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## Madam President . . . Carol Haas

Happy Spring, Starlets! Hope the weather wherever you are is as beautiful as it is here in Hebron today. Of course, we all know that could change in a flash!

Well, I'm kinda sad as this will be the last BJ message from me as your President. I have to say that it has been fun. The very best part of this job is realizing the talents and cooperation you get from the elected and appointed board members. They are incredible!

So, I would like to take this opportunity to talk about three of those members. That does not mean that all the rest have not been outstanding stars, but I just picked three at random.

First: Judi Grefer. I could not have done this job this year without her, beginning with Leadership. She did all things that were computer-related and told me not to worry, she would take care of it. And she did! There have been more E-mails sent from me to Judi and her responses than you could ever imagine. I am positive that there were times she thought, "Oh

God, it's another one from HER", but she never let that show and never made me feel stupid. (Editor's note: No she didn't!) Her responses were always immediate and supportive. My wish for Judi is that this is her first year to serve on the IC Board so the rest of ESA can see what star has been hidden in the Ohio Galaxy. Thanks, Judi.

Second: Brenda Meyers. Holy Crimony! Has she worked for St. Jude this year. The new stuff she has tried (and succeeded with) is tremendous. Brenda, you have let us all know that it costs nothing to try something different. If it doesn't work out, you just don't do it again. But, oh my, when that new stuff works out, it makes everyone feel good. No longer will Brenda be a hidden star: She will be serving on the IC Appointed Board this year. Way to go, Brenda, and thanks for "breaking the mold" and going with what you believe will work, regardless if "we've never done that before".

Finally, Donna Hagenauer. Can anyone imagine anybody more enjoyable (and talented) to have as your right hand than Donna? What a gift it has been to have her agree to serve on the Board

this year. There is absolutely nothing she has not been willing to do or any she has not been willing to go, including the Memphis Marathon. (You really didn't think I was going to miss a chance to again mention that Marathon, did you?) Donna is an absolute joy and someone I am privileged to call Friend. Donna, there are no words to thank you enough for all you've done this year.

That's my year in a nutshell. Know who to ask and always cheer. In fact, that's what I really think a State President should be: A Cheerleader for all the Elected and Appointed Officers. All most of us need is a little encouragement so that we can let our star shine and know that if it's not as bright as we thought, someone will cheer us on to try again.

From the bottom of my heart, thank you so much for allowing me to have this experience again. It's been much more fun and rewarding the second time around. I'm looking forward to Amy's year and I know she will get that same Ohio ESA support that you gave me so willingly.

Until May, when we see each other as our favorite "stars", keep shining and know that ESA is always starring you. ☆

## First Vice President . . . Amy Hudoba

This past year has been fabulous and fun-filled under the leadership of our STAR, Carol Haas. Thank you, Carol, for your love, friendship and leadership.

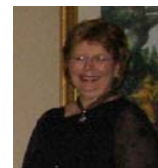
Denver's Leadership program, where I met future state presidents, was most inspiring. We worked hard, learned plenty, and networked often. We had room for fun, too. The support of our

very special Ohio Sisters Judi King and Judi Grefer was especially meaningful to me. Thank you so much for sending me.

Board positions for 2007/08 have been filled and will be announced again at our Convention in May. My sincere thanks to everyone who responded to the call.

I'm looking forward to seeing

all of you at next month's convention at the Embassy Suites in Blue Ash. Thanks to Kay Wentzel and her Alpha Delta sisters as they work hard on preparing a wonderful weekend for all of us. ESA Love, ☆



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### Did you know . . .

- You can visit [www.esaintl.icccouncil.com](http://www.esaintl.icccouncil.com) to obtain a copy of the registration form to the IC Convention.
- You can pay your membership dues on-line at [www.esaintl.com](http://www.esaintl.com) in the "Member Center."
- Foundation dues can also be paid on-line at [www.esaintl.com/esaf/](http://www.esaintl.com/esaf/). Once you enter the site, click on "online services."



## Senior Circle of Life Coordinator . . . Brenda Meyers

Ohio's St. Jude Dance-a-thon, hosted by Gamma Beta, was a terrific success! Thanks to everyone who contributed and helped to raise over

\$1,500 for our kids! DJ, John Wright kept everyone on their toes, especially Patty Deppen and Kathleen Seewer, finalists in the Twist Contest! Not everyone "tripped the light fantastic" but with a little champagne and strawberries anyone could keep the beat! Patty Deppen and Bill Peddicord were crowned "Queen and King of the Ball" but it is evident that Bill only had eyes for Joan!



Congratulations to Sigma Chi for their increasingly successful St. Jude "Bunco Think Pink" event held March 9, 2007 and to Beta Eta and Gamma Kappa for their commitment to the Radiothon held in Columbus in February. Thanks also to Chairman, Ginny Lochard, and Alpha Psi for their hard work at the Car Show. Kudos to Alpha Delta for trying something new with their awesome evening of entertainment. Just ask some of the girls about the affect they had on Elvis!!!

Thanks to everyone in Ohio for the outstanding work you have all done for St. Jude's this year. Your dedication to Danny's kids really makes my job easy! With only a couple of months to go I am happy to report contributions in excess of \$500,000 so far this year. However, the really great news is that there are still a couple of months to go!!!

There are so many ways to help combat the dreadful diseases that attack our children. Simply by visiting the ESA website [www.esaintl.com](http://www.esaintl.com)

you can learn about many opportunities. For only \$35 you can receive a tree to plant with your grandchild. If you are planning on attending the IC Convention in Seattle you will not want to miss the IC Challenge. The "ESA 2007 Fish Fly" – that's right, we're going to make fish fly in Seattle!!

Visit St. Jude's website [www.stjude.org](http://www.stjude.org) to shop the Hope Catalog, or purchase St. Jude checks. Click on the link for "St. Jude Tribute" and learn about a fantastic way to honor a special friend or loved one and raise contributions at the same time. Create a tribute web page and tell the story of a special person in your life. Through your web page visitors will be able to make an on-line contribution in their name.

The weekend of April 20 –22, 2007 is the 1<sup>st</sup> Annual St. Jude Quilt Retreat in Palestine, Ohio at the Golden Eagle Retreat Center. There is still room

available for this FUN and EDUCATIONAL opportunity. There are great door prizes, demos and classes, for crafters of all levels. Bring your cross-stitch, scrap booking, card making, or sewing and be pampered by home cooked meals, down comforters, and (most important) NO housework!! For more information email [ESASTJudeQuilt@aol.com](mailto:ESASTJudeQuilt@aol.com).

"J" is for Joyful times –  
when you laugh so hard  
that your tummy hurts;  
when you can be together  
with the people you love,  
when somebody smiles at  
you – and makes your day  
special.  
- St. Jude patient

## Care Connection . . . Jackie Sweeney

### *Linking good people together*

I want to thank each of you who filled out and returned the care connection forms to me. I'll have more form with me at convention.

Remember the care connection

is for all of us. The best thing about ESA is the people who share this organization. ESA's Care Connection is a community based and nationally accessible network for the exchange of person to person philanthropic services. Participants share personal talents to provide

support in times of community and personal need. It helps.

Members meet their needs to help others as well as to receive assistance during their own time of need.

I know my Ohio State sisters.

They believe it is better to give than to receive. However, we never know when we could need this wonderful service ourselves. Please fill out a form and return it to me.

100% participation would be wonderful!

## Philanthropic Chair . . . Carol Hazelett

Again it's that time to decide on our philanthropic projects for the year 2007-2008. The list that was compiled from the Ohio chapters.

1. JDRF
2. Sew much comfort
3. Tourette Syndrome
4. Multiple Sclerosis

I ask that you decide on two

projects to vote on at the May Convention.

I received a note from the National Philanthropic Chairman. She said to note that the mileage rate figure we are to use this year is \$.445 per mile. The IC Executive Board approved the figure.

Remember, all chapters need to

have your Philanthropic projects information to the Philanthropic Chairman by May 1, 2007

Here's hoping everyone had a Happy Easter. ☆

Whoever renders  
service to many puts  
himself in line for  
greatness -- great  
wealth, great return,  
great satisfaction,  
great reputation, and  
great joy.



## Membership Chair . . . Joan Peddicord

The sorority year is coming to an end and so is the Two for One Membership Special. You have until May 31, 2007 to take advantage of this offer. If there is a friend who you think would be interested in this great organization now is the time to approach her.

The IC Membership Newsletter that came out this week published the membership goal set by our incoming president when she was at Leadership. Amy set her goal for Ohio at only two members. WOW, I know we can do better than that. How about it? Let's prove to Amy that she has set

our goal *much to low*. OK? Even though the sorority year is over and most of us don't have business meetings during the summer, there is no reason why we can't get prospective members involved in our summer activities. Usually that's when we have fun events, so include those friends who may be interested in ESA. Get them involved even before you bring them to a meeting so they know we're not all business.

I would like to give an official welcome to Ohio's four newest members, all from Gamma Beta Chapter in Dayton. A big

welcome to: **Pamela Walker, April Walker, Karin Franklin, and Patty Deppen**. We're so happy to have you as our sisters. That's the way to go Gamma Beta.

This will be my last article as Ohio's Membership Chairman. I would like to thank all of you for your support the last two years. We did something different by having a State Rush Party, and I think everyone had fun with it.

Keep up the good work and continue to rush so OHIO stays a Strong ESA State. ★

## CONVENTION REMINDER

May 18-20 will be our State Convention at the Embassy Suites in Blue Ash. We are hoping for a great time. For the mixer don't forget to dress as your favorite movie star, celebrity or famous person that has always impressed you. The registration form is included in the BJ. Remember that breakfast and happy hour is part of your room rate. Looking forward to seeing you all there, have a safe trip and be ready for a great weekend of fun, laughter and renewing friendship with our fellow sisters.

Kay Wentzel, Convention Chair

## Awards Chair . . . Kathy Solt

**Congratulations!** That's the word your chapter wants to hear at this year's convention.

We are hoping to make them a wonderful time to give the recognition that each chapter truly deserves. This year we will be announcing the winner of the philanthropic, rushing and educational awards at the luncheon. At the conclusion of the luncheon we will have the chapter representatives come forward to receive one certificate which will list all of the philanthropic awards, as well as one for the rushing and educational awards they have earned.

This year the board decided that there will be no travel awards given on Sunday. We will continue to give the outstanding chapter award and the Hildagard Brooke award at our Saturday banquet. At that time we will also honor our outstanding pledges and sisters. It is important that I receive at least the name of those outstanding members **by the 12<sup>th</sup> of May**

so that certificates can be made. The paragraph describing this outstanding pledge or sister should be typed and given to me no later than following the Friday board meeting. At that time forms are also due for rushing, educational and outstanding chapter. Remember that these forms are available on our web site.

Nominations for the Hildagard Brooke Award can now be done in a written format describing the outstanding qualities of the sister for her work on the State, MARC and/or International levels of ESA. These are *due to me no later than 4/30*.

Chapters are given credit for hosting a state council meeting and/or convention on the Outstanding Chapter Award. This is 10 points for a council meeting and 15 points for a convention. This applies to Gamma Kappa, Beta Eta and Gamma Beta for the 2006-07 year. If you have any questions or concerns do not hesitate to call or e-mail me at 513-683-7485 or SoltKR@aol.com. ★

## Easter Seals Chair . . . Shirley Krcmar



Vicky Jones, International Council Sr. Easter Seal Chairperson, was unable to get

the Scratch Cards for the second phase of her Dream Campaign. The third phase, Take Flight, is merely a theme for any project you wish to do for Easter Seals. At this point, I hope you have all found a fundraiser for Easter Seals.

The Cartridges for Kids Program is proving to be very successful. Easter Seals is paid \$4 per cell phone and a few dollars per cartridge. If you need any information on this please let me know or email [contact@cartridgesfordids.com](mailto:contact@cartridgesfordids.com) or call 1-800-420-0235. Pat Stupur, Jr. Easter Seal Chairperson, sent a report and only three Ohio chapters have participated in this fundraiser.

Your Easter Seal report is due to me April 15. I will mail a copy of the report to each chapter president but will accept information by email also. Thank you.

**Easter Seals** assists more than one million children and adults with disabilities and their families annually through a nationwide network of more than 450 service sites. Each center provides top-quality, family-focused and innovative services tailored to meet the specific needs of the particular community it serves.

Primary Easter Seals services include:

- Medical Rehabilitation
- Early Intervention
- Physical Therapy
- Occupational Therapy
- Speech and Hearing Therapy
- Job Training and Employment
- Child Care
- Adult Day Services
- Camping and Recreation



# CHAPTER HAPPENINGS

## Alpha Delta ... Kathi Silvey

Hello Ohio Sisters,  
It was great to see you all at the Winter Council Meeting and hear about your chapter projects! It is always so much fun to get together and just hang out and laugh. We all stay so busy it is nice to get together and play once in a while too.

Speaking of playing, I hope to see many of you at our Ohio ESA Retreat. There will be plenty of laughter that weekend! Our Ohio State Prez is staying focused on the positive although nothing has changed with her physical condition. Just keep pouring out your ESA love on her and together we'll get through it.

Our chapter is now focusing on our upcoming May Convention which will be nothing short of awesome! I hope to see you all there. Don't forget that the Friday night mixer we are requesting you dress up like your favorite Star\* for your walk down the red carpet! See you all soon! ☆



## Delta Chi ... Celia Cordero

This picture tells a story. . .



Others may see seven Easter baskets, perhaps not unlike

most fortunate children receive, but these were destined for seven children who were not expecting anything.

Some months ago, Debbie Wentzel, brought to our attention the needs of a mother and her seven children. Due to unfortunate circumstances, they returned to Ohio to be near relatives...and they lacked everything. Since that time we have "adopted" them

With Easter coming up, we decided to make sure they had an Easter dinner...but best of all, we

jumped at the opportunity to play the role of Easter Bunny for the children by giving each an Easter basket. The children range in age from two to eleven, and we filled baskets accordingly. We included the customary Easter eggs filled with candy, chocolate bunnies, some plush toys, stickers, crayons, etc. plus an age-appropriate book for each.

These were magical baskets, filled with the sweets that all children crave, a book and games to energize their minds...and the spirit of hope that maybe there really is an Easter Bunny.

For us it was a labor of love. It was fun...and as we filled the baskets, it also filled our hearts. That's what we're all striving for...to be of service and to have a happy ending. ☆

## Beta Psi ... Judi Grefer

Hello all! I would say "happy spring" but it sure doesn't feel like spring right now! What happened?

Beta Psi has been busy with the usual philanthropic projects. We recently sent gift cards from Joanne's Fabrics to Sew Much Comfort. Most of us in the chapter are not gifted when it comes to sewing, so Judy Fussinger contacted Sew Much Comfort to find out how we

could help in other ways. Thus, the gift cards. We're sharing this information for the rest of you out there that suffer with the same lack of talent.

Beta Psi was so happy to work on the B-105 radiothon for St. Jude along with Alpha Delta, Delta Chi, Delta Nu, Gamma Kappa and Sigma Chi. We exceeded last years total - HOO-RAY!!! While at the radiothon, we met the grandparents and

aunt of a local St. Jude patient, Elena Deserich. On November 28, 2006, Elena was diagnosed with a diffuse brain stem glioma after visiting Cincinnati Children's Hospital for strep throat. She completed a six week course of radiation treatment at St. Jude Children's Research Hospital. She will continue the chemotherapy at home. Elena's prognosis is not good and she is currently experiencing many

symptoms of the tumor. You can visit her website at [www.desserich.org](http://www.desserich.org).

We look forward to seeing all the Ohio "stars" next month. ☆



Elena's first visit to St. Jude

*"If I could reach up and hold a star for every time you've made me smile, the entire evening sky would be in the palm of my hand."*

## Delta Gamma ... Shirley Krcmar

This is the time of year when our members go "hither and yon" to get away from the winter weather. As a result, we have short meetings with few people.

My recovery from the foot surgery has been slow and requires much patience. The day before Maryanne McDowell and I were leaving for the quilt

retreat, I was finally able to put weight on my foot. The retreat was memorable again and we were both satisfied with the progress we made on projects. As a member of the committee for the St. Jude Quilt Retreat, I have been working on recruiting and prizes.

Our candy project was successful again and our treasurer,

Joan Holt, has been writing out checks for our philanthropic donations.

Thanks to Gamma Beta, Maryanne and I enjoyed attending the Winter Council Meeting. I was so proud of the lovely devotional service Maryanne presented on Sunday morning.

Karen Braaten broke her wrist but is mending. ☆



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THINGS.**



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*I received the following email from Maryanne McDowell upon her return from a golfing trip with a side trip to St. Jude . . . Judi Grefer*

**“We returned from Mississippi March 31. I and three others visited St. Jude on Tuesday afternoon . . . boy, words can't explain what an impact St. Jude Children's Research Hospital and the surroundings left with all of us. We were given a tour by a gal named Nicole . . . she was wonderful. Three of us on the tour are ESA members and I invited the other gal to our next meeting . . . I'll keep my fingers crossed.**

**Thank you so very much for connecting me with Donna Young . . . This was an experience that has made a lifetime impression on us.”**

