCH OPTION – CIRCLE ONE				
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Chapter:

Make checks payable to: Beta Psi

Mail check and form to: Brenda Meyers—242 Oxford Drive—Fairborn, OH 45324

DEADLINE: MARCH 1, 2017



EPSILON SIGMA ALPHA

International Council Dues
Chapter
State
Other Councils

How to Remain Non-Profit?

- All entities **MUST** pay IC Council dues. Entities are: Chapters, District Councils, Regional Councils, State Councils, and any other Zone or Auxiliary.
- All entities **MUST** submit a Tax-Form (**Tax Facts**) to Headquarters each year by September 15th.
- All individual ESA members **MUST** pay individual member dues.

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

What Do I Owe and Where Do I Send It?

- Individual Member dues are sent to ESA Headquarters. Each member will receive a bill in the mail. These are paid yearly during the month you pledged. Dues are \$49 (unless you are a senior or a Life-Active Member).
- IC Council dues are due at the beginning of the ESA Year (August 1st) and must be paid before May 1st to be considered in "good standing" and receive voting privileges at IC Convention.
These dues are mailed to the current IC Treasurer. DO NOT SEND TO ESA HEADQUARTERS.

2017-2018 International Council Dues are Due Upon Receipt

Please check one:

Chapters: \$40.00

Name _____ Number _____ State Affiliation _____

Other Councils/Districts/Zones/Auxiliary (within a state) \$40.00

Name _____ Number _____ State Affiliation _____

State Council/Multi-State Council \$45.00

Name _____ Number _____

Treasurer's Name _____

Address _____ City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Phone _____ Email Address _____

Send Payment to: IC Treasurer

LeAnn Wray
10355 Blaine Road
Brighton, MI 48114
lwrays2@comcast.net

FOR IC TREASURER'S USE ONLY

DEPOSIT # _____

CHECK # _____

ACCOUNT # _____

DATE REC'D _____

Make Checks Payable to: **ESA International Council**

Please include chapter name & number on check

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



**OHIO STATE COUNCIL
NOMINATION FOR OFFICE
FOR ESA YEAR 2018 - 2019**

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|--------------------------------|--------------------------|
| Vice President/President Elect | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Treasurer | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Recording Secretary | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Parliamentarian | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Editor | <input type="checkbox"/> |

Name: _____

Member Number: _____

Chapter Name: _____

Chapter Number: _____

Date Pledged ESA: _____

Degree of Pallas Athene: _____

Check each Council Meeting/Convention attended during the previous two years (indicate year):

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| <input type="checkbox"/> ____ Leadership/Council Mtg. | <input type="checkbox"/> ____ Spring Meeting | <input type="checkbox"/> ____ Convention |
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Please list your present and past offices held, elected and appointed, starting with your latest position:

Chapter: _____

State: _____

MARC: _____

IC: _____

Nominated by: _____ Date: _____
(Chapter President's Signature)

Submit form prior to, or at Spring meeting: OSC Vice President
See attached summary of qualifications per OSC By-Laws

Summary of the qualifications for Elected Offices as listed in OSC By-laws Article XII

Each elected officer must:

- Be a member in good financial standing with Ohio State Council.
- Be a member of ESA for two (2) years.
- Be a member of Ohio State Council one (1) year prior to nomination.
- Attend an Ohio State Council convention and two (2) Ohio State Council meetings within two (2) years prior to nomination.

Parliamentarian: Must have held the office of Parliamentarian or President in an ESA chapter or council.

Recording Secretary: Must have held the office of Recording Secretary or President in an ESA chapter or council.

Treasurer: Must have held the office of Treasurer in an Ohio State Council chapter.

Vice President/President Elect: Must have held the office of President in an Ohio State Council chapter, and have served on the Ohio State Council General Board during the year prior to her nomination.

President: This office is filled by the Vice President/President Elect and not open for nomination.



EPSILON SIGMA ALPHA

**OHIO STATE COUNCIL
BID FOR COUNCIL MEETING/CONVENTION**

Chapter _____

Chapter Number _____

President _____

Phone Number _____

Address _____

City _____

Zip _____

Place a check next to the meeting your chapter would like to host:

September Leadership/Council Meeting (3rd weekend per bylaws)

March Council Meeting (2nd or 3rd weekend per bylaws)

May Convention (Any weekend in May selected by hostess chapter per bylaws)

Please return to OSC Vice President prior to, or at, the Spring Council Meeting.

☺ YOUTH

Elan (Youth) Membership Application (For Anyone Age 17 Or Younger) (PDF)
Elan Welcome Certificate (PDF)
Elan Membership Card (PDF)



Membership is for youth who wish to participate in individual philanthropic or educational opportunities of existing or original events.

- Individual or chapter membership
- Adult sponsor, parent or mentor
- Offers volunteer hours to meet school requirements
- Community involvement
- Educational
- Target: Honor Society, Church Youth Group, Mentor programs i.e. Scouts, Big Brothers/Sisters and Family Members
- One-time fee of \$45.00 until age 18

EΣΑ What does it take to start a collegiate chapter – guide lines are on the website under collegiate membership

<https://www.epsilonsigmaalpha.org/collegiate-membership/What-does-it-take-to-start-a-chapter?>

Also under recruitment header:

COLLEGIATE MEMBERSHIP MATERIALS

Brochure
Application
Recruitment PowerPoint Presentation
Recruitment Tips
Tips For Successful Tabling
Request Printed Materials
Make Your Own Fliers
Recommend-A-Friend Materials
Sign In Sheet For Your Clipboard
Chapter Transfer And Member-At-Large Form
PowerPoint Presentations
Table Tent With Bit.ly For YouTube Video

Legacy Membership –

Share your experience with your family!

Close relatives of active ESA members may join ESA through the Legacy program when sponsored by their ESA member relative.

- They can be in any community chapter – not necessarily the sponsor's.
- Gift a membership: they can be IC Member-At-Large.
 - Receive ESA information that may excite them to join/form a chapter in their area
- This program permits close relatives to join for the first year rate of \$49.00, a significant savings off the regular \$69.00 rate.
- Beginning with their second year, Legacy members pay the regular renewal dues rate.
- Creates a Connection

the **Inspiration**

library

Outreach Project Guidelines

- Hands-on-volunteerism, direct-service or philanthropic fundraiser
- One of ESA's national causes, OSC state causes, or local interests
- Must both "do good" and include members of the community as participants and/or project partners
- No projects done by ESA alone!

Choose a project that Inspires YOU – then share it!

Ohio State Council Outreach Ideas –



Kickball Tournament



Footgolf Tournament





EPSILON SIGMA ALPHA



OHIO STATE COUNCIL

www.esaohio.org
E-mail: jlrefer@gmail.com

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

Through a network of chapters in the US and abroad, an ESA member has the opportunity to form life-long friendships and share the power to make a difference. That difference is felt close to home and in far-reaching ways by membership participation in community service and major philanthropic projects.

To help you become your personal best, ESA International will provide leadership training, seminars, education programs and the challenge to develop individual strengths. All the while, your fellow ESA members will help you reach those goals.

Bringing good people together to do good things!

Some days
I amaze myself,
other days
I put laundry
in the oven.



EDUCATIONAL CHAIR . . . KATHLEEN SEEWER

Winter Education Challenge:

Stay occupied on these bitter cold winter days! Find the 32 words or phrases all related to our beloved sorority. The IDEALS book on the IC website can be used to assist you. How many can you find? I filled in one phrase for you, 31 to go! Words can be horizontal, vertical, diagonal.

ENJOY!

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