

Ky Lamplighter

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It's hard to believe that the holidays are upon us and a new year is approaching quickly. I know we are all saddened at the loss of our dear friend and sister Bertha Warner. Her husband Mike and the Gamma Tau chapter hosted a wonderful memorial service at the Farmer and the Frenchman café and winery. I know she would have been pleased with the outcome and the outpouring love and support that was shown on that day.

Thanks to all who attended the Fall Board meeting on October 7 in Hopkinsville Kentucky. Fun and fellowship was a definite highlight of the day. Our Workshop Coordinator Stephanie Frank had a wonderful hands-on workshop on making mastectomy pillows to be given to the Norton's Women's and Children's Hospital. Needless to say Membership Chair and Vice President Kelli Thornberry did not disappoint us with a wonderful membership workshop. Kelli has challenged each chapter to try to bring in one new member and she guarantees a fun time at state convention to show our progress.

It's not too early to start thinking about state convention which will be hosted by the Alpha Delta chapter April 27-29, 2018 at Grand Rivers Kentucky. Hotel reservations can be made at Patti's Inn and Suites with all meetings taking place at the Community Center in Grand Rivers. First time convention goers please plan to come and have your name put into a drawing to have your registration returned. Plans are in the works to have a no-host dinner Friday Night at Patti's 1880 Settlement.

I want to encourage all chapters to participate in some way with a local Imagination Library. If your community does not have this book gifting program please still consider helping another area close to you. Contact me for any information or closest program to your area.



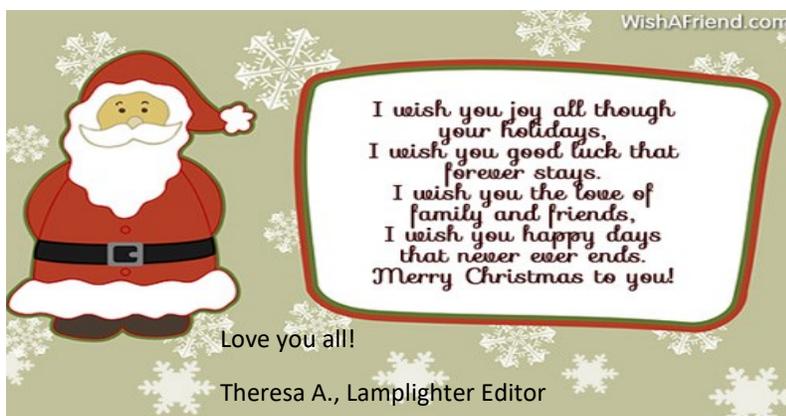
Sincerely,

Vicky Jones

Kentucky State Council President



As you surround yourselves this season with family and friends, remember to Live every moment, Laugh every day, and Love with all your heart.



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Kelli Thornberry, Vice president

The weather has turned crisp and cold. We can now wear sweaters and coats and hats and gloves. It is football weather and time to think about Cheerleaders! Those of you who came to Fall Board know I have sent out a challenge to each chapter to pledge one new member. One member would grow our state by 12 members. WOW! We have already pledged 7 new members for the year! Yes I said 7! We are well on our way to our goal. Please email me with any new pledge information. I promised at Fall Board that we would have a special entertainment at the State Convention in April if we meet our goal. It will be something you will not want to miss. So remember that every social event, service event or craft fair is an opportunity to invite new members to this wonderful organization. What is your answer to WHAT IS ESA?

I am still looking for bids for Spring Convention 2019! Please talk with your chapter or a sister chapter to cohost. There are many ways to host spring convention. I am sure we can come up with some unique ideas on hosting.

Happy Thanksgiving and Merry Christmas!



Diane Cohen, Treasurer



Greetings to all my sisters! It was great to see all of you at Fall Board. As Treasurer, I'm happy to tell you we raised \$117.50 for the Imagination Library with the 50/50 raffle and \$245.00 for the State with the Tea Cup Auction. Thank you so much for all the Chapter donated items!! The State's portion of the Fall Board proceeds was \$143.29. For those who missed it, we had a great time socializing, eating, and touring the Casey Jones Distillery. I also had a great time at SERC in Huntsville. It's always good to see our sisters from the other states as well as tour new parts of the country. The Space Museum was awesome. I'd highly recommend it to everyone!!

My 11 year old grandson Aiden finished reading Laura McGrail's book "Blue Dust Days". He couldn't wait to text me about it. I am so glad it was available as one of the fundraisers at this year's Spring Convention. I expect my 9 year old granddaughter Emma will enjoy it as well.

Stephanie Frank, Workshop Coordinator



Our Mastectomy pillow project went wonderfully. Me and my mom are finishing up the pillowcases so we can deliver them to Norton Suburban Hospital. It was amazing to see so many of us come together to stuff those tiny things. I truly enjoy seeing all of you. Now with that being said I am currently contemplating ideas for Spring convention. I am gonna need a couple different workshops and/or fun things to do. SO.... I am taking suggestions. Feel free to email or call/text me with any thoughts or ideas please. If someone wants to head up one of them with me I am taking offers for that also. My email is stephanie.frank74@yahoo.com and my cell is 502-439-0875. That's all for now. Have a Blessed Day and Love in ESA

SOMETHING WORTH REPEATING



How important are your ESA Sisters?

If they were in the hospital, would you donate blood for them? If they were in danger, would you try to protect them? If they were hungry, would you give them food? If they needed money, would you give it to them?

I am sure that most of you would answer "yes" to most of the previous questions.

Are you aware that ESA has a fund that could provide all of the above for your ESA sisters in need? The fund is the ESA Disaster Fund. It is only for use by you and your ESA sisters. It will grant money for any type of disaster they might encounter. The disaster could be a medical problem or a natural event like a tornado, earthquake, or hurricane. Whatever the disaster, the member must fill out an application that has to be reviewed by the State Disaster Fund Chair or the State President and forwarded by them to the IC Disaster Fund Chairman. If they qualify, they will receive a check up to \$5,000. Isn't this a worthy cause? I have a favor to ask. Would you be willing to donate your coins once a month for your ESA Sisters? The day can be of your choosing or to make it easier you could give your chapter treasurer the change in your pocketbook at your chapter meeting. Your chapter treasurer could send me your donation once a month or by March 1. Let's make this a great year for the Disaster Fund, after all this fund is for you and me!



Velvay Yeomans, Recording Secretary

Fulfilling the duties of the Recording Secretary, I have attended:

- * IC convention held in St Louis July 17-23, * Executive Board retreat on 11-12 held at Bend of the Rivers
- * Fall Board meeting held in Hopkinsville on Sept 7th, * Celebration of Life for Bertha Warner on Oct 22.

Its difficult to imagine ESA in Kentucky without Bertha.

Minutes of the Fall Board meeting have been transcribed and approved and should be to the chapters by the time you receive this *Lamplighter*. Looking ahead, may your have a bountiful Thanksgiving with family and

Sherry Sugg, ESA Scholarship Coordinator



I wanted to give everyone an update regarding the ESA Foundation Scholarships.

As I reported at Fall Board, I was trying to disseminate all the information bus the Kentucky Dept. of Educa-tion.

I have finally heard back from them.

Their recommendation is for us to contact our schools locally and share the scholarship information.

Luckily all of you received that information at Fall Board.

I will be sending out more information to each Chapter President soon to assist your Chapter in getting out the scholarship info.

Presidents, be watching for it!

Again, blessings to this Holiday season.



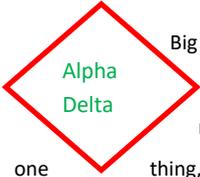
Fall Board
Delivering pull tabs to Mc D. House
Water with Blessings
St Jude walk with Kappa Psi



Pictures of the Month
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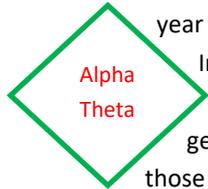


Big news was another successful St. Jude Dream Home which was awarded on September 10! All tickets were sold and an anonymous donor gave \$10,000 to the fund making the dream home total \$760,000. You probably also saw in the last *Jonquil* that ALSAC/St. Jude recognized Velva Yeomans as one of the two 2017 ESA outstanding volunteers. The dinner held in Memphis was truly wonderful. Just one thing, the article in the *Jonquil* tacked on a few extra years in age.

Both Vicki Rector and Pam Truitt have appreciated the cards remembering them as they struggle to regain their health. Pam has completed chemo and is undergoing further tests in preparation for surgery. Vicki is still struggling with regulating her medication.



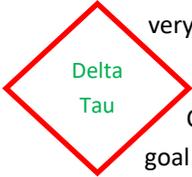
Hi ladies! Since we last spoke, Alpha Theta has stayed busy. In Sept we held our 53rd antique show and sale. The show this year did not as anticipated, but there has been lots of discussion regarding how to improve in future years to come.



In October we enjoyed some quality social time at Fall Board and an evening at Peggy Tucker's house for a cook-out. A couple of members were even able to attend SERC in Huntsville, Alabama and had a great time! As we get ready to approach this holiday season, we are reminded of those we have lost, those with health concerns and those and those that are just struggling. Those individuals stay in our thoughts and prayers and the time spent with loved ones is that much more valuable. Alpha Theta would like to wish you all a safe, happy, healthy holiday season. May you find and be the love for others this holiday season and everyday!



HAPPY HOLIDAYS to all from Delta Tau Chapter in Louisville Kentucky. The fall and winter craft show season is upon us, so we are very busy raising money for our charities.



We are continuing to help Water With Blessings with monetary donations and the making of Water socks (filter Covers) for the water filters they send all over the world to countries with waterborne illnesses. Right now the goal of Water With Blessings is to wipe out cholera in Haiti. Several Delta Tau members and other volunteers get together at the Water With Blessings office on the third Wednesday of every month to crochet water socks.

We have recently added a new charity to our donation list. It is called Family Scholar House. They help support low income single parents as they pursue post-secondary education in hopes of bettering their financial circumstances. The organization hosts career fairs, resume workshops, mock interviews, and job sharing opportunities. This month, they are collecting warm hats, gloves and scarves to give to their clients. We sent them a collection of some of our handmade items to help with their "warm hands, warm hearts" campaign.

Several of our members volunteered to hand out tee shirts at the St Jude Walk to Fight Childhood Cancer on September 23rd at Beckley Creek Park in Louisville. They had an excellent turn out at the event.

WAMZ will be hosting the St. Jude Radiothon on December 7-8. We will help cover the phones.

Our next huge project is assisting with the St. Jude Dream House raffle in Louisville. There will be a lot of Work opportunities for January through The first few weeks of April. There will be a ticket sell-a-thon on January 18 on WHAS TV. An open house will be held in March. The actual drawing will take place on April 12. We are happy to be sharing this task with our sister chapter, Kappa Psi.

We are proud to welcome two new members who will be installed in January. They are Becky Biesel and Brenda Forshee.

Our annual Christmas Party will be held at Carola Lina's house on the afternoon of December 14. In lieu of personal gifts this year, we have decided that we will each make a donation to our favorite charity in the name of Delta Tau Chapter.

Delta Tau wishes all of our ESA sisters and their families a Blessed Christmas and a Joyous 2018





CHAPTER NEWS



Gamma
Tau

Happy Holiday Greetings from Gamma Tau. We have recently, as most of you know, shared an unexpected loss. Mrs. Bertha Warner was very dear to all of us in GT. It was her and Wendy Casey (aka Momma Casey) that started our chapter. She was our queen that we looked to for moral support, advice, and ideas on what to do next. So it is up to us to keep ESA alive for her and use the knowledge she gave us to continue in life. There is an ESA heaven somewhere and if there isn't, I know she talked someone into letting her start a new chapter. So we will always remember her for what she was and what she did. And thank you to all who joined us at her memorial.

We look forward to being together in Dec for our annual holiday gathering. There will be lots of laughs, an ornament exchange, appetizers and wonderful company. We will sing (probably badly) as we celebrate with each other the new year dawning.



Kappa
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We have been busy over the last few months. We will be pledging a new member in January. Louisville had a St. Jude Walk in September which most of our members that didn't come to our Fall Board meeting worked at. We have also volunteered for Dreams with Wings for their Pumpkin Stroll. We will be delivering a Thanksgiving Basket to a dear friend and we will also have a needy family for Christmas.

Kappa Psi is very, very excited to have two St. Jude fundraisers return to Louisville after being gone for many years. The Radiothon is back and will be the first Thursday and Friday of December with WAMZ/WHAS coming back to do this. We are also getting a Dream House and have already had the ground breaking. They will have 8500 tickets to sell so if you want to live in Louisville let us know and we will gladly sell you a ticket. The drawing will be in April. We, along with Delta Tau, will be working this.

We recently spent a Saturday in the Amish Country in Indiana. We had a great time, saw beautiful scenery, learned about their culture and ate some wonderful food.

Our next meeting is our Christmas Party. Good friends, fun, gifts and of course food!

We wish you all a very Merry Christmas and a Happy, Blessed New Year.

Imagine a small child waking up to an emptiness in their heart. Just wanting a small act of random kindness from a stranger for Christmas. Many families this year have to do without for Christmas, but it doesn't have to be this way. Children don't always want presents. They just might need a kind person to look their way, smile at them a little bigger, let them know they are important. Young children are so innocent and need someone to nurture them so they can believe in themselves. There are many opportunities for us to share our kindness to children. Make cards and hand out at the women's shelter, ask for a chance to read at the library, participate with local shelters.

Let them know you care this holiday season!!



"I never thought it was such a bad little tree. It's not bad at all, really. Maybe it just needs a little love."

Melted Peppermint Designs

*metal cookie cutters *peppermint rounds hard candy *a toothpick OR a straw *string, yarn Or ribbon

What to do:

Turn oven on at 350

Decide on a few metal cookie cutters

Spray cutters with no stick cooking spray

Cover a baking pan with aluminum foil

Place cutters on pan

Arrange candies inside cutters

(you may have to crumble a few peppermints to fill in voids)

Place in oven at 350 degrees

Watch impatiently for about 7 mins or until melted

IF YOU OVER COOK, CANDIES WILL MELT OUT OF THE BOTTOM

Remove from oven when melted to desire

While candy is warm, REMOVE CANDIES FROM CUTTERS and poke a hole (if you would like to make an ornament)



Deck the Halls

What do elves eat for breakfast?
Frosted Flakes

What do snowmen eat for lunch?
Iceburgers

Who is Santa's favorite singer?
Elf-is Presley

What do you get when you cross a vampire and a snowman?
Frostbite

What do elves eat for breakfast?
Frosted Flakes!

SPOT THE DIFFERENCE



What to do with peppermints?

Add some crushed pieces to your fav. Cookies

Add candy to the bottom of your fav drink

Glue some on a picture frame for a neat design

Apply crushed pieces to a candle holder, using craft glue

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Wishing you a very
MERRY CHRISTMAS



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