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Madame President.....Amy Hudoba

Happy New Year, Possible Dreamers!

I hope you had a joyful, healthy holiday season and that 2008 will be full of blessings.

We're looking forward to successful events for St. Jude this coming year: WCOL Radiothon in Columbus, B105 Radiothon in Cincinnati, the Chillicothe Capture for Kids, and the St. Jude Dream Home, to name a few.

Special congratulations to Kathi Silvey who graduated in December 2007 with a well-earned Masters Degree in Criminal Justice. Doing that in one year was a terrific accomplishment.

Gamma Beta lost their long time sister, Barbara Woolley. Beta Eta's sister, Martha Franks, moved to Florida to be closer to her daughter. Barbara and Martha will be greatly missed.

A number of our IC members

were impacted by the horrific fires in California in 2007. Our ESA Care Connection program is truly a valuable resource for working together in all areas of the country in times of need. No matter what befalls us, our members are always by our side to help whenever needed with loving support.

You are all awesome, outstanding women and leaders with so much to offer. Shirley Krcmar, 1st Vice President/President Elect will be contacting you about an opportunity to accept a position on YOUR Ohio State Council Executive or Appointed Board for 2008/2009. Don't let this opportunity pass you by. Let your dreams be a possibility. As Eleanor Roosevelt once stated, "The future belongs to those who believe in the beauty of our dreams."

Our Beta Eta sisters are planning a wonderful weekend for our Winter Council Meeting in Columbus, March 15-16, 2008 at the Ramada Plaza (formerly

Mid-West Hotel.) More information about end of this newsletter.

I am looking forward to seeing you there.

Until then....agape .

ESAOHIO.org

**New Date
For OSC Convention
May 30, 31, June 1, 2008**

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Did you know . . .

- Special Recognitions:
- Kathi Silvey for earning a well-deserved Masters Degree in Criminal Justice and looking GOOD doing it.
- So many members who are walking the talk....by supporting and helping each other in times of need.

First Vice President . . . Shirley Krcmar

There are so many articles written in the Jonquil Magazine, testimonials given by speakers at Leadership Seminars and just plain social visits with out ESA members that reveal ways ESA has improved lives through education, service and association. When you think about the many rewards you have received as a member, have you ever considered what you can back to ESA?

Numerous possibilities come to mind and I would like to suggest you could start by serving as an officer or appointed chair for OSC. You will find that you are still on the receiving end as you give of yourself to this important link to keeping our beloved ESA alive and functioning. Please read Article X and Article XI of the Bylaws to find an area that appeals to you and send your Intent

TO RUN form to me. Chapters, this is also the time to send your bid for council meetings and convention. Forms were provided at the Sept. OSC meeting and are also on the website..I look forward to hearing from chapters and individuals who see this as a change to use their time and talent . To enhance the goals of ESA.



Circle of Life News . . . Madeleine Kurzynski

I hope that each and every sister had a wonderful Holiday with friends and family. Nick and I were so happy to have Joel home from Seattle and it completed our holidays.

The holidays were a blessing because it gave people a time to rest and reflect on this past year. The members in the Cincinnati/Northern Ky. Areas really needed to rest because at the end of October, the St. Jude dream home came to a close. This year we were able to sell all 10,000 tickets before the giveaway was over. What a

time we had that Sunday. Ticket #10,000 was sold about 2pm with 1 more hour remaining. At the end of the day, we had raised \$1,001,885!! Yes, ladies over 1 MILLION DOLLARS for our kids at St. Jude. This was the result of many hours of work by several chapters. My heartfelt thanks to each of you. A very special THANK YOU to Elaine and Arlene for co-chairing such a wonderful event! I also want to report that the St. Jude Cost sheet T-shirts were a success and we sold out with a profit of \$315 for the kids. At

the March meeting, remember to bring your PENNIES for the penny wars. We will have the time set aside for the chapters to "stuff their doctor bags" with pennies. Remember that pennies count in the plus and all other currency counts in the negative. Let the games begin.

As you can tell, Ohio is ever eager to help our kids at St. Jude. I appreciate everyone's hard work and the many hours and money spent for this cause so dear to all of us.

Love and Sincere Thanks.

Congratulations

Alpha Psi for your "Friday Night Cruise-In that raised \$600

Gamma Beta for your 2nd golf outing that raised \$2000.

Sigma Chi will host their annual Bunko Night in March

ESA CARE CONNECTION...Jackie Sweeney

The best thing about Epsilon Sigma Alpha is the people who share the organization. Here is just a small sampling of the knowledge that your ESA sisters have to offer.

Information on:

Social services
Organ transplantation
Adopting an older child
International adoption
Breast cancer survivor
New chapters
Team building
AND the lists go on.

To date we have 17 people from Ohio who have joined the Care Connection program. Won't you consider helping this number grow by filling our a form. Judi King will have the form with her at the winter meeting. I will be in Florida, I'll miss you all.

Stay warm,
Jackie

What are the new dates for the Ohio State Convention????

*SCRAPBOOK
Please send a picture of your recent chapter event. Let's thank Amy by sharing our special memories in a tangible way.
Send to Jackie*

MEMBERSHIP.... Brenda Meyers

At the fall council meeting we voted to pay for the FIRST new chapter to form in Ohio. That is a \$300 savings for 10 great members. Kits and information on forming new chapters are available from ESA Headquarters. I'm sure we know many women who would love to be a part of ESA but for one reason or another can not be part of our own chapter.

There are many ideas for form-

ing non-traditional chapters. Busy Moms or women in rural areas might be interested in an internet chapter. Meeting and exchanging ideas electronically from their homes at a time more convenient, or saving gas expense by driving long distances to belong to a group. Working women may prefer to form a lunch chapter at their place of employment — in fact we do not need to limit ourselves to just women in the work place or internet! Several men may be

interested in a more focused philanthropic group.

What about a teen or pre-teen chapter? Young women preparing for adulthood could use our leadership and experience.

BJ and Rhea have challenged us this year to increase membership by forming one new chapter in each state and having at least 10 members in every chapter. I believe Ohio can rise to that challenge! WHO WILL BE FIRST....Just Imagine.

**GIVE THE
GIFT OF ESA
. . . PLEDGE A
NEW
MEMBER**



Second Vice President . . . Joan Peddicord

Hope you all had a Happy Holiday season. Here's wishing each of you and your families a VERY HAPPY HEALTHY NEW YEAR.

I look forward to seeing many of you in Columbus on March 15-16. Are you ready for a fun workshop? Madeleine and I have a put a workshop together to help the St. Jude kids. You seemed to enjoy the last workshop so we are continuing with a hands on workshop.

*Ways and Means
Ann Jaccaud
Here's a list of the chapters that I am asking to bring a nice gift for the OSC Presidents Travel Fund raffle
September, Alpha Delta, Alpha Psi, Beta Eta
February, Beta Psi, Delta Chi, Delta Gamma
Convention, Delta Nu, Gamma Beta, Gamma Kappa.*

The words "caring" and "sharing" are important to ESA members as these words have come to characterize the basic spirit of the membership. ESA members are people who care enough to share. Membership success and satisfaction are measured by the degree to which individual members and chapters have been able to achieve positive ideals.

MARC Reps . . Brenda Meyers and Joanna VanGundy

Along with OSC President, Amy Hudoba, several OSC members attended the MARC Leadership and Conference in Sioux Falls, SD...along with about 140 other ESA members. The Leadership and workshop committee outdid themselves! It was truly one of the best ever with the focus on humor and human kindness. There were quilts, poems, "Thank You" cards and clown noses. There was also an impressive presentation by a young female doctor about how the mind processes what we hear and how we can be misunderstood because of it! WOW! We were also visited by ESA of the past, present, and future.

Claudia did an outstanding job as MARC President and keeper of secrets. The weekend's biggest news was that North Dakota is re-forming its' state council and will be joining MARC. Our SD sisters were the most gracious of hosts and sure knew how to set a table!! Not to be out-

done, the hotel staff provided excellent service and the chefs aimed to please.

As nominating chair, Ann Jaccaud presented a full slate of officers, two at a time!

Those elected:

President: Jan Rahn, IN

VP: Sandra Lee, MI/GL

Sec: Brenda Meyers, OH

Treas: Maggie Dohn, WI

Parl: Sandy Hosack, MO

Communicator: Shirley Krcmar, OH

Jr. PP: Claudia Hatton, MO

Also, from Ohio are Sue Krites-Mentor, Judi Grefer-Website Coordinator, Sandy Lackey-Audit Committee and Carol Hazelett-Ways and Means Committee.

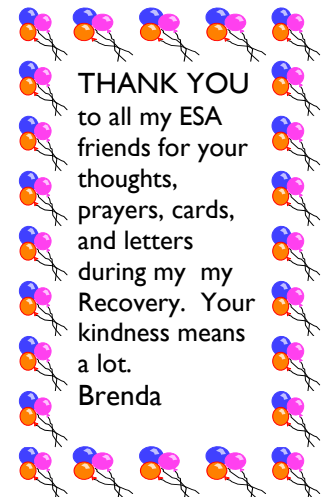
Not only is Ohio well represented on the MARC Board but we will be hosting the 2009 MARC Leadership and Conference, Chaired by Carol

Hazelett and Kathleen Seewer. Congratulations to everyone and a special "Thank You" to Ann for her continued service and dedication to the ideals of MARC.

The next MARC meeting will be held July 13, 2008 at the IC Convention in Chattanooga, TN. I have it on good authority that it is a great place to be! The next MARC conference will be October 10-12, 2008 in Grand Rapids, MI—too close to miss.

The Ways and Means committee did an outstanding job in 2007 raising over \$2,300 at the Chinese and Silent Auctions. MARC shirts may still be ordered and information is available on the website www.esamarc.org. Kudos to Judi Grefer for making the website look so "smart".

Thanks from MARC to everyone for their support.





CHAPTER HAPPENINGS

Gamma Kappa... Elaine Harrison

Hi everyone,

Greetings from your Gamma Kappa sisters. As Leader of the Pack, I can tell you these ladies have been rockin 'n' rollin. They worked the JDRF walk. Put in lots of hours to help make the St. Jude Dream Home giveaway a success. Sold food and drinks at the Loveland Haunted Castle, for 3 weekends (for various charities). Sold Avon for Tourette. Took time to read a book for our educational meeting. What a great evening. Food, beverages and lots of spirited dialogue. Our social committee out did themselves with a fantastic Christmas party. Our VP Rita surprised us

all with a massage therapist. Each of us had 10 minutes of pure heaven. By the time you read this we will have jumped head long into 2008. Starting with a winter and spring philanthropic and social planning meeting. Reading another book and of course spending an evening in lively debate.

See ya at the winter council meeting.

Elaine Harrison, President

Gamma Kappa



Amy is proud to represent Ohio in the opening flag ceremony at International Convention in Seattle Washington.

Delta Chi ... Celia Cordero

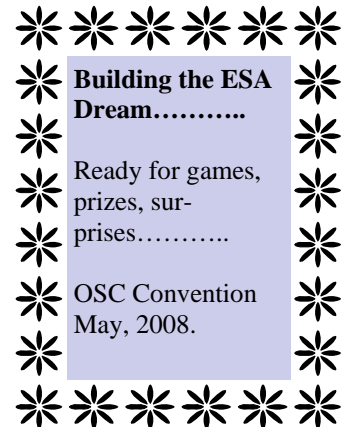
Caring and Sharing...that's what ESA is about...and that's a theme that keeps guiding us at Delta Chi. Many of us took part in the September Walkathon at Kings Island for JDRF; and, of course, we also joined the other local chapters in working the St. Jude Dream Home that reached the awesome amount of just over \$1,000,000. We also continue to donate items and cash for the WE CARE packages going to our men and women serving in

the war zones. In return we are being rewarded by the letters of thanks many have written.

Bethany House, that takes in homeless women and children, is another of our projects. Diane Adams, our enthusiastic self-appointed chair, has helped us provide school backpacks for the children and has started us on building a library. Since many of us are avid readers, we have already made great progress, starting with cookbooks,

children's books and magazine subscriptions.

Beyond our usual activities, there is REAL EXCITEMENT building as we work on our plans for the Ohio State Convention in May. Joan Farabee, Co-Chair along with Beth Laage, is providing her home on the lake as a retreat in January. We plan to do some intensive work on our plans...and have FUN.



Building the ESA Dream.....

Ready for games, prizes, surprises.....

OSC Convention May, 2008.

Beta Eta ... Joanna Van Gundy

Well the holidays are over and Beta Eta is starting to settle in and work full speed on the March Council meeting. We are looking forward to hosting Ohio State Council on the weekend of March 15-16 for you to "Join us for an Irish Frolic."

In the meantime, we are happy to report that the members of Beta Eta ended 2007 on a posi-

tive note with all being well and in full force. We hosted our annual Christmas party for the ladies at Regency Manor and had a really great time. It is nearly 50 years we have been doing philanthropic activities for and with them. It is a very rewarding experience. We had our own Christmas party one of Columbus' finest, the Claremont and were sure

pleased to have Shakago Dunson and Joanna's husband Don join us. We miss Bill Jaccaud of course and hope 2008 holds a brighter outlook for both he and Ann. Keep them both in your prayers. We also miss Martha Franks a whole lot but are happy to report that Ann visited with her this past fall and she seems to be adjusting well to live in



Beta Psi . . . Joan Peddicord

Happy New Year to all our ESA sisters and their families. Hope you all had a wonderful Holiday season.

We enjoyed our Christmas dinner at Mitchell's Fish Market at Newport on the Levy. Our husbands and Sandy's Mom joined us to celebrate a most rewarding year.

Now that the Dream Home is over it was a little bit of a let-

down, but then when you think of all the great work we did, raising over a million dollars, it brings you back up. Can't wait until we get started again in 2008.

Since we last saw everyone at State, our members have been doing some traveling: Judi G. has made at least 3-4 trips for ESA and work, Sandy Lackey has been on a cruise and traveled to Oklahoma, June and

Judy spent time out of town over the holidays.

We have tried something different this year as far as Educationals: Mary Cox, Chair, has planned visits to many countries, as we enjoy their foods in local restaurants. We have been to Germany at the Bier Haus and to Italy at Karlo's. Next is China.

See you in March.

Kathleen Seewer, OSC Chaplain
Is awaiting your news and/or concerns that you feel the state members need to know about.
Send to
kseewer@netzero.net

Delta Gamma . . . Shirley Krcmar

We hope everyone enjoyed our surprise raffle items in September. Our educational theme for the year is "Culinary Skills of Northeast Ohio" so we decided to share food items for a change. We continue to have meetings at different places of business to learn their history of food ...and drinks. We were all able to taste the Christmas beer produced by the Brew kettle in November. The "chocolate factory" was busy from the end of October till 330 lbs. Of candy was boxed on the Monday after Thanksgiving. This annual project raises the funds for our philanthropic donations and everyone enjoys the chance to socialize while working on the candy. Ask Beth Hickey about "tasting" the product.

Maryanne McDowell planned a lovely Christmas lunch following

our meeting at the Blue Heron Golf Club in December. Everyone went home with a gift of a calendar for the refrigerator, repeated by popular demand since the one received last year was so helpful. A report was given on the needy family we adopted for Christmas.

We were saddened by the death of Phyllis Mackay's husband, Richard, and missed Lenore Burke, our President, who was home recovering from pneumonia.

Our WGAR St. Jude Radiothon will be held February 21 and 22 and the groundbreaking for our St. Jude Dream Home will be January 10. It sounds like we will have a busy winter.

Peace, health and happiness in the new year.



What do you know about Ohio??

Seven US Presidents were born in Ohio.

Can you name them???

Alpha Delta...Kay Wentzel

First of all, I want to thank you for all your cards and wishes for a speedy recovery from my successful knee surgery in October. After hobbling around at State Convention and Leadership wait until you see me at Winter Council..I now have a straight leg!

Our chapter unfortunately has temporarily lost two of our members who will hopefully be back next year; However, we were still

able to complete our projects for Easter Seals, JDRF and the Dream Home, all of which proved to be successful. December 2nd we again participated in the Festival of Giving at the Florence Mall and the money we earned will go to supporting the charities that we support as a chapter. The St. Jude dance this year will be held in the spring and hopefully it will be a giant success. See you in March.

You know you're from Ohio
IF
You've ever had to switch from heat to A/C in the same day.
You know what's knee-high by the Fourth of July.
You end your sentences with an unnecessary preposition..like
"where's my coat at?"



ESA Foundation...Mary Lykins

Hope that everyone had a great Christmas surrounded by family and friends and that the new year has started out on an upbeat note.

I have a necklace for the Foundation raffle. The tickets will be \$1 for a single ticket and \$5 for 6 tickets. Please see someone from Gamma Beta for tickets and a look at the necklace.

Tis the season for scholarship applications. I am already busy this month processing applications.

Have you considered adding the Foundation as a beneficiary in your will or perhaps establishing

a family endowment? Consider donating life insurance policies that no longer are needed to satisfy a particular need. This may be done by contacting your insurance agent and changing the beneficiary of the insurance policy and take a tax deduction for the value of the policy. Consider listing the ESA Foundation as a contingent beneficiary of your retirement plan income.

Sample bequest language:

Unrestricted general legacy: I bequeath the ESA Foundation, headquartered in Ft. Collins, CO the sum of \$_____dollars for its general purpose.

Other specific language can be provided if you require assistance.

May the road rise to meet you
May the wind be always at your back.

May the sun shine warm upon your face.

And rains fall soft upon your fields.

And until we meet again,

May God hold you in the hollow of His hand.



ESA Disaster Fund...Carol Haas

Now that you have somewhat recovered from the Holiday festivities, how about sending me some money? No, it's not for a trip to Bermuda, but rather to help our sisters who have suffered some catastrophic incident.

We are all so generous with all our charities that it seems that sometimes our Disaster Fund gets short-changed. Let's make a real effort to change that this year.

Just send me a check (or give it to me at the upcoming Council Meeting), made out to the Disaster Fund and I will forward it to the appropriate person.

I truly hope that none of us in Ohio will ever need help from the Disaster Fund, but you never know, and if that should happen, we would certainly want the funds to be there in order to help.

Our Possible Dream for Ohio is

100% participation. I know we can reach that goal.

Agape,

Carol

DUES FOR THE FOUNDATION ARE DUE ON MARCH 1, 2008. IF YOU MISS THIS DATE YOU WILL NOT BE A VOTING MEMBER FOR THE FOUNDATION THIS YEAR.

QUILT RETREAT.....Shirley Krcmar

ESA members from 4 chapters enjoyed a weekend of quilting and socializing at Dora's Sewing Center in Oct. 2007.

The history of this group getting together began 2 years ago when Brenda Meyers suggested we all attend a quilt retreat at the Golden Eagle Retreat Center. Everyone involved believed that this was the beginning of a "bonding" experience. So much laughter and sharing.

I am sharing this with you that let you know how strongly I feel that events like this give us a chance to know one another better than from just attending meetings. This type of event does not have to be related to quilting. There is scrap-booking, stamping, card making, knitting, crocheting, cross stitch., etc. as well as non-craft activities.

Think about joining us April 18-20

A Note from Brenda Meyers:

2nd Annual Quilt Retreat.

April 18-20, 2008. Look for flyer at end of newsletter. There are only about 60 spots available.

Local contacts are Shirley Krcmar, Cleveland; Carol Hazlett, Dayton, and Jill Montgomery, Greater Cincinnati.

Kay Wentzel made sure to be the first to register. WOW.



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TOGETHER TO ACCOMPLISH GOOD
THINGS.**



As a premier leadership and service organization, Epsilon Sigma Alpha offers our members the personal assistance and supportive programming needed to develop confidence and competence to go forth and impact the world in a positive way. Unlocking the personal challenge that resides within is the key to success, and ESA gives our members the background and assistance to do just that. Whether your aspirations are career oriented, volunteer driven or socially motivated, ESA helps you achieve your goals. Our single purpose is to inspire leadership and service by bringing good people together to pursue programs and projects that make a positive difference locally, nationally and internationally. Give your life purpose with ESA... we touch the lives of others while changing our own.

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International Council Senior Past President . . . Judi King

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IC **Officer rosters** are available through the member center.

Membership Goals for ESA ... new chapters and expanding existing chapters to a minimum of 10 members.

IC chapter dues can be paid to newly elected IC Treasurer:

Susan Winters
705 N. Kansas Ave.
Frankfort, KS 66427

Profession and consistent looking **stationery** is avail-

able.

An informative, **interesting and concise monthly newsletter** will be sent to chapter presidents and other ESA leaders.

Newly approved **IC Bylaws** are available..

2008 IC Convention
July 5-14, 2008
Chattanooga, Tennessee.
Chattanooga Marriott

My best to you,

Ohio State Council of ESA
 Winter Meeting
 March 15-16, 2008

“Join Us For An Irish Frolic”

RAMADA PLAZA (name change)

4900 Sinclair Rd.
 Columbus, OH 43229
 614-846-0300, toll free 877-609-6086

Room registration due by **February 2 *****
 Mention ESA
 Room rate: \$84 plus taxes

Directions from North:
 Take I-71 South to Morse Rd. exit #116
 Ramp ends at Sinclair Rd., turn right.

From South:
 Take I-71 North to Morse Rd. exit #116
 Turn left under freeway to first street
 Sinclair Rd., turn right, one block to hotel.

From West:
 I-70 to I-71 North then follow “From
 South” directions above.

SATURDAY AGENDA

11 a.m. Registration – Lobby
 1 p.m.. General Board meeting
 2 p.m.. Workshop
 6 p.m. **IRISH STEW DINNER**
 7:30 p.m. Mixer party

HOSTESS: Beta Eta

REGISTRATION: \$35.00
 (includes Saturday dinner)

Council meeting registration
 due **March 1**

Send registration to:
 Mabel Willyerd
 5608 Brickstone Pl.
 Hilliard, OH 43026
 614-850-6138

Make check to **BETA ETA**

SUNDAY AGENDA

8 a.m. Registration
 9 a.m. Inspirational
 9:30 a.m. Brunch
 10:30 a.m. Council Meeting

Name (delegate *)	Sunday Registration	Saturday Dinner	TOTAL

ESA/St Jude 2nd Annual Ohio State Quilt Retreat

SPONSORED BY EPSILON SIGMA ALPHA



What: A fun getaway weekend for every quilter and/or crafter. Scrapbookers Welcome!
Enjoy the luxury of down comforters and feather pillows in a dorm-style setting.
Home-cooked meals Friday night dinner; Saturday breakfast, lunch, and dinner; and
Sunday breakfast and lunch!

Classes and demonstrations available through the support of many Ohio quilt shops.
Door prizes and give-a-ways from donors such as Moda and Hancock Fabrics.

Where: Golden Eagle Retreat Center (near the Indiana border approximately 25 miles North of I-70)
210 Cross Street, Palestine, Ohio

When: Friday, April 18 – Sunday, April 20, 2008
Check in after 4:00 pm Friday, Check out by 3:00 pm Sunday

Why: St. Jude Children's Research Hospital is the single largest center in the United States for the research and treatment of pediatric cancer and other catastrophic childhood diseases. Children from 50 states and more than 70 countries have come through the doors of St. Jude for treatment, and thousands more around the world have benefited from the research conducted at St. Jude. At St. Jude no family pays in excess of their insurance coverage, and those without insurance are never asked to pay.

How: Detach and return registration form below – space is limited to 60 guests so register early!
Minimum \$50.00 Deposit due **February 29, 2008**, Balance or Full registration due by **April 1, 2008**
Total \$140.00 Registration fee includes 2 nights lodging, 6 meals, and \$25.00 St Jude contribution

PLEASE PRINT – rooms are 4 or 6 beds so be sure to note if you are traveling with someone you wish to room with.

Name: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ St _____ Zip: _____

Email address: _____

Phone: _____

Questions: Please email us at ESASTJudeQuilt@aol.com
or call 1-513-304-1461 or 1-937-416-9301

Deposit must be received with registration form.*
Make checks payable to ESA Ohio State Council

Amount enclosed _____ Check # _____
Include a registration form for each individual

!!DEADLINES EXTENDED!!
\$50.00 Deposit Due February **29**, 2008

Send to: ESA/Quilt Retreat
61 Elk Court
Fairfield, OH 45014

*Cancellations: \$25.00 fee prior to April 5, 2008
NO REFUNDS AFTER APRIL 5, 2008



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