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Fall 2008

President's Article

Shirley Krcmar

Our year of "The Possible Dream" revealed just how many dreams can be realized in the space of one sorority year. Thank you, Amy Hudoba, for leading us through a year of many accomplishments, of sharing our sisterhood and just plain having fun. Thank you for caring about our safety and providing us with the workshop by Debbie & Mike Gardner from Survive Institute.

Delta Chi, thank you for the wonderful convention you obviously spent so much time preparing so we could have such an enjoyable time. My surprise and awe at the parallel of my love for ESA and quilting brought into the installation only verified my confidence in Judi King, my hero, as a perfect choice to install our officers. Thank you, Judi and Judi Grefer, for a special, memorable ceremony.

Thank you to my Delta Gamma sisters for being there to support me and orchestrate the tribute planned by my special sister, Maryanne McDowell. Maryanne, the meaningful additions...the quilts, the friendship blocks, the coasters . . . to surprise me represent the love and caring you show a sister.

The Planning Meeting was held at the VFW Hall in Medway and your board has a great year planned for you. We had a productive discussion on how to use the shortened time for our council meetings and convention to make them fun and informative so more people will participate and be willing to come back. After the meeting, I held a "Creative Thinking Project" using quilt blocks. Each person chose a block and told what attracted them to the block (color, print, etc.). Just as the memories or preferences that attracted you to the block, that's who you are. As the blocks were assembled by each person, they were all pretty but adding them all together in a quilt was even more attractive. In ESA, one person can contribute but working together we are powerful.

The week in Chattanooga for "Down Home in Tennessee" was a whirlwind of fun and excitement. From our first morning with breakfast at Aretha Frankenstein's to the climax of the Saturday night celebration of St. Jude, I felt like a wide-eyed child at a surprise birthday party. I was so proud to wear my red jacket, presented as a reward for Ohio's new chapter, as I carried the flag in the opening ceremonies and equally proud to accept a plaque and certificate for our Outstanding Youth, Rebecca Lynn Lehane, later in the week. I burst with pride to have Judi Grefer elected Recording Secretary and see Madeleine Kurzynski accept an award for Ohio becoming a member of the four million dollar club. Brenda Meyers presented an outstanding workshop "Wild

Blue Yonder” at the State Presidents Workshop that did Ohio proud again. Our Ohio Dinner at the Big River Grille gave us a chance to just enjoy the camaraderie of our own state sisters.

Certified Leadership Seminar speakers included Mary Foley who encourages you to “Live like Your Nail Color - The Power to Inspire” and Lisa Earle McLeod tells you to “Forget Perfect—Imagine the Possibilities.” Mary inspired us to be bodacious and live like your nail color. Lisa provided a wickedly funny take on the problems and people that vex us all. I have nearly finished reading her book “Forget Perfect” and find that her ideas make my life easier. Our Keynote Speaker, Carol Grace Anderson, told us to “Get Fired Up” and related first-hand how to overcome adversity, and stay fired up through all of life’s challenges. The most powerful lessons learned during the toughest storms are the inspiring secrets she shared with us.

Imagine raising \$4,850 by collecting \$5 Walmart Gift Cards in a fish bowl. Imagine a Mystery Night with \$3,666 profit and Show Me the Money collecting \$4,117. Imagine all the people participating in the St. Jude Event - “Walk the Line.” Imagine being able to pay out 34 claims from our Disaster Fund. It was a terrific climax to President Rhea Weaver’s year of “Imagine.”

Now it’s time to go “Above and Beyond in ESA” with President Judy Huntley who was installed in a beautiful ceremony including the song “One Moment in Time” sung by her nine year old granddaughter.

Last, but not least, we were surprised and pleased with the announcement of the change of ownership of Epsilon Sigma Alpha Headquarters to the ESA Membership Corporation. Mike Burns is retiring but B. J. Clark has made a three to five year commitment to be with us until she retires at that time. Our own Judi King kept this secret since last fall and we are proud she is serving on the Board of Directors. Look for the official news release in this newsletter.

I’m looking forward to my first “opportunity” to lead you in a fantastic and fun meeting in September. Verify my theme, “ESA - A Patchwork of Opportunities,” and use this “opportunity” to participate and help make our council meetings the place to be in September and March as well as convention in May.



Welcome our newest chapter, Gamma Delta!!

Gamma Delta Installation

Our newest chapter demonstrated how you can have an impressive ceremony at a casual picnic. We met at Helwig Pavilion, in Olmsted Township, on Sunday, July 20, 2008, for the celebration. Brenda and Terry Meyers, and I were honored to attend.

There was an outdoor chapel area where everything was set up for our ceremonies in a beautiful wooded setting. It was such a privilege and moving experience to perform my first charter ceremony for my newest sisters. Brenda conducted the pledge ceremony and we presented each member with a rose and pledge pins. President Megan Zeiger and her officers, Anna Dachtler, Vice President; Bonnie Zeiger, Recording Secretary/Treasurer; and Joanne Zeiger, Corresponding Secretary, were recognized as the leaders for the chapter. Gifts to all members were beaded bracelets with Greek letters for Gamma Delta on them made by Megan and Anna.

Sorority sisters and husbands went back to the shelter to enjoy the delicious picnic followed by games of corn hole, badminton and golf ladder. A great time was had by all. Watch for further news of all the fresh new ideas and plans this chapter has.

BETA PSI

Hope all of you are having an enjoyable summer. Most of our members attended IC Convention in Chattanooga and are so proud of our Judi Grefer who was elected as Recording Secretary. It was a wonderful convention and the installation was absolutely beautiful. Judi, we're really proud of you and know you will do an excellent job.

So far, our summer has been spent working on the Dream House, both in the office and at the open houses. It has kept us busy but we really enjoy helping the kids at St. Jude Children's Research Hospital.

We look forward to hosting Ohio's Council Meeting and Leadership Seminar on Saturday, September 27th, at the Villas of Southfork Clubhouse. The registration form will appear elsewhere in this BJ. See you all very soon and have a safe trip to Kentucky.

Agape'
Your Beta Psi Sisters

DELTA CHI Celia Cordero

Since Judi King last reported, we have continued to work on our usual projects, with our primary focus being on our plans for the Ohio State Convention that took place May 30 & 31 and June 1. Any of you who have planned such a convention know the time, effort, detail and coordination that is required. Our main concern was to make it a special "happening" for all attendees, so we are appreciative and richly rewarded by the generous comments of approval that were expressed by many of you who attended.

Before we could catch our breath, there followed the excitement of the convention in Chattanooga, TN. Judi King and Sandy Fuller, who attended, gave us such a glowing report that it made all of us who were unable to attend sorry that we couldn't be there...but there's always next year.

Actually, the number attending from our chapter was probably affected by the fact that currently, many of our members have had to deal with personal problems relating to family or health. On a positive note, it is at such times that we realize the value of the friendship and love we can offer each other.

At the moment, many of us are knee-deep (no, make that...up to our chins) in the effort to promote the new "dream home" in this area that is being offered as a benefit for St. Jude Children's Research Hospital, with a giveaway date of Aug. 24. All in all,...a busy summer...and then right into our fall activities.

Chaplin
Kathy Solt

We are happy to report that both Lenore Burke and Amy Hudoba have made fast recoveries (although it seemed long to them) from Hip replacement surgeries.

We were sorry to hear about the death of Jan Tangi's (of Delta Chi) father. Our many prayers are with you at this difficult time.

Touching words from the mouth of babes 4-8 years.

"What does love mean?"

"When my grandmother got arthritis she couldn't bend over and paint her toenails anymore. So, my grandfather does it for her all the time, even when his hands got arthritis too. That's love." (Rebecca age 8)

"When someone love you, the way they say your name is different. You just know that your name is safe in their mouth." (Billy age 4)

"Love is when a girl puts on perfume and a boy puts on shaving cologne and they go out and smell each other." (Kari age 5)

"Love is what makes you smile when you're tired." (Terri age 4)

"Love is what's in the room with you at Christmas if you stop opening presents and listen." (Bobby age 7)

"If you want to learn to love better, you should start with a friend who you hate." (Nikka age 6)

Author and lecturer Leo Buscaglia once talked about a contest he was asked to judge. The purpose of the contest was to find the most caring child. The winner was a four-year old child whose next door neighbor was an elderly gentleman who had recently lost his wife. Upon seeing the man cry, the little boy went into the old gentleman's yard, climbed into his lap and just sat there. When his mother asked what he had said to the neighbor, the little boy said, "Nothing, I just helped him cry."

When there is nothing left but God, that is when you find out that God is all you need.

Father, God bless all my friends in whatever it is that You know they may be needing this day! And may their life be full of your peace, prosperity and power as he/she seeks to have a closer relationship with you. Amen.

Circle of Life

Judi Grefer

“Success in life has nothing to do with what you gain in life or accomplish for yourself. It's what you do for others.”

---Danny Thomas

“It’s what you do for others.” It seems like Danny Thomas was speaking about ESA. We certainly proved that at the 2008 International Convention in Chattanooga, TN last month. Are you ready for this . . . in 2007-2008 Ohio, added **\$521,969** to our cumulative total and reached the milestone of donating over **\$4 MILLION** to St. Jude!!! What an awesome achievement!!! Congratulations to everyone for their efforts. But wait, there’s more! Ohio’s accomplishments keep on coming. During the 2007-2008 year, ESA as a whole donated **\$10,394,596** to St. Jude and Ohio was one of the **top ten** states in giving this year!!!

Ohio and ESA had an amazing year of supporting the wonderful and amazing work being done at St. Jude. St. Jude has made amazing strides in finding cures. For example, when the hospital opened in 1962, the survival rate for Acute Lymphoblastic Leukemia (ALL) was only 4% and the current survival rate is an amazing 94%! Non-Hodgkins Lymphoma had a 7% survival rate in 1962 and now 85% of the patients are surviving. But, anything under a 100% survival rate is not acceptable to any of us. There is much more work to be done and ESA is ready and prepared to continue supporting that work.

At the September Council meeting, you will hear about an exciting new event. In addition to the many events we are currently doing, we can all participate in this event to raise funds for St. Jude’s amazing work to increase the current survival rates. Congratulations to everyone working on the Dream Homes in the Cincinnati and Cleveland areas; Sigma Chi’s Think Pink event; Alpha Psi’s Friday Night Cruise-IN; Gamma Beta’s St. Jude Golf Outing; the Ohio State Council’s successful Penny War and more.

A Patient's Story - Sullivan Farrar

Sullivan 'Sully' Farrar was born May 1, 2007. Our little man was diagnosed with Acute Lymphoblastic Leukemia (ALL) on July 12, 2007. Sully's journey began on July 11, 2007. It was a day like any other day. Jason got up and went to work, and Hannah, Sully, and I were on a mission to find a Scooby-Doo backpack for Hannah. Toys 'R' Us, Target, and then went to meet Jason for lunch. As the day less. I noticed he just was not quite himself. That evening we it all began. My friend, when he vomited all over her. I called Sully's pediatrician and they said to take Sully to the ER because he probably had a stomach bug. So, Christina and I left church and went to the ER. I called Jason and he was on his way to meet us. Little did we know what we were going to learn about our little man. The pediatrician on call ran all the right tests that night. She did blood work, an ultrasound, and x-rays. During the ultrasound Sully began to develop purple bumps on his head. That is when I knew something was terribly wrong. Not long after, the pediatrician came in and told Jason and I that Sully had leukemia. She said that his white blood cell count was 400,000. About an hour later we were on our way to St. Jude. The next day Sully was diagnosed with ALL. We were told Sully was born with leukemia and that he only had a 15% chance. Sully has been on this journey ever since.



Two days from Sully's journal follow:

August 1, 2008 - Day +166: We are needing your fervent prayers right now!!! Sully had an extremely difficult night last night!!! He was in so much pain he couldn't sleep, all he could do was cry and scream!!! His abdominal area is huge to put it mildly. So, wonderful Dr. Scott did an x-ray and it showed that everything was enlarged!! So, his thinking was that Sully's liver is being attacked by the leukemia cells and is stretching, which can cause extreme pain!! Well, come to find out from his blood work this morning, his blasts in the blood have gone up to 70%. Yesterday, they were 41% with a WBC count 2200. Today the blasts are 70% with a WBC count of 4500. Meaning the blasts have nearly tripled because the WBC's and the blasts are one in the same!! Therefore, Dr. Scott said this could be causing a lot of his pain also!! Right now we will be faced with a lot of tough decisions!! PRAY we can make the right ones for Sully!! Sully is so tired!! PRAY for comfort for our "man"! As I am typing this, Sully is screaming!! I can't hardly take it!! I just want my man to be free of pain!! PRAY for the right decisions to be made!! PRAY Jason and I can come to the right decisions together!! PRAY for the docs to figure out the best pain medication for our Sully "man"!! I will keep you all updated through out the day!! PLEASE PRAY!!!

2nd Update: 10:15am. They just did an ultrasound on Sully's abdominal area and we are waiting on the results. They are worried Sully has a perforation in his intestinal area causing his bowels to leak out into the body. If this is the case, Sully's life could end as early as today!! PLEASE PRAY!!! PRAY for him to be as comfortable as possible!! *Today he is 15 months old!!* We have called family to start making their way to St. Jude!! PRAY for them all to arrive safely!! PLEASE PRAY for us, but most especially Sully!! I know he will be just fine because he will be in heaven with our Lord and he will finally be free of pain and be able to play with other babies like Ethan Powell!! I will keep you updated!! PRAY!!!

3rd Update: 12:15p.m. Sully has now been taken off all supportive care. Now he is just on his pain pump and oxygen. PRAY Sully will go home peacefully!!! I am so proud of him! He is our hero!! I am amazed at his strength!! I am so thankful for the time we have had with our "man"!! Thanks to God and his answering our prayers and for Him giving us great doctors to take care of our Sully "man"!! We will never be able to thank Dr. Tori, Martha May, Reagan, Dr. Scott, Dr. Leung, Jen, Dr. Ashock, Dr. Hale, etc. I know I am forgetting many people!! We thank all of his wonderful nurses and docs!! We can't thank you all enough!! Again, PRAY for Sully to go home in peace!!! We will let you know when the Lord takes him in His loving arms!!! PRAY!!

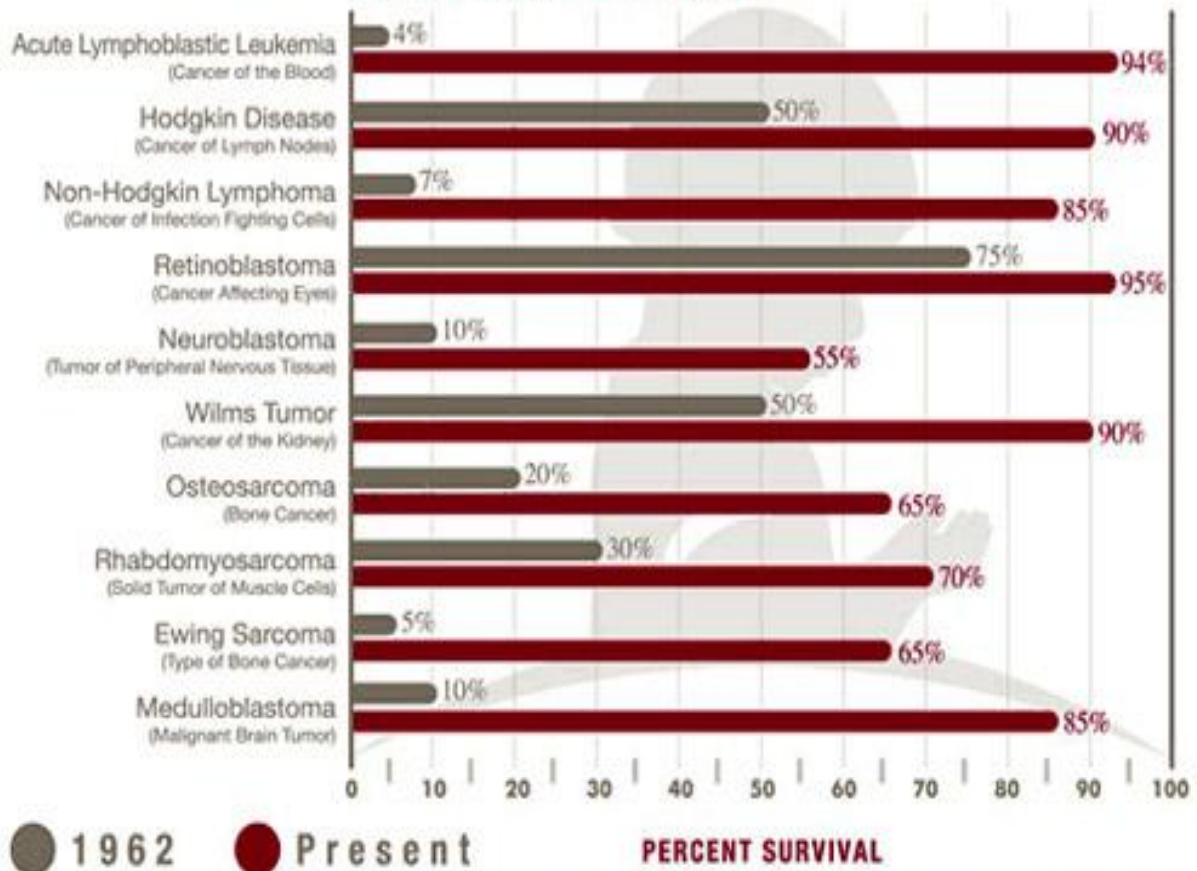
4th Update: 5:30p.m. Sully is resting peacefully! We are so glad! His breathing is becoming more labored and he is beginning to look pale! Right now he is sleeping in his daddy's arms with his pacifier hanging out of his mouth like a cigar!! Don't worry I got pictures!! PLEASE continue to PRAY for him to go home peacefully!! Thank you for your prayers!! I will continue to keep you updated!!!!!!!!!!!!

August 2, 2008 - Day +167: Sully has gone home to our Lord!! Sully passed at 6:50 a.m. Sully is now free of pain!!! He is our hero!! Sully went home very peacefully! Jason and I were taking 2-hour shifts holding him so that we could also try and get some sleep. His last two hours I was holding him and he would look up at me so sweetly and I just kept telling him that it was okay and that mommy was still here! As I was passing Sully to Jason, Sully began to just take two small breaths and he was gone!! Sully was waiting for us to both be there!! He is now home and free! We can take comfort in that!! Thanks for all your prayers and for being a part of Sully's journey to life!! He is now having the best life he could ever have!! KEEP PRAYING for all the other children who are fighting cancer!!

Sully is one of the 6% that do not survive ALL. **That is unacceptable!** We have much more work to do to help the future Sully's survive!!!

St. Jude Children's Research Hospital recently received the prestigious recognition of being designated as a National Cancer Institute (NCI) Comprehensive Cancer Center. The designation makes St. Jude the *first and only* NCI-designated Comprehensive Cancer Center solely focused on pediatric cancer to receive this distinction.

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Internal News Release

© 2008 Epsilon Sigma Alpha International Formation of the ESA Membership Corporation

Fort Collins, CO – July 2008... The ownership of Epsilon Sigma Alpha Headquarters has been transferred to a new, non-profit organization created for the benefit of the membership. This new corporation, known as the ESA Membership Corporation, will oversee the activities of the ESA Headquarters office.

ESA Headquarters will exist long into the future under the direction of the ESA membership. The Board of Directors of the ESA Membership Corporation has been formed consisting of six past International Council Presidents, the Executive Director of ESA, a representative from the current International Council, and a representative from the ESA Foundation.

The current ESA Headquarters staff will remain the same with one exception. Mike Burns, the International Director of ESA, will retire.

This announcement reflects only changes that pertain to ESA Headquarters and does not affect the workings of either the ESA International Council or the ESA Foundation.

Please direct any questions to ESA Headquarters at 970.223.2824 or esainfo@esaintl.com.



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