



OHIO STATE COUNCIL OF EPSILON SIGMA ALPHA

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## EMBRACE THE SPIRIT OF ESA . . .

Happy New Year my dear friends. I hope that you and your families are doing well and most of all staying safe. 2020 was a year of many challenges and disappointments but hopefully 2021 will bring more joys to all of us. The one thing I missed the most this year is being together in person with you. There is something about that human touch of being together and of course that hug. Being together and sharing ideas or laughing with each other cannot be replaced by any virtual means. The truth is that I miss my friends! I have always looked for-

ward to my chapter and state meetings and just catch up on the latest news!

Moving forward into 2021 I feel our only option for the March Meeting is to be on Zoom. Until the circumstances change with COVID-19, I feel this is the safest way to go for all of us. More information on the March meeting will be coming out soon. Hopefully, I can sweet talk my VP to have another couple of BINGO games for us! As far as our Convention, I really cannot say. Again, until the circumstances in the tri-state area change a decision can-

not be made. My priority for OSC is safety first. I will be discussing the situation with the Executive Board and let you know. In the meantime, continue to stay safe and reach out to those that may need you during this time. Remember that our friends are Gods' gift.

In ESA Love,  
Maddy



EMBRACE THE SPIRIT OF ESA

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## VICE PRESIDENT . . . BECKA LLOYD

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Welcome to 2021, Ohio! Who would have ever thought this past year would be what it was? We have lost loved ones, watched our friends and family suffer through illness and financial hardships, and yet we have held fast and made it through to a new year. Forced to meet in smaller groups or moved to zoom entirely or not at all. I know it was hard for me because I couldn't do any volunteer work at all and that is such an integral part to who I am that it really hurt my heart. I don't know about anyone else but even I had to battle some depression even though I don't suffer from it like others I know. Too many hours spent alone with my cats isn't all it's cracked up to be!!

Going into this new year, I have a challenge for you! We had too much time to dwell on all the things that have gone wrong and what we didn't have. I challenge

you to put a box or a jar on your kitchen counter and each day I want you to write one good thing from that day and place it there. Each month take out everything and read about all the good things that happened to you. Share your favorite with us each month on Facebook or even just email them to me and I'll share them!

Now onto more official matters! I'm putting out a call to everyone to serve on our Ohio State Council as well as some committee chairs! At the end of the BJ, there should be an Officer Nomination form from our state website. In the document it also lists the requirements for each office. I will also email out the form to each chapter President for distribution to your members. So please submit those to me

NO LATER THAN our March meeting.

This year has been intensely difficult and 2021 will have its own challenges as well. I'm sure we will find our way, but I know we miss our friends and family as well as the ability to just have a lunch together with each other. With the vaccine rollout, albeit slowly, it is my hope that by the summer we might actually be able to meet in somewhat small groups again. For now, please keep social distancing, wearing your masks, and staying safe!

Also here are 3 photos of some Ohio ESA'ers with their masks on. Can you guess who they are just by eyes and mask?? Email me your guesses!

Becka



Hello everyone, I hope that you had a good Christmas and Happy New Year taking into consideration the past tumultuous 2020 year. On the bright side, with the help of Nancy Peck and Shirley Krcmar, over 500 plus schools were notified of the opportunity of ESA scholarships. Did you know that the state of Ohio has over 1125 high schools and vocational schools that are public, private and religious? A big shout out to Nancy Peck and Shirley Krcmar. Thank you for your assistance.

On another subject -

#### **ESA FOUNDATION MEMBERSHIP**

The ESA Foundation is a public foundation for anyone who shares our goals. The membership fee is \$25 with \$15 annual dues thereafter. You may also opt to become a Life Active member with a \$500 one-time payment. All dues are tax deductible. In order to vote at the annual meeting, the active member must have their annual dues before **March 1**. [Become a member.](#)

All contributions made directly to the ESA Foundation are tax deductible as "Gifts to Charity" due to our 501 c 3 charitable status under the Internal Revenue Code. You may either print out a [contribution form](#) or a [Turn-Around-Fund form](#) from this site or call ESA Headquarters to contribute with your credit card. Contributions may be designated or undesignated. Undesignated gifts become a part of the general fund. Designated contributions are used for the purpose designed by the donor.

On another subject . . .

#### **FOUNDATION SCHOLARSHIPS & GRANTS**

Applications for the 2021-2022 scholarship year are due by 11:00pm mountain standard time on February 1<sup>st</sup>. There are fifty-one (51) scholarships

available to Ohio students. It is easy to apply. If you know someone that is wanting to apply for a scholarship please direct them to [ESA Foundation - Epsilon Sigma Alpha \(ESA\) - An International Service Organization.](#)

There is no fee to create an account and begin searching for scholarships. There is a \$5.00 processing fee for each scholarship for which you apply, although one current transcript may be submitted to cover all of your applications. The processing fee is for

- ◆ Maintenance costs and updates to the online application website
- ◆ The cost of our annual financial audit.
- ◆ Leftover funds are added to the ESA General Scholarship and distributed in the form of additional scholarships

#### **GRANTS**

##### ***Career Enhancement Grants:***

The Career Enhancement Grants are designed to help applicants attend workshops and seminars that help them increase their job ability or knowledge in their current field of employment or assist them in starting a new job.

Application money request is for Registration fees and actual materials needed to attend and study for the event. Travel and hotel accommodation costs are not included in this grant request. Applications reviewed quarterly. For funding details, criteria, and eligibility requirements please go to: [www.epsilonsigmaalpha.org](http://www.epsilonsigmaalpha.org)

##### ***Vocational Training Grants:***

The "Vocational Training" provides opportunities to applicants seeking to develop skills for a new career or to enhance their skills and knowledge for further advancement in their chosen

career field. Applications reviewed every six months. For criteria and application process please go to: <https://www.epsilonsigmaalpha.org>

##### ***Partnerships/Joint Venture Grants***

To support other non-profits who provide educational career training programs that meet the ideals and goals of the ESA Foundation; or to support larger grant-making entities who are able to support multiple clients for a single program that furthers the educational interests of the ESA Foundation. Approved for one or more years

***Currently this grant is not available as the ESA Foundation has committed funds until 2024 to support the St. Jude Graduate School of Biomedical Sciences.***

Please note, these are not scholarship or college related grants and will not apply to college tuition, college books or college debts of any kind.

##### ***St. Jude Graduate School Grant***

Institution Grant: approved for 5 years Annual contribution to develop excellent researchers to continue the fight against childhood catastrophic illness.

Again, I wish to thank Nancy Peck and Shirley Krcmar for their assistance in getting scholarship information out to Ohio students.

Please consider joining the Foundation either a member that pay dues yearly or as a Life Time member. Foundation dues must be paid by March 1<sup>st</sup> in order to have a voice at the foundation meeting.

***Scholarship application(s) must be completed by 11:00pm February 1<sup>st</sup> 2021.***

I hope that the information provided proves to be informative and helpful. Let me know if you have any questions.

## PARLIAMENTARIAN . . . KATHY SOLT

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I know that by-laws changes are just what you wanted for your late night fascinating reading. No? Well, I do know our by-laws are what keeps OSC operating in an orderly manner. 2020-21 being a very unusual year, with its unique situations and problems for each of us, has brought some unique changes to OSC. As we are strong members with purpose, we have found ways to keep ESA and OSC a viable part of our lives through caring and service. Your executive board took on unique challenges that made each of us realize we want to continue to believe and

follow the purpose of ESA. Each for all, and all for each.

I have reviewed our current by-laws and the appendix of appointed officer duties which were amended in 2018 and 2019. Changes will allow us to hold virtual meetings/convention, clarifying election, service and duties of elected and appointed officers. These changes will be submitted to the executive board for review and then presented to the membership at our March meeting for a first reading to

change. A second reading will take place at our convention with a vote to follow. When the executive board votes on the changes, I will issue those changes to each of our chapter presidents to review with their members.

Feel free to read all 16 pages of the by-laws, the 13 pages of the appendix A appointed officers and the 2 pages of standing rules for your late night reading pleasure, as they can be found on our OSC website for your enjoyment.

## NEWS YOU CAN USE . . . AMANDA ROWLAND

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### **March 26: ESA national Bingo recruitment party/demonstration**

Spring is our traditional season for welcoming new members in the lead up to Founder's Day. This year try Bingo! Join IC President LeAnn Wray and me for an online Bingo party open to any ESA member. Learn how to use simple and free Bingo card generator and Bingo number calling software to host a Bingo party of your own, play a few games, and learn how to use ESA's recruitment materials in an online or in-person setting to host your own ESA Bingo party for members and guests. Anyone may attend and every member must individually register to receive instructions: [www.epsilonsigmaalpha.org/ESABingo](http://www.epsilonsigmaalpha.org/ESABingo). **Registration deadline is March 12<sup>th</sup>.**

There will be a second **invitation-only Bingo party with LeAnn in June** with

prizes and fun for any chapter that welcomes a new member between January 1 and May 31. You can try a chapter Bingo party after you learn how, or any other recruitment activity you like. One new member for the chapter earns **all** chapter members an invitation. (Individual members/MALs may also sponsor a new member and earn an invitation). Encourage your state to go for it and qualify as many chapters as possible to join the June event. (June date TBA later this spring once state convention weekends are confirmed to avoid conflicts.)

**February 26-27<sup>th</sup>: ESA's Leadership Conference** is VIRTUAL this year and a terrific opportunity to help your state's members meet new ESA friends from across the country and enjoy their ESA membership at a new level this

year. [www.epsilonsigmaalpha.org/Leadership](http://www.epsilonsigmaalpha.org/Leadership)

### **2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Mondays: ESA Coffee Chats**

Informal fun virtual get-togethers for socializing, "You Might Like This" presentations from members and chapters, and the latest ESA program updates. Each chat is offered in the morning and evening on chat dates, members new to the chats should register to receive the link to join in, [www.epsilonsigmaalpha.org/ESACoffeeChat](http://www.epsilonsigmaalpha.org/ESACoffeeChat)

### **Safer Valentine's Day activity ideas** available

at [www.epsilonsigmaalpha.org/ESALife](http://www.epsilonsigmaalpha.org/ESALife)



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

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

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

challenges with Easterseals clients, and this project had far reaching good outcomes. 2020-21 saw the Cincinnati chapter receive several outstanding awards on a local and national levels. One of those awards was the Goggle Impact Challenge Award. They won for Ohio and then with a popular vote, won the people's choice award nationwide, in which many ESA members voted. They won by over 3,000 votes. The awards came with \$3000,000 to help lift 120 people out of poverty. Another award was received from McKinsey Scott, one of the founders of Amazon, who has pledged to give away most of her fortune, gave the Cincinnati chapter \$6,000,000 in unrestricted funds to transform services.

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

## PHILANTHROPIC ... JOAN FARABEE

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Welcome to 2021! I know we are all excited to leave all of the chaos of 2020. I am sure, you, like us, are very excited about the vaccine in order to get back to some "normalcy." Whatever that may be.

Please know we, (Nancy and I) will be collecting each chapter's philanthropic reports. We know you are thinking ....but we were

unable to volunteer..well, maybe not to the degree you have in the past, however, we are certain you have donated to your charities as usual. Also, do not forget the hours and money some of you spent on making masks. That was a wonderful, much needed endeavor.

As usual, chapters should vote on the philanthropic endeavors you

support. Don't forget also, our state projects, Alzheimers and Cystic Fibrosis and as always St. Jude and Easter Seals.

We hope today finds you encouraged and hopeful for this year and our ability to volunteer once again!

Fondly,  
Joan and Nancy

[Stjude.org](http://Stjude.org)



## St. Jude Dream Homes 2021

With COVID restrictions starting last March, we learned that volunteering for St. Jude Dream Homes was not possible. Thankfully the ALSAC/St. Jude Dream Homes proceeded via Virtual Tours, and tickets were processed through ALSAC offices.

**Dream Homes for 2021 are in place,** and we're waiting for word on ESA Volunteer needs. *(Editor's note: All Dream Home Tickets will be process by ALSAC employees in 2021.)*

**Cincinnati:** Prestwick Place, Pierce Twp (near Amelia, Ohio)

**Cleveland:** Falls Glen in Olmsted Falls, Ohio

<https://www.stjude.org/give/dream-home.html>

In December 2020, Cleveland's Shirley Krcmar, Delta Gamma was part of WGAR Country Cares for Kids St. Jude Radiothon, raising an impressive \$221,186 for St. Jude kids! Cleveland is Rockin' and Rollin'.



Shirley Krcmar (Cleveland)  
WGAR St. Jude Radiothon

## ALSAC/St. Jude's Volunteer Management System (VMS)

VMS is an online platform where volunteers can find ALSAC/St. Jude events or service opportunities, track their hours, sign up for notifications and more. ALSAC will be inputting events in this system as it catches up and we get through COVID restrictions for volunteer opportunities. **Per ESA International, ALSAC says VMS must be used 100% for ALSAC events (Dream Home, etc) and to input your volunteer hours for those events by 12/31/21.**

Many of us did sign up for this in 2020. **If you haven't registered yet, please do so at [www.stjude.org/volunteer](http://www.stjude.org/volunteer). Make sure you select ESA as national affiliate.**

## Chapter or State sponsored St. Jude events

Some planned fundraisers last year were cancelled due to COVID, but with some "workarounds" and creativity we learned to salvage what we could with virtual social media, etc so we could generate funds for St. Jude kids. We miss attending these fundraiser events and hope that opportunities open in the months to come. In the meantime, we'll be using virtual apps and creativity for small St. Jude projects.

## St. Jude fundraiser event ideas:

**St. Jude Garage Sale** – gather donated, household items; advertise via social media and yardsalesearch.com, Amazon Marketplace, etc; post signs in neighborhood area.

**Letter writing campaign** – this idea is under development at ESA International, and they're looking for a few chapters who're interested. Your chapter writes an ESA personal letter

asking for St. Jude monetary donations and includes a self-addressed return envelope; it's then mailed to friends, family, etc.

**Virtual Events on Eventbrite.com** – create a fun virtual class, game, DIY craft workshop, hands-on baking workshop or any virtual event to raise \$ for St. Jude. Charge an event reservation fee or have a donation link.

Here are a few Valentine (Galentine, Palentine) virtual events to check out <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/galentine-day-tickets-133227443871?aff=ebdssbeditorialcol>  
<https://www.eventbrite.com/e/love-local-make-pop-up-valentines-registration-133264657177?aff=ebdssbeditorialcol>

Make sure you include Ohio ESA sisters in your event invitation and send me the info about your event. Remember to complete a St. Jude "booked event form" and then "completed event form" on ESA's St. Jude page <https://epsilonsigmaalpha.org/StJudeForms>.

Thanks for all your wonderful work in helping the St. Jude kids.





### Meet Gracie

age 1, blood cancer



Gracie's smile lights up a room. When her dad's service dog, Karson, comes into her view, she squeals in delight. She's a happy little girl, clearly the apple of her parents' eyes.

She's also a very sick little girl. Just one day after her birth, Gracie was diagnosed with infant [acute lymphoblastic leukemia](#).

**I barely got to hold her. They thought it was leukemia. The next morning, they knew for sure.**

*Ashley, mother of Gracie*

"I was devastated," said Gracie's mom, Ashley. "I lost it," said Gracie's dad, Brett. "I was so far away, I couldn't be there with them."

St. Jude patient Gracie dad, Brett, is a corporal in the United States Marine Corps. Last September, when Ashley, who was home in the States with family, went into labor, Brett was deployed in Iraq. Nearly 7,000 miles separated them. Ashley's pregnancy had been smooth sailing and Gracie's birth had gone well. For a fleeting moment, Ashley held her newborn daughter to her chest before nurses whisked the baby away. Little Gracie had a fever, and her breathing was off.

"I barely got to hold her," Ashley said. "They thought it was leukemia. The next morning they knew for sure."

At St. Jude, Gracie started chemotherapy immediately. She is a part of the TINI protocol. Because the majority of St. Jude funding comes from everyday people, St. Jude has the freedom to focus on what matters most —saving kids regardless of their financial situation.

It was hard for Brett and Ashley to see their baby hooked up to machines, but Gracie's care team has helped them every step of the way.

"Gracie's doctor loves her so much," Ashley said. "Seeing how much she cares for Gracie, seeing her play with Gracie, it means a lot to us."

Brett is thankful for Gracie's nurses. "Some of her nurses have known her longer than I have," he said. "They're with Gracie every day. They've watched her grow."

When her dad's service dog, Karson, comes into her view, Gracie squeals in delight.

Within two months, Gracie's cancer was in remission, where it remains today. Gracie's treatment also includes [music](#), [occupational](#) and [physical](#) therapies, to help ensure she's reaching her milestones.

**Seeing Gracie's smile every day, seeing how happy she is, that helps us get through this. She's growing every day.**

*Brett, father of Gracie*

## CHAPTER CHATTER . . . ALPHA ZETA

Goodbye 2020 and Hello 2021! This first year for Alpha Zeta was a non-event. We weren't able to get much done as we headed into winter and the Covid-19 numbers started skyrocketing. We had to stay apart though there were sometimes we were able to see each other on our own for non-ESA purposes like holidays and socially distanced summer/fall activities.

Our sisters Marisa and Marianne had to live together a bit of late summer into the Christmas holidays. Lisa has worked throughout the pandemic. She and Tammy did lots of bike riding and racking up miles and even the family got together to do a Corn Maze for Halloween. Tammy and Lisa also took part in Dayton Strides Tributes at Twilight in October which raised funds for breast cancer with the American Cancer Society.

We want to take time out to spotlight one of our own. Tammy Reynolds. Let us tell you about

her. This woman has not slowed down during this pandemic. As many of you know, she is a pharmacy tech with CVS in Middletown, OH. She is one of the brave essential personnel that goes to work every single day so that people can get the medications they need. Which means she goes out in the public every day masked up and putting herself at risk for others. She is one of the most amazing, caring people that we are lucky to have in our lives. She deserves a lot more recognition than we can give her here, but



she is our Hero!!

We also want to take this time to spotlight another of our Heroes! Lisa Issacs is a breast cancer survivor and 7 January she hit her 2-year anniversary of her remission. She is a warrior, and we love her so much! Here's to many more years!

So, our fledgling chapter has yet to make any big strides, but we are always looking for ways to make our mark individually until we can actually meet. We still have yet to even be installed yet! As we start 2021, we are hoping that this is our year to really gain some traction and do some great things with our sister chapters!! We can wait for everyone to meet our members!!

Take care, be safe, and we wish you all a wonderful 2021!

# MAKE A POSITIVE IMPACT

ESA MEMBERS VOLUNTEER MORE THAN 650,000 SERVICE HOURS  
FOR LOCAL, NATIONAL, AND INTERNATIONAL CHARITABLE CAUSES.

*Does this look familiar?*

*IS there a little social distancing in your chapter too?*



Beta Psi was able to meet at Joan's for the first time in almost a year this fall. We managed to have a meeting, an educational, a social, and a service project all in one day! One-week later Joan moved to her new home and we are back to meeting via Zoom!

Everyone enjoyed the holiday, albeit a quiet one, and we are all looking forward to being together soon! We are keeping

busy doing some Hope for Heroes projects. Brenda's son Richard is stationed with the Army in South Korea, so we mailed (3) USPS boxes of greeting cards that he gave to their base Chaplain. We will also be sending a supply of pillowcases in February. In addition, we are making lap quilts and afghans for Honor Flight to give the veterans they transport. We are so hopeful they will be able to go this year!

We really enjoyed the OSC Social and want to thank Melissa for a very fun night! If you like a virtual game night or just a great time to see other ESA members you can sign up for ESA Bingo night too. Check out the website [www.epsilonsigmaalpha.org](http://www.epsilonsigmaalpha.org) for information about this social taking place in March. Maybe we will see you there!

**STOPPING CHILDHOOD CANCER.**

SINCE 1972, ESA HAS HELPED SUPPORT THE LIFE-CHANGING WORK OF ST. JUDE CHILDREN'S RESEARCH HOSPITAL.

# DELTA GAMMA

Who would have ever guessed how much technology would mean to us! Many thanks to Maddy Kurzinski and Becka Lloyd for our first Zoom Ohio State Council meeting. How great it was to see and spend time with our sisters again!



Although the St. Jude Walk/Run held in September was also “virtual,” I did my part as a committee member by walking the circle of my neighborhood. We celebrated our total of \$109,605 raised for St. Jude.

Our special Zoom event for October was the MARC Conference. It sure seems more personal to “attend” the meeting in your own home and greeting MARC sisters.

November was chocolate month as usual. However, with no gathering of groups to help, we only made 100 lbs. instead of 250 this year. We are still able to support some of our charity projects.

Then Traci Cahill satisfied a missing part for our OSC meetings in December by hosting a social hour. How we do love to be social and it was terrific catching up with all who participated. Thank you Traci.

I appealed to my chapter members for help writing this article and must share their responses.

Denise Gombita – “Is this a trick? You know we have been isolating. None of us have been to quilt shops. We have been home learning how to change the entire economic landscape by shopping online. Nary a one of us went over the river and thru the woods for Xmas. Some of us saw



family members in the big Q for the holidays as giving thanks for their survival brings new meaning to the blessed holiday.” -- “Oh and I learned I am a horrible home schooling teacher who is apparently not as smart in mind or attitude as a fifth grader. If it were not for my smart phone I fear there were times when all correct answers to those web delivered questions would have been wrong.”

Darlene Wellock – “I found out I have a cousin we didn’t know existed. My cousin, her sister, had a quilt top her mom made. I quilted it and sent it to her. She was overjoyed to have something her mom, whom she never knew, touched and was now hers. Embroidered state birds.

Sarah Bistline – “I have been trying to finish projects that I have had for years but I think I am losing the battle as I started a new one last week. I have a quilt I did over ten years ago finally done and will go to my sister.”



Shirley Krcmar – My quilting contribution to this was Christmas stockings for my grand-daughter’s family.



No meetings but lots of sharing with text messages and phone calls!

“If hugs were snowflakes, I’d send you a blizzard!” Happy New Year!

Shirley Krcmar, President

## Happy New Year to all of our wonderful Ohio Sisters!

2020 has been an incredibly different kind of year! For some, it's been difficult, for some heart wrenching, for some lonely, for some inspirational, for some it has given us a sense of what is really important in life, but for all of us, it has been different in so many ways. From all of my Delta Chi Sisters, we pray that you all are in good health, and can find peace and a sense of contentment in these troubling times.

We, on Celia's behalf, would like to thank all of our ESA sisters in Ohio and around the country for all the Birthday Wishes! This wonderful woman, who is the matriarch of Delta Chi, the voice of wisdom and reason, our mentor, our spiritual advisor and our dear friend, turned 99 on October 8 and was flooded with Birthday

cards from friends, family and ESA sisters around the country! Her Delta Chi sisters helped her to celebrate a week-long celebration, starting with Ice Cream delivery on



Monday, a day of Candy, flowers, soups to freeze, a birthday cake and other deliveries to make the whole week a week of celebration. She is truly thankful for all the kind thoughts and wishes! Happy Birthday Celia, we love you to the moon and back!!!

It has been very difficult to keep up with our regular commitments and philanthropic endeavors in these past 10 months, but we have been doing our best to think of others and continue our good works.

We were able to hold our annual garage sale in August! Everyone who worked and buyers who attended, were extremely respectful at keeping their distance and wearing masks. The weather was beautiful and we were able to raise just over \$1000, which we were able to donate to St. Jude.

At Easter Seals, we were able to raise money for the Bed Project. This is a project that Marsha and Maddy took on, partnering with Easter Seals, to build beds and supply mattresses, sheets, pillows and blankets for the homeless. Great work ladies and thank you for giving us all the opportunity to make a difference.

Some of us were able to participate

virtually in the St. Jude walk/run on September 26. Those who did, walked on their own. We are all missing our yearly activities where we can get together, reconnect and do our part to make the world a better place. I am looking forward to next September when we can again reconnect and walk for St. Jude!

Another yearly event that didn't take place this year was the Cystic Fibrosis Gala. This gala raises much needed money for research into new drugs for treatment. Diane has kept us updated on a new drug called Trikafta which will be able to help 90% of the CF population, including her sweet grandson, Christopher. Diane tells us they are awaiting approval from the FDA and are so very hopeful that this drug will have a dramatic effect and increase the quality of lives for those affected by CF.

As we have done the last 4-5 years, we have been able to make "sobriety" blankets for Kathi's girls at Sojourner. These young women are in treatment for drug addiction, which is another pandemic our country is facing. Kathi works hard to help them overcome and recover so they can regain their self esteem, reclaim their families and once again become productive members of their communities. Although we couldn't get together to make the blankets, we each did them on our own and were able to complete the eight blankets Kathi needed for each of her girls. We would ask that everyone keep these women in your prayers as they struggle to recover and to regain a life without drugs/alcohol.

Judi has headed up the Hope for Hero's 'Operation Paper Back & Magazines!' For the last few months, Judi has been collecting and mailing reading material for veterans in our country, as well as donating to the Christmas Wreath Project, while Diane has been collecting and sending out Christmas Cards for our veterans.

Much of the late summer and fall, many of us were comfortable getting together outside! We gathered in the backyards, and in some of our beautiful county and city parks. Everyone brought their own chairs and lunch, we kept our social distance and were able to visit and catch up on each others lives, as well as solve the problems of the world!

We've also been able to squeeze in a few educational/social projects, thanks to Mary Beth and Linda. We met at Ault park and were able to talk about a little history and tour the gardens. A few of us ate lunch at Clifton Mill and spent the day Christmas shopping in Yellow Springs and we actually made our annual trip to Waynesville before Christmas. In the spring, some of us did a tour of gardens in Lebanon and in August we had a discussion on the book "The Shack".

It actually has been somewhat easy to get together in spite of the pandemic, especially before the colder weather set in. By respecting social distance guidelines, wearing masks, washing our hands and using sanitizer, those who attended felt very safe! They were all wonderful opportunities to reconnect, and those who choose to participate did so safely, however we sure do miss the rest of sisters who have chosen to hunker down and play it safe! We can't wait for us all to be able to get together!

I have to say a special Thank you to our fearless leader, Judi King, who has been wonderful at keeping our spirits up, keeping us connected with daily words of wisdom and inspiration via emails, and zoom meetings on a regular basis! She has been a light in the darkness for all of her Delta Chi sisters...and we are so appreciative of her thoughtfulness, and loving heart. I totally am uncomfortable with zoom and other on line stuff...but the more I do it, the more comfortable I get, and the better I get on how this part of technology works. It really is a great way to stay connected in these times when everyone is suppose to stay at such a distance. Thanks again Judi, for all your effort in keeping us all in the loop.

As the New Year begins, I hope and pray that 2021, brings us some relief and a new sense of what is really important in life. If anyone hasn't listened to it yet, there is a beautiful song on facebook/utube called "Memories" by The Children's One Voice Choir. It is so heartwarming and full of hope. I hope you will all take a few minutes to listen to it.

As for now, praying you all stay safe and healthy from all our Delta Chi sisters! God's Blessing to all!

## GAMMA BETA

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The four musketeers from Gamma Beta are safe and well as I write this letter. Although we set a date for the annual Halloween party during the Planning meeting, we eventually canceled because of the pandemic. Ever the optimists, we had a date set for our Christmas party which always includes former member Cathy Cummings and her husband Tom. Again, we had to err on the side of caution and cancel the party. Masked and socially distanced, the chapter met briefly at Carol's house where we exchanged gifts revealing our Secret Sisters and then drew names for 2021.

The chapter continues to support our local philanthropic projects,

such as help for Greene County Domestic Violence and the Transitional Living Project at the First Presbyterian Church of Fairborn. This project gathers food and blankets for Middle and High School students who are homeless. We adopted a family for Thanksgiving and Christmas, providing food for the two holiday meals plus additional items for other meals. In 2021, our philanthropic projects will support: Michael's House (serves children who are abused), the Dayton VA, and Ronald McDonald House. We plan to support the Easter Seals Camp in Ohio if that is still available around convention time.

Carol and Pat are busy with house remodeling projects which have been completed or still planned. Mary and I are working on decluttering or letting go of items we no longer need or use. Mary is further along in this process than I am.

Mary and I attended the ZOOM Social Hour arranged by Traci Cahill from the Pi Xi Chapter.

From all of Gamma Beta, we are hoping, praying, and wishing for a healthier, and perhaps a return to normal for the 2021 year.

Kathleen Sewer

## GAMMA KAPPA

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Hi from Gamma Kappa!! Sorry to say that we have not been able to do some of the fund raisers we normally would. However, we managed to send \$240 to St. Jude that we collected with a donation box. We collected blankets and gave to Easter Seals for people getting their first apartment and have nothing. We gave the Fire department where we used to meet (when we could have meetings) \$100 dollars to use for families they help support. We also gave money to the food banks since we were unable to do our food collection in October.

The following is what I call the casualty list:

◆ *The saga of Grace Striley.* She had a shoulder replacement and members of the chapter, along with the chapter treasury, donated prepaid credit cards so she could order food delivered. We were going to prepare the food ourselves and take to her,

but this way was better for her and her husband. Grace's husband is very ill and unable to help her. Initially she was unable to drive so chapter members took turns driving her to doctor's appointments and therapy. When she was able to drive, her car totally died. So she went car shopping and bought a new car. She is finally out of a sling and able to do a lot more.

◆ *Elaine Harrison has Covid-19.* She caught it at Christmas at a small family gathering. Apparently everyone there caught it. She is doing much better and did not have to be hospitalized.

◆ *I (Rose) had a fall* off a two step ladder and broke my right arm the week before Thanksgiving. Normally I cook the thanksgiving dinner, but this year I got to instruct Henry how to do it. He's never cooked a turkey. This will probably be the only time I

get to tell him what to do and he listens. Consequently, being right handed I could not hold a pen, so I could not send out Christmas cards this year. I am doing well now and going to therapy to teach my arm muscles how to work again. My husband is having back surgery January 27, so I have to be able to take care of things for a while until he is okay again.

◆ *Debora Kirby* is fine and loving retirement. However, her husband had his gall bladder remove in December and is doing fine now.

As far as I know, the rest of the members are basically staying home. The big outing is usually the grocery store. We are wishing that this virus would get under control so that we can go back to normal, whatever that is.

Rose Wagner  
Corresponding Secretary

Happy New Year everyone!

Looking at the good things we accomplished in 2020, we can all be proud of our service, support and financial contributions to our ESA national, state, and local philanthropic causes. In difficult times we can make good things happen.

**St. Jude events** - Our “**Bunco for St. Jude Kids**” event planned for March 2020 was cancelled due to COVID, but we recouped throughout the year by using Facebook live in May for our 6 Raffle Baskets and selling our event baskets loaded with gift cards and goodies. We had fun and raised a significant amount at our **Cincinnati St. Jude Walk** in September due to COVID restrictions Jean coordinated our remote Walk at Seven Gables Parks, Symmes Twp .



St. Jude Walk at Symmes Twp Park— Team Sigma Chi

Sigma Chi – new members: Susan Murphy, Josie Worrall on far right. In October we had a **St. Jude**



**Garage Sale** at Jean Bryant’s house. With online advertising and street signs we had a steady stream of customers who bought most of the items – raising a significant amount for St. Jude.

**Gift of Hope** – Each December Sharon Roll coordinates donations for individuals and families effected by MS who are struggling financially, etc. This year Sharon met individually with 6 families. Each family received \$600 cash, gift cards, toys and other personal items through contributions from Sharon, Sigma Chi, the Fulchers, and others.

**Pregnancy Center East** – We collected wipes, diapers, clothes and coats in December for new mothers in need of baby supplies. In April and June, we also collected baby supplies for PCE.

**New Members** - We’re excited about 2 new members joining Sigma Chi - Josie Worrall and Susan Murphy. Both participated and fundraised on their own before our Walk at Symmes Twp Seven

Gables park. Josie’s granddaughter and grandson brought their enthusiasm and a wagon loaded with St. Jude Walk signs and chalk to mark neat motivational phrases on our Walk course at the park. Josie is a nurse and Sharon Roll’s neighbor, and Susan knows Jean from working at Sycamore High School as the school nurse.

### Hope for Heroes

#### **Candy and canned fruit delivered to Yellow Ribbon Support Center (YRSC)**

The first week of November, Sigma Chi gathered leftover Halloween Candy and canned fruits and delivered to Yellow Ribbon Support Center (Batavia, OH). The donated goods were then packaged and shipped to soldiers serving overseas. At YRSC I spoke w Keith Maupin, YRSC founder and father of fallen hero Matt Maupin (killed in Iraq war, only 7-8 weeks into his Army Iraq assignment). Keith’s mission was to find where his son went missing after attacked by insurgents in Baghdad, so he started shipping care pkgs to soldiers overseas with a picture of his son on every box’s shipping label. His son’s remains were found 4 years later and returned to Cinti for burial.

Keith’s calling is to continue with YRSC by sending care pkgs to soldiers. He was looking for candy and canned fruit, especially this year since dentists and schools who normally donate candy didn’t collect/handle any Halloween candy due to COVID concerns. He fills 12” boxes with donated goods, uses shipping addresses supplied by chaplains or other parties, and with donated monies (~\$25 pays for shipping 1 box) he delivers the boxes to the local post office. <https://www.yellowribbonsupportcenter.com/>



Halloween candy and canned fruit collected for Soldiers overseas

Matt Maupin, founder of Yellow Ribbon Support Center



### **Wreaths Across America**

I read about this organization on ESA’s Hope for Heroes webpage. Each December on National Wreaths Across America Day, their mission to Remember, Honor and Teach is carried out by coordinating wreath-laying ceremonies at Arlington National Cemetery, as well as at more than 2,100 additional locations in all 50 U.S. states, at sea and abroad.

They welcome anyone to participate in the wreath-laying ceremony by sponsoring a veterans’ wreath \$15 each at a cemetery near you, volunteering or donating to a local sponsorship group. On their website <https://www.wreathscrossamerica.org/>

I decided to sign up online as a volunteer to lay wreaths at Rest Haven Memorial Park – OHRHCC in Evendale. I have no experience doing this and was curious.

On Saturday, Dec. 19<sup>th</sup> it was cold and windy as I entered Rest Haven Memorial Park. There were many groups of other volunteers walking from the parking lot – teachers with students, boy scouts, families, veterans, etc. We were instructed to lay wreaths on grave markers of heroes who served our country and spend some time in prayer as we lay the wreath. Jersey Mike’s donated thousands of wreaths so we were busy. After laying the wreaths they had a ceremony, played “Taps” and then thanked us for participating. It was a great experience, and I recommend it to everyone (see pic).



Wreaths Across America at Rest Haven Memorial Park (Evendale)

We enjoyed meeting in the park and using Zoom in the winter for our monthly meetings. We’re looking forward to post COVID days when we can get together at restaurants, do more volunteer work, and coordinate fundraisers. Good friends. Good works. Good times.

Pi Xi has started off their year with a bang. We are still 7 members strong and giving it all we can during this unprecedented time. We started off our year raising money for the St Jude walk / Run. Team Mandy's Maniacs returned and raised over \$500.

Pi Xi and Beta Psi Teamed up and had a virtual Wheel of Fortune Game night. We played a few rounds and shared ESA with a few guests who attended with lots of fun and prizes.

At Pi Xi's November meeting we stayed after for a DoTerra Oils class educational for the chapter. Melissa DiRienzo shared doterra with us and all the great benefits of oils.

In December we went to a holiday dinner instead of a meeting and all exchanged gifts of our favorites things.

For Christmas this year Pi Xi sponsored a Family of 7 from the website called <http://www.schoolrockspartybox.org/> that our member Laura Barbosa found. We had so much fun shopping for the family. Laura packaged up and delivered the presents.



We were also so proud of our own Traci Cahill for hosting a SUPER fun Happy hour for the state council of Ohio. We hope you all had fun and we'd love to do it again soon.

Pi Xi is starting the year off fresh and with a clear mind. Ready to take on 2021!

*ESA Columbus chapter Pi Xi took some time following a chapter meeting in November to learn about the benefits of using natural essential oils in your everyday life. Member Melissa DiRienzo led the presentation with a general overview followed by samples and further definition of the benefits each oil has to offer. At the end of the presentation there was also a general overview of doTerra supplements and ways supplements can be used to naturally enhance your overall well being. The chapter had fun learning something new with a focus on overall health.*

Laura Dean-Barbosa

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NOMINATION FOR OFFICE  
FOR ESA YEAR 2021-2022

- First Vice President/President Elect:
- Second Vice President:
- Treasurer:
- Recording Secretary:
- Parliamentarian:
- Editor:

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Member No: \_\_\_\_\_

Chapter: \_\_\_\_\_

Chapter No: \_\_\_\_\_

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

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Please list your present and past offices held, elected and appointed, starting with your latest position:

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(Chapter President Signature)

Submit forms prior to, or at, Winter 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.

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

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

**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 two years prior to her nomination.

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



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# Stay well and stay safe!

## WEBMASTER AND EDITOR . . . JUDI GREFER

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The ESA Ohio website, [www.esa-ohio.org](http://www.esa-ohio.org):

- Please let me know if you have thoughts of any additions or changes that would be helpful to the membership.

### Buckeye Jonquil:

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

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