

TENTATIVE AGENDA

The daffodils and trees are blooming and a hint of spring is in the air. Spring brings new beginnings and is an awesome gift that God gives to each and every one of us. Each of us need to reflect on our special gift that is given to us and share that gift with others.

Now with April right around the corner, it's hard to believe that another ESA year is coming to a close. I want to express a heart-felt thank you to each of you for all your hard work and Living, Laughing, and Loving in ESA. I hope you plan to attend State Convention this year and celebrate all your accomplishments.

If you haven't already heard, Patti's 1880 Settlement had a fire and we will not be able to have our Friday Night Dinner at the restaurant. A copy of the registration form is in this issue of The Kentucky Lamplighter. Deadline for registration is April 10th and deadline for hotel reservations is April 12th. All meetings and activities will take place at the Grand Rivers Community Center; 155 W. Cumberland Avenue; Grand Rivers, Kentucky 42045. So please make plans to join us for a fun-filled weekend.

Chapter Presidents: Please send a list of members who will be attending convention and are to receive their years of service award (5, 10, 15, 20, 25, 30, 35 ... & etc) to Corresponding Secretary Sue Williams.

• Don't Forget to remind your members that if this will be their first State Convention attendance, then their name will be put in a drawing to receive their registration fee back. Just an incentive to try to get new members to attend and see how much fun we have together.

Live 
Your life at its fullest
Laugh 
At all the things that dont matter
Love 
With all that you have and more

Friday, April 27, 2018

- 2:00 pm - 5:00 pm Registration/Credentials (Community Center)
- 2:00 pm - 5:00 pm Silent Auction Check-In (Community Center)
- 4:00 pm - 5:00 pm Executive Board Meeting (Community Center)
- 5:00 pm - 7:00 pm Dinner On Your Own
- 7:00 pm - 10:00 pm Fun & Games for Easter Seals (Community Center)

Saturday, April 28, 2018

- 8:00 am - 8:45 am Registration/Credentials (Community Center)
- 8:00 am - 8:45 am PPA Meeting (Community Center)
- 8:55 am - 3:00 pm General Assemblies, Lunch, Awards Celebration & Workshops (Community Center)
- 6:00 am - 11:00 pm Banquet & Installation (Community Center)

Looking forward to seeing each of you in April!

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Kelli Thornberry, Vice president

Happy Spring Everyone! The Daffodils are blooming and we have all turned our clocks forward an hour. I learned so much at leadership in Denver. I cannot wait to put all my knowledge to use. This year as your Vice President has flown by and I am truly excited to become your State President. I hope you have all made plans to attend State Convention at Grand Rivers. We need THREE more members for our special entertainment at convention to show up. So, keep recruiting and email if you pledge a new member. If you are thinking that you would like to do something on the State Level Please, Please, Please let me know. It is not too late. I am accepting Bids for the State Convention April 2019! Check with your Chapter or with another Chapter. Multiple chapters can do this together. We can do great things together!



Diane Cohen, Treasurer

Greetings to all my sisters! So happy that Spring is just around the corner. I just got home from spending a few days with some of my Kappa Psi sisters and Vicky Jones in Gatlinburg. The food and company was wonderful. The dogwood trees and daffodils are so beautiful there in full bloom. Maybe by the time this is printed everything will be in bloom here in Lagrange, KY as well! Thank you to all the Chapters that donated to President Vicky's State Philanthropic Project, the Imagination Library. The total was a very generous \$445. Thank you to Alpha Delta - \$50, Alpha Theta - \$70, Beta Chi - \$25, Beta Nu - \$150, Delta Tau - \$100, and Kappa Psi - \$50. Spring Convention is coming up in just a few weeks. For the State fundraiser, there will be a Silent Auction. I am asking each Chapter to bring 3 items for the auction valued at a minimum of \$15-\$20 each.

I'm looking forward to seeing all of you at Spring Convention!!!

Diane Cohen, Easter Seals



FRIDAY NIGHT MIXER - BINGO FUN - PRIZES - ONLY \$5!!! The Easter Seals Chairman, Dee Dee Gnadinger, has a terrible case of the flu. This is the State Treasurer, Diana Cohen, stepping in for her, so this article will be straight to the point. The Friday night mixer at State Convention will be a fundraiser for Easter Seals. It will be \$5 to play. Please join us for the fun!!

Please bring your inkjet cartridges to Convention for Easter Seals recycling. In addition to the inkjet cartridges, Easter Seals also recycles cell phones, laptops, ipods, ipads/tablets, readers (Nook, Kindle, etc), and laser cartridges. We need 20-40 pounds of recycling before we can send them the donation, so please bring any of the items in the list that you might want to get rid of. SEE YOU AT CONVENTION!!!!



WORD FIND



Find what page these words appear on and write it down. Be the first to email me the correct answers and I'll send you a prize!!! Good Luck!

_Chris _breaking _success _dime _water _legacy _banquet _Grigsby _epoxy _soaps _Gluing
_tabs

Disaster Fund, Wendy Casey

It's with conflicting emotions that Mom and I are writing this. Dad left this earth on March 5th in his sleep at Burksey Manor a place he dearly loved. While we miss him terribly, we know he is in a much better place walking, dancing and pain free. Dad loved all of you, he relied on you for prayers and loving thoughts. He knew that his "prayer warriors" were there for us from the very beginning, ever since 2013. He wouldn't have made it with you!!! Thank you from the bottom of our hearts. ESA has been an important part of our lives for many years and it only intensified after Dad's accident.

Another important part of ESA is the disaster fund. You never think you will need it. As givers, as servants you never think you will need the help, quite frankly you are too busy helping others. Well as we can personally attest, life changes on a dime. You blink, in the space of seconds and your life is dramatically changed forever. Our family has been blessed in many ways. We were blessed to have someone stay in California until Dad was healed enough to come back to his beloved state of Kentucky without someone staying with him, we know he wouldn't have made it. God performed many miracles during his stay and in February we were about to have to come home when we received a blessing from our ESA sisters and brothers in the form of a check from the disaster fund. That check allowed us to stay in California till April when we brought dad home.

Many of you have already given to the disaster fund personally and through your chapters, for that we thank you. If you haven't donated through your chapter or if you are thinking of making your own donation, Mom and I ask that you please do so. It is never too late and a gift for many when the need arises. It comes from the heart and does make a difference. Mom, I, and our entire family can personally attest to that.

The Wendy's, your Disaster Fund Chairmen

It is never too late to turn in money to your disaster fund. All money collected after March 1st will go towards next years total. Send money to Mom and I at Burksey Manor: 6633 Old Henderson Spottsville Road, Spottsville, KY 42458. You can also bring any money to convention. Here's a small challenge for you. Set a container on your counter somewhere, as you think of your many blessings drop some money in, collect your "blessings" from now to convention and bring it with you. Vicky, your next disaster fund chairman would love to hear from all of us!!!

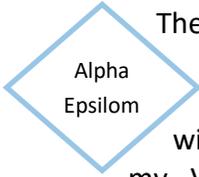
Theresa Anderson, Lamplighter Editor

Are you glad the Ides of March is over? Who thought that being frozen on the first day of spring was just what we needed? I really hope no one did and it was just God's way of reminding us who is in control. Nonetheless, I hope you all stayed safe, had a warm place to stay and the opportunity to rest!

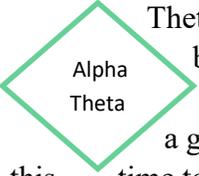
My order of business this month is an important one. I have made an email account just for ESA. I will be sending reminders to presidents and instructions to forward to others. Numerous times, emails are going to spam and junk mail or in email limbo. I hope to stop my confusion, as well as yours. My new ESA Lamplighter email is lamplighteres@hotm.com. I will start sending those out on April, 13th. Thank you all for your understanding as this change occurs! I look forward to seeing some of you at Convention on Friday night, but I will be unable to attend Saturday.

LAMPLIGHTER FUN: Please check out my craft corner this issue. It is a fun and very simple craft. You can leave it plain or jazz it up. I want you all to send me a photo of the finished product. Make it a social night event! Have a Blessed Easter.

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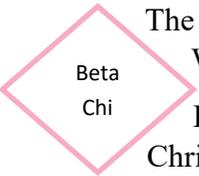
The Paducah St. Jude Dream Home Bricks & Sticks dinner was held 1/11/18 and was attended by Kathie and Don Fleming and Velva Yeomans. Construction on the house is underway. Training for ticket office workers is scheduled for 5/8/18. Tickets will go on sale 5/9/18. Giveaway will be held 9/9/18. Pam Truitt is back at work after undergoing chemo and a double mastectomy. Vicki Rector is getting out following heart ablation.



Hi everyone! I hope your 2018 year is off to a good start! Since the last edition of the Lamplighter, Alpha Theta has made a point to enjoy some quality time together while getting work done. In December we held our annual Christmas lunch celebration at a local restaurant and enjoyed some fellowship with our sisters and significant others. In January many members were able to attend a game day party to socialize and play card games with sisters and guests. We were grateful for this time together as days shortly after Peggy Thompson passed away. Peggy is and will be dearly missed. In February, we held a Valentines Dinner social and enjoyed the good food, compliments of member Sonya Corder, her husband and the social committee. Earlier this week we held our annual Heart Luncheon and Fashion Show. We are still awaiting final numbers but hope we are able to give as much as we can to the American Heart Association. We look forward to seeing everyone at Spring Convention!!



HAPPY SPRING TO ALL.



The jonquils are blooming and are so beautiful. They remind us that Convention will soon be here. We are looking forward to seeing everyone!!

Beta Chi has been busy making beauty kits for the ladies at our local spouse abuse shelter for Christmas and currently we are making up Easter baskets for the kids. We will soon be gearing up with Alpha Theta for the 2018 St. Jude Dream Home. We are so very proud to announce that we have a new pledge. Her name is Marlene Walstra and she has moved to the area from Illinois. She has jumped right in and started helping with all our projects. We are so happy to have her. We continue to support The Ronald McDonald House by collecting the pull tabs off of aluminum cans and the homeless by collecting the plastic grocery bags. We know a local lady that uses the bags to crochet mats for them to sleep on. It amazes me what ideas people have and act on. We have a few homeless shelters that we help when we can. We also helped a local family with Thanksgiving and Christmas. No matter how much you do you always feel like you could/should do more.

We have increased our socials and have resumed having educationals though we have yet to fill out a form. We are going to Gatlinburg for fun in a few weeks. Some of us will stay a whole week while others will come for a few days when they can. It is great to just relax and enjoy each other. Diane Smith won't be there because she will be busy having a baby while we are gone. It is so exciting. He will have a lot of grandmothers.

We want to send our sympathy to all of you who have had losses in your families and chapters. Our prayers are with you.

We look forward to seeing you all at our state convention in April. Please come!!

Chapter News Cont.

Hope everyone had a Merry Christmas and Blessed New Year. We are looking forward to Spring.

Delta
Tau

We made a Visit to Home of the Innocents and donated items along with a monetary donation? We were given a short tour of their facility. We are currently collecting items for Brendon's duffle bag. Pat has been very busy making throws and members are collecting items to be placed in the duffle bags. Items include small size shampoos, soaps, lotions and any item for personal hygiene. There is a wish list that can be found on their web sight. Home of The Innocents plans on distributing these duffle bags to foster children that move from home to home and also the residents at the home. If you have any items for this cause please bring it to convention, thanks.



We continue to crochet covers for the water filters that Water With Blessings ship to places that do not have clean water. Water with Blessings will have a booth at the City wide Women's Conference which will be held at St. Patrick's. Pat will help staff this booth.. We have been busy with the St. Jude Dream Home. We attended the floor signing. WHAS TV Station was there and it was on the evening news. Along with our Sister Chapter Kappa Psi we have been busy entertaining data, mailings, and making deposits. We also are working at the Dream Home's open house. **Looking forward to State convention and seeing everyone.**



Hello everyone! I hope you are adapting to all to winter, spring, winter, summer, spring.....or however Mother Nature decides to torture us.

Gamma
Tau

Gamma Tau has been busy getting our chapter involved with tri-state events. We love supporting local kids and schools any way we can. In Feb, we volunteered to cook meals, side items and desserts in crockpots for families during an educational social at a local school. We cooked, served, made new friends, cleaned up and had a wonderful time. I would challenge everyone to do something like this! During a meeting, we painted rocks to look like flowers or bugs to be used in an upcoming event. They will be hidden around town and we will host a rock-hiding event for kids. I cant wait to tell you how it went. Recently, we made an entire meal and served it to all the cast members of Sweeny Todd. The local High School is putting on a production of Sweeny Todd and their rehearsals run well past supper. Our chapter is dedicated to education and encouraging local kids to be the best they can. We look for opportunities to encourage and support them in any time we can!!!



Kappa
Psi

Kappa Psi has been busy and we love it! We got our radiation back after many years and some of us had the privilege to work it. We also finally have a Dream Home in Louisville. Members from Kappa Psi were able to attend the ground breaking which was very exciting. We have waited a long time to have one. We have worked the telethons and have been working in the ticket office. We are looking forward to staffing the open houses. The drawing will be on April 12th.

We are still working with the Dreams with Wings organization. They support adults with mental disabilities. We will be helping with The Dreamer's Ball in a few weeks along with any other activities they come up with us.

Craft Corner "What you create doesn't have to be perfect"

CREATIVE CANDLE HOLDER

(materials cost less than \$5)

What you will need:

- *a relatively lite vase of your choice
- *a candle stick holder *waterproof epoxy (e600, glass glue, mosaic adhesive)
- *sand paper

Although this isn't my picture, I bought these exact items from the Dollar Tree. I bought a tall cylinder vase and a candle stick holder. I did go to the Dollar Store to purchase e600 glue. Not bad for \$5!

Instructions:

- 1)Wash all items. 2)Sand the side of the candlestick that will adhere to vase.
- 3)Wipe off any power from sanding. 4)Squeeze your epoxy on to the candle stick.
- 5)Place the candlestick to the vase and pull them apart quickly (the object of this is to leave a ring of glue on the vase).
- 6)Within 3 minustes apply another layer of epoxy to the candle stick and press it to the vase. Hold steady with slight pressure for 1 min.
- 7)Turn vase upside down or right side



Let's Decorate!

I am so anxious for you to try you hand at this craft. You cant go wrong! If for some reason your epoxy wont hold, try a glass adhesive or Gorilla Glue. But don't fret! You can turn this into anything. Make this your own! Get creative But most importantly, TAKE A PIC. I want to see what you've done. I'll be posting mine!

Add sand and place a candle in it

Wrap a ribbon around it

Apply your family's last name initial to the outside

Use it for pens/ pencils holder

Spray Paint it

Put candy in it

NOW THAT YOU'VE MASTERED EPOXY, TRY SOME OF THESE...



What you create DOESN'T have to be perfect



In Memoriam

As convention is right around the corner, we can't help but think of last year as Gamma Tau and Bertha were busy preparing for state convention...so much to do but an awesome chance to get together and have fun!!! ESA was such a perfect fit for Bertha...all her ideals...and all that made her "Bertha" in one International Organization. ESA was a home where Bertha found many sisters and brothers that she dearly loved and who loved her in return. People who believed as she did in the power of people when they come together to do anything and everything that is necessary to make this world of ours a better place to live in. ESA exemplifies something so simple and so true "Good friends, good works, good times". Take one caring person, multiply it by others who feel this same way and there is no end to the things you can accomplish and do.

Bertha believed in the potential of everyone. Everyone has their unique sets of gifts that need to be nurtured and developed. Education was to be of value and encouraged to all at any age and at any level. In Bertha's mind you were never too old to learn and have a good time. Bertha valued youth as our future leaders and loved doing her part in being there for them as guidance counselor and through her work in ESA.

No pretensions with Bertha, she was who she was. She made mistakes like all of us and was very open about it: but, she held herself to high standards always striving to make things as perfect as possible. She was a friend to all no matter their background, age or gender. She had a true desire to see people by their hearts and not their physical essence. Her goal was simple to let you know she cared and you mattered.



Bertha was a dynamic and vivacious leader, a friend who valued you for you, a woman who dedicated her life to helping others achieve their goals and full potential, finding joy when others shined...she was genuinely proud of them. No matter how far, how much she achieved she stayed down to Earth and made sure we all did. We are all on this Earth together, so why not make the most of it! ESA was a part of Bertha's life for 45 years. She was proud of her organization and ESA was proud of her. She made people realize that there is potential in all of us, it is a blessing that we all have received and must take advantage of. Bertha's legacy for all of us in ESA is to always remember: "When we all work together we can and will accomplish anything". What is your legacy to ESA? Get out there pledge new members, continue your own personal legacy in ESA, each of you is an important part of our organization. No one else has your unique talents...ESA needs you!!!

-Wendy Casey-



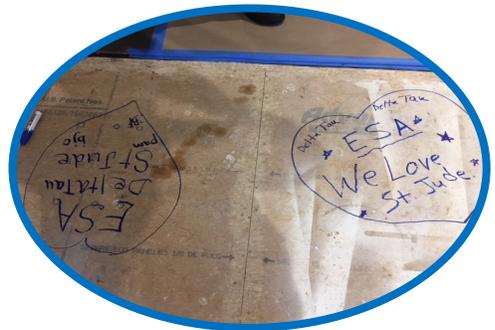
Recently we are all saddened by the loss of another fellow sister, Peggy Thompson. She was very welcoming and wanted to help in any way she could. Mrs. Peggy served in ESA for over 40 years, but she didn't stop there. She was a secretary for the department of Astronomy and Physics at WKU for 27 years. During one of those years, she coordinated the WKU Twirlers. Peggy loved her church and took pride in it. She also had a love for cards. She could play a very strategic game of "Hand and Foot". She very much enjoyed life and living it and sharing it! What would she want us to be doing now? Probably the same thing the rest of our sisters in Heaven would push us to do....be the person you know you were built to be. What does that mean? It means that we all found our way to ESA for a reason. What is your reason? Was it to have a few people that we can talk to? Was it to make friends so we can have a game night? Or was it simply because we know that we need other people to support us that have the same desire to help others?

What a wonderful example Peggy gave us on how to be a leader. Although not everyone feels comfortable leading, we can all set a positive example. That's what makes a great legacy, setting good examples.

Coming together is a beginning:
Keeping together is a progress:
Working together is a success:



The articles
illustrate the
pictures.





2018 Kentucky State Convention

April 27-29, 2018

Grand Rivers Community Center

155 W Cumberland Avenue

Grand Rivers, KY 42045



ESA Member

Name: _____

Address: _____ City: _____ Zip: _____

Email: _____ Phone: _____

Guest (Non-ESA Member)

Name: _____

Please check

_____ Full Member Registration – Postmarked by April 10, 2018 \$75.00

_____ Full Non-Member Registration – Postmarked by April 10, 2018 \$25.00

TOTAL ENCLOSED _____

Late fee – Post marked after April 10, 2014 and walk-ins \$10.00

Please check all that apply

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Hotel Information

Patti's Inn & Suites 1017 Dover Road Grand Rivers, KY 42045)

Hotel reservation **DEADLINE** is April 12, 2018. Room rate is \$84 (plus taxes). When making reservations, be sure to mention Epsilon Sigma Alpha. Call (270) 928-2740 to make your reservation.

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