

ESA IC News



Epsilon Sigma Alpha International Council Newsletter

Kim Kummer, ESA International Council President 2018-2019



Hello November,

Choctober is behind us and I am anxious to hear all of the wonderful new member stories. If October was too busy you can still host a Chocvember or other themed recruitment event this month. Remember, membership recruitment can happen all year long and it is the responsibility of all members.

November 11th will mark the 100th anniversary of Veteran's Day. I am so proud of ESA members and their hard work showing support of our Veterans and Troops. MARC and SERC conferences both collected items for veteran organizations. I know ESA chapters across the country will be busy promoting Hope for Hero events this month. I look forward to hearing about all of them and seeing them on social media. Keep up the good work!

It is not too late to sign up for the St. Jude Memphis Marathon December 1st. If you can't walk but want to donate there are plenty of people on Team ESA that would happily accept your donation. As you know, our accumulative donation is over \$270 million dollars. How exciting would it be if we could announce in at IC Convention in July, while in Memphis, that our donations are over \$300 million? Let's get out there and do our part to support Danny's dream.

I wish you a fall full of color and a bountiful Thanksgiving surrounded by loved ones. In a world where you can be anything, Be kind.

xoxo – Kim

Save the Date

Merriment & Memories



**72nd Annual Convention
Epsilon Sigma Alpha International
Sheraton Hotel Downtown Memphis
July 17 - 21, 2019**



Have you marked your calendar and are you making plans to attend Merriment & Memories in Memphis, Tennessee? The registration form is on the website, it is not too early to send it in! The convention committee is working very hard to be sure your time in Memphis is awesome! Tours of St. Jude Children's Research Hospital, Graceland, great places to eat, great workshops and, oh did I say, tours of St. Jude Children's Research Hospital? These are just a few of the exciting things happening in Memphis July 17-21, 2019.

As Thanksgiving approaches, I wish all of you a blessed Thanksgiving with family and friends. If you have any questions about our 2019 Convention, don't hesitate to call, email, or text me!

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Easterseals



Hi Everyone,

Hope things are going well in all the states and some of you have had contact with the Easterseals reps in your area/state. Please feel free to contact me if you would like a rep to attend one of your conferences or even your state convention if we cannot manage a conference. If you just want to get information on the affiliate in your area, please contact me.

I want to thank those of you who have reached out to me to help make arrangements for a rep to attend one of your state meetings. I do hope by doing these visits with the reps will help strength or rebuild a relationship with the Easterseals affiliates in your area/state.

Want to give a shout out to **Minnesota!** Great job ladies for your Goodwill Easterseals Style Show. They were able to donate over \$500.00 from this one event. Maybe a good idea if you are looking for something to do to give back to Easterseals. Great Job Kathy and all who helped!

I want to hear from all of you and what events that you have had or that you are planning to have. We need to share all so that we can reach new heights. We need to Easterseals and to all the that they are providing We have been given a "Gift" our gifts with Easterseals. Let's continue to help or recommit can. All of us can make a disability together.



renew our commitment to children, teens and older clients services to help them. from ESA and we need to share do all that we can do to helping when and where we difference by taking on

Hugs to all.

Deana Walters

2018-19 IC Easterseals Coordinator.

Hope for Heroes



Happy Fall to All!

Although, many of you are experiencing winter and summer, with snow in the northwest and the radiant warm sun in the far south. Fall in Georgia usually means gloriously colored leaves, but this year there isn't much color to see.

The month of October means we celebrate Columbus Day, Halloween and enjoy many Fall Festivals. It also means November is just around the corner, bringing Veterans Day with it. I wanted to share a little information about this particular day. Ever wonder why Veterans Day is on the 11th and does not change? World War 1 ended on the 11th month on the 11th day on the 11th hour.

Today I saw a man selling poppies stop a lady and asked if he could re-position her poppy she was wearing. While doing so he told the lady she should wear the poppy on the right side; the red represents the blood of all those who gave their lives; the black represents the mourning of those who didn't have their loved ones return home, and the green leaf represents the grass and crops growing and future prosperity after the war destroyed so much. The leaf should be positioned at 11 o'clock to represent the eleventh hour of the eleventh day of the eleventh month, the time that World War 1 formally ended. He was worried that younger generations wouldn't understand this and his generation wouldn't be around for much longer to teach them. We must remember those from our current wars too!



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For those that do not know, the eleventh day of the eleventh month is Veterans Day! Please pass this knowledge along to those who don't know the meaning and who care enough to know. This year in November, the voting polls will open doors for your vote. This is just one of the "rights" many men and women are serving, have served and fought or died for!

While some states and chapters have military bases, or facilities for veterans, some do

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not or they are not very close in proximity to them. I would like to introduce you to a national organization that I have volunteered for many years. It is Soldiers Angels. Their website is www.soldiersangels.org. They are always looking for volunteers so take a look at the website to see if this organization fills your need.

When we think of Hope for Heroes, in addition to the military, please always remember and include our Emergency and First Responders in your thoughts, prayers and philanthropic causes.

Hope for Heroes

IC Chair Gail Marchant

Association of the Arts

Where are all my crafters out there? Are you ready to share your Gift with the rest of us at IC in Memphis? Hope you are already planning to help me fill the room with our amazing talent! Be watching the website for the updated Association of Arts form and start working on all those entries. Let's make my mailman earn his pay! Can't wait to see what you all have been working on since July!

Bonnie Templeton

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Philanthropic

Happy Holidays!



Hope everyone is having a successful year with your philanthropic projects. I would love to hear from your state about some of your “best moments”, such as the Gamma Zeta chapter attendance Boys’ Ranch Town Rodeo highlighted in last month’s newsletter.

Perhaps your project is something other states/chapters can also utilize.

The updated Philanthropic form is now available on the ESA website. Remember it is never too early to track your hours, mileage and money. The 2018-2019 Mileage Rate is \$0. 54.5 / mile.

I have received the name and contact information for the state philanthropic chair from a few of you – if you haven’t sent it to me, please do so soon.

Thank you,
Chris York, Philanthropic Chair

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California, Publicity Chair Marcella Gauna

In July the Busy Bees team participated in the Humboldt County Relay for Life in Eureka.

Bonnie Reback was recognized for having raised the most money for the Busy Bees Team, Beta Zeta Chapter 4137, Humboldt Relay for Life . She is the co-chairman for the Busy Bee Team and worked hard all year to raise money for a good cause. Bonnie has been activity with The Busy Bees team for more then ten years. We love having her as a Chartered member in Beta Zeta, she is a great asset to our community and to our chapter. CONGRATULATION BONNIE.

Bonnie Reback



Redwood Regional Council held their meeting on Sunday, November 4, 2018 at the home of Karen Hall in Fortuna. We were happy to have 3 of the CSC Executive officers with us today. Present were Rickie Brown, CSC President, Margo Bjork, CSC Vice President, and Marcella Gauna, CSC Treasurer, and Karen Hall, CSC Educational Chairman. We had a wonderful meeting, great opportunity drawings for St.Judes Children Hospital, Easter Seals, Disaster Fund and our State Project, Alzheimer's. After the meeting we enjoyed a wonderful lunch of salad and soup and a great pumpkin dessert prepared by our

hostess Karen Hall and a wonderful visit with our state officers and we got a lot of good information for the upcoming year and our next CSC Convention to be held in May in Dublin, CA.

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Pictured from left to right are Margo, Imogene and Rickie.

Submitted by: Marcella Gauna, RRC President PR for RRC.

State of Texas, Publicity Chairman – Cheryl Deleranko

Our State President, Kelly Kinser, along with Renae Campbell, have certainly been busy the last month. Kelly paid her Official visits to District IV (San Antonio) on August 25th and to District V (Kingsland) on September 8th. Fun was abundant at the home of Karen Luckenbach.



Upcoming travel plans are to visit Rose Pasillas' District on Sept 29, 2018 along with her new chapter.

Gamma Beta, Oklahoma– Jacci Gantz



Epsilon Sigma Alpha's Halloween party was a success. Games and activities were held. Lots of food and laughter were shared by all who attended. The Edmond Epsilon Sigma Alpha's chapter of Gamma Zeta is an international philanthropic organization whose fundraising activities help several Edmond charities throughout the year. Gamma Zeta also works with Oklahoma School for the Blind in Muskogee and the Oklahoma School for the Deaf in Sulphur. The national project is St. Jude Children's Research Hospital. If you are interested in joining in the fun and giving back to the community, contact Linda Cogniglio at 405-919-2052.